



Shopping starts early at annual Craft Fair

By John Koning

On Top of the World Christmas shoppers, who took advantage of the 2013 Craft Fair, enjoyed double benefits this holiday season.

Lighter than expected attendance made for hassle-proof browsing, while vendors were a little more flexible on pricing than they have been during busier events.

Doris Paino, president of Good Neighbors, who is also a contributing crafter, confirmed that there were 29 craft table spots sold. That number is roughly the same as the last fair, but the number of shoppers was down markedly.

Good Neighbors cited our changing demographics as the primary cause, along with weather and the lack of advertising opportunity as additional contributors to the low number of attendees.

Those who did stop by the fair were treated to a variety of crafts including shell art, crocheting, aprons, glass art, foil art, photography, dolls and doll clothing along with a wide selection of jewelry.

Those who took advantage of the shopping opportunities certainly would make Santa proud with the head start they have on the rest of us Christmas shoppers this season!



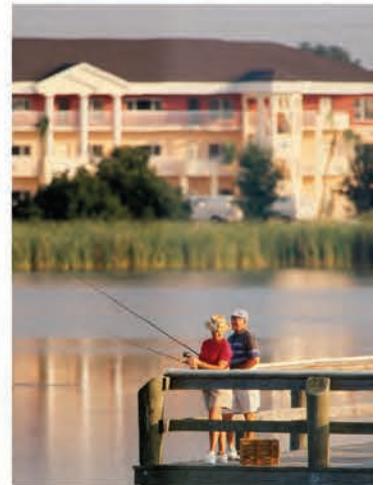
Pictured above, Mary Lou Speers shows off some holiday gifts she had on display at the Good Neighbors Craft Fair in November. Below, Rose Moriarty shows off some holiday ceramics.

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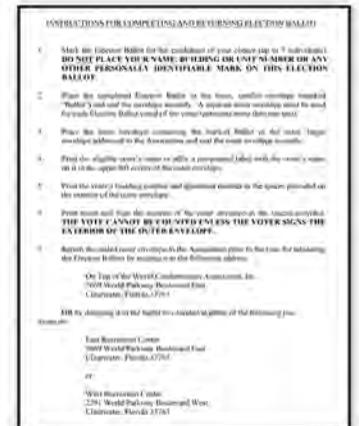
Voting for Board of Administration Ballot for Elections

In the November 27, 2013 mailing, you will find the Ballot for electing your Board of Administration. The following are samples of that Ballot (on green paper) and the envelopes to return your Ballot on or before the annual meeting December 19, 2013.



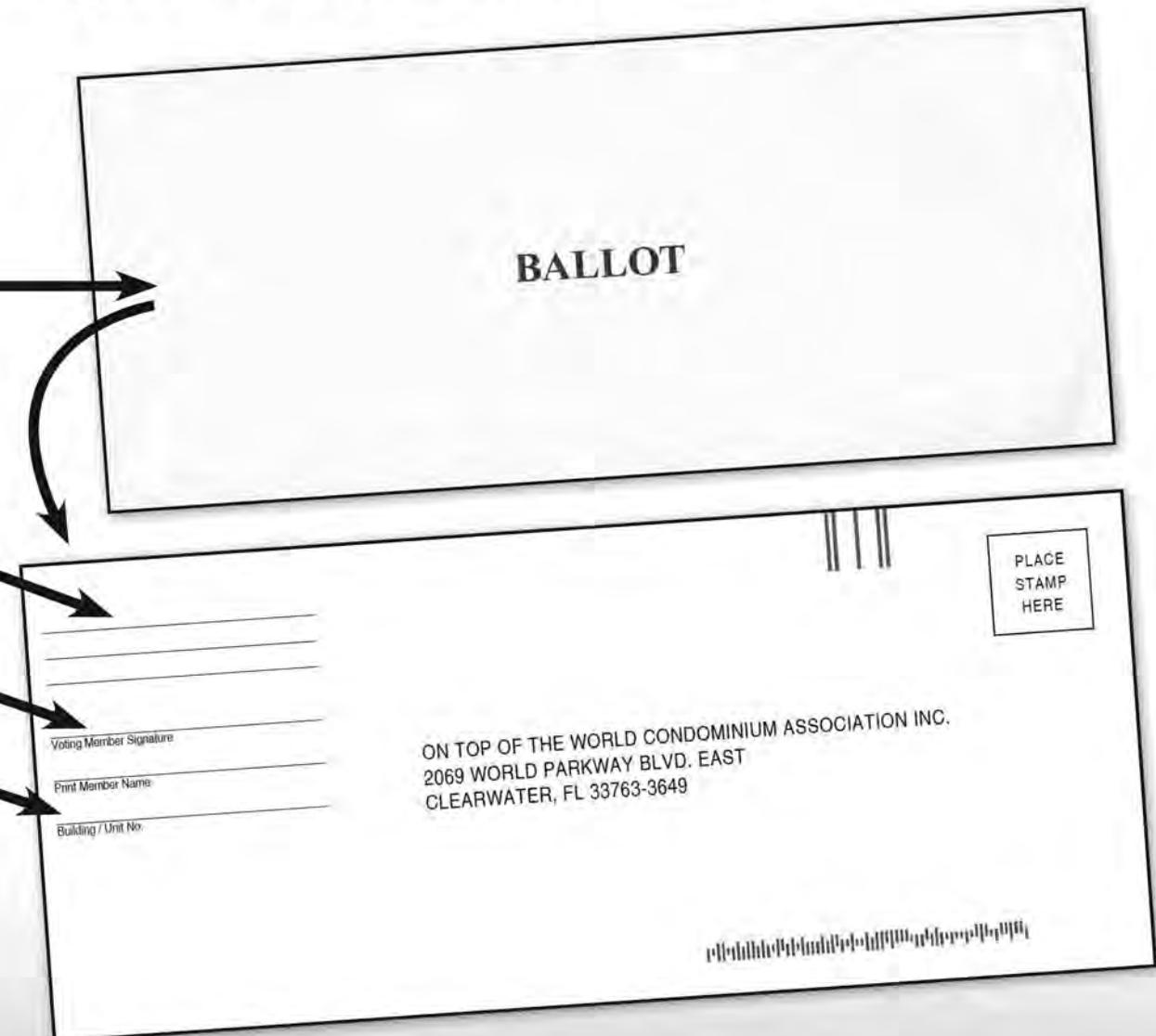
Instructions for Completing and Returning the Election Ballot are on the back side.

There are 9 candidates who submitted their names for election to the 7 member Board of Administration.



Return your Ballot as follows:

1. Please place an "X" next to the candidates of your choice (no more than 7 candidates).
2. Fold and place ballot in "Ballot" envelope and seal. Place sealed "Ballot" envelope into outer envelope.
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4. One voting member must sign.
5. Insert Building No. and Apt. No.
6. Return to the East or West Activity Center – OR – affix postage and return by US Mail.



Thank You!

We are in need of resident volunteers for counting ballots at the annual meeting. If interested, please notify the Community Service Office by December 13, 2013.



On Top of the World

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 1.16 percent.

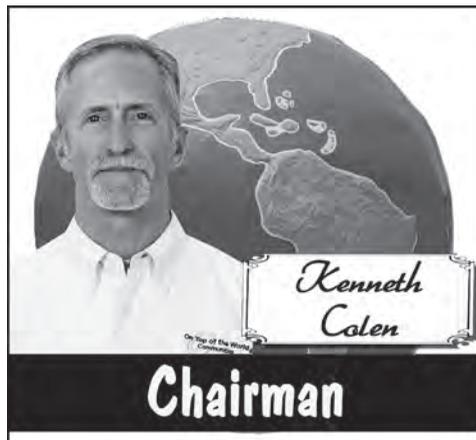
Once again, we are beginning to forecast operational costs for the coming year. At this juncture, I cannot say how the budgets will be impacted, but we are challenged with rising costs, especially roofing and paving. We are considering all opportunities for savings that can be reasonably made without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

A tremendous amount of work has transpired in the calendar year.

In response to several severe fires in prior years that had an impact on immediate adjacent units, your Board directed the management company to review condominiums built prior to 1977 and contract for the installation of hard-wired smoke detectors. Prior to 1977, there was no requirement for smoke detectors. From 1977 through approximately 1990, 110 volt smoke detectors were installed in units but were not equipped with a battery as a back-up.

One such serious fire was 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.

In 2012, your Board put into place a requirement that any unit being sold must have the washer/dryer installation inspected by licensed plumbing,



appliance and electrical professionals. I am pleased to report that this is a very successful program that is making the community a safer place.

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 across the majority of inspections. However, several buildings were identified that have required extensive structural repair work on the walkways. This repair work was designed by a structural engineer and executed by a general contractor specializing in complex exterior repairs. Unfortunately, this will not be an isolated occurrence in future years. Being proactive with inspections will identify the problem areas and your Board can then act proactively to direct that repairs be made promptly.

The last community census was conducted in 2011 with results reflecting that 87 percent of the units were owner occupied by residents over the age of 55.

In order to qualify for, and maintain the 55-and-older status of the community, it is required that a census be conducted every two years.

This year a census survey is in progress and we request your cooperation in the return of the census survey information sheet included in the Association mailing dated Sept. 27, 2013.

Regularly scheduled work completed to date includes: four buildings have new roofs. 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.

Eleven buildings had their front elevations repainted, while 11 back elevations were waterproofed.

Thirteen parking areas were resur-

faced and seven streets were completely or partially repaved.

Another 25,000 square feet of flooring was purchased and is being installed over the coming 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 patterns of problems, 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. Please refer to the November OTOW News article for additional information.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: Buildings 69 and 74 will have new waterproofing membranes applied to the backs and sides of the buildings in December. Remember, all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing on schedule. Building 89 will have the second floor upgraded, while Building 82 will have the second and third floors improved in early December.

Hardwired smoke detector installations should have been completed by late November. We would like to thank all of the residents in the affected buildings as your cooperation made these required improvements a success.

Utility contractors will continue replacing the potable water lines that service individual units during a two-stage improvement project that began in October.

Once again, these improvements will affect buildings 1 through 10, and the project is scheduled to be completed sometime near early February. As of newspaper press time, this project should be halfway completed.

The barrier gate system, which provides residents access to the Paradise section of the On Top Of the World community, will be replaced by a licensed contractor in early December. The replacement process is estimated to span 7-10 days, weather

permitting. The updated equipment is designed to provide a long-lasting and reliable access solution. Unique to this installation is the introduction of a bar code reader option which should provide for a trouble-free experience for residents. Paradise unit owners will receive a mailing with additional instructions.

Construction Project

Curb lines will continue to be restored during the month of December. Please exercise caution and slow down in areas where workers are making these improvements. Flagmen may temporarily stop traffic if the situation warrants.

The construction department will also be scarifying the community's sidewalks throughout the month of December. Please watch your step if you happen to come across these improvement crews.

Sidewalk panel replacements will continue throughout the year, as will header and window sill repairs.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management's construction department that affects repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will continue through the end of the year and into 2014.

As buildings age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services division of the management company are ongoing, particularly addressing overplanted or unmaintained landscape around all building common areas.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, which results in the removal and disposal of the items at the resident's cost.

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring which includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas.

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Calendar Year in Review



Not only does Parkway rake leaves in lawns, but crews also rake leaves right in parking lots. The scene above started with three crew members using leaf blowers to collect the fall foliage in the center of a lot and then Harry Kleidon, left, and Johnny Hudson scooped up the unwanted debris. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Remember, much of the material placed there may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services division of the management company. The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the “clamshell” style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure.

The management company continues to report the older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points. As noted in prior articles, the “clamshell” awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

If you have an awning, please ar-

range for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Roof replacement work is complete until January/February of 2014. Asphalt Paving and resurfacing projects will commence in May of 2014. The exact number of improvements will be determined based upon petroleum costs at time of contract award.

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 poli-

cies 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 reoccupy 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 deduct-

ible 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.



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

This month's volunteers:

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- Barb Sundberg
- Arlene Bergen
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- Theresa Kawalec
- Gloria Clifford
- Lil Cervinka
- Jackie Dooley

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

The newspaper office will be closed Dec 23-30

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OTOW ART GUILD**First Artist of Month goes to Dale Stackhouse**

By Cheryl J. Reese

With the start of a new season for the Art Guild — which officially runs from November 2013 through April 2014 — we are in full swing!

We welcome back our previous members and 14 new members who registered at the Friday, Nov. 15, Art Guild Meeting. Our meetings are held once a month, the second Friday, from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

John Fier, along with our members, honored Dale Stackhouse with a plaque for her outstanding leadership and devoted service as president from 2010–2013.

At each monthly guild meeting, members can submit a picture, without their name on it, to be voted on by all members for Artist of the Month honors. Dale Stackhouse won first place for her watercolor painting shown on this page. It is on display for one month in the East Activity Center lobby. The award was given to her by our current President Margie McClure.

The monthly 50/50 draw was won by John Fier.

Our guild meeting also was a time for critiquing pictures that members wished to discuss as a group.

At the Nov. 14 drawing class, John Fier was on vacation. Therefore, Yvonne (Toni) Mattz led the art class. She brought in a live model and did a superb job of explaining proportions of facial features and how they relate to each other.

The next Art Guild meeting is Friday, Dec. 13. Melissa Miller Nece will

teach colored pencils. She is a frequent prizewinner in state, national and international shows. She is a Signature Member of the Ways and Means Director for the Colored Pencil Society of America. She also has been a board member of the Professional Association of Visual Artists and the Miniature Art Society of Florida, and is a member of the Florida Artist Group. She holds a BFA in painting from Lake Erie College and has been teaching at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center since 1990.

Her work is represented in numerous private and corporate collections. www.millennece.com.

Please note that while our official November through April Art Guild meeting dates include the Snowbirds, we have year-long art classes including the summer, each Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. called Painting Pals, where you can enjoy working on any project of your choice.

Drawing classes are led by John Fier on Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. This class is only \$2 per session just for the cost of supplies. I think it is the bargain of the century!

There are a variety of levels of artists, so you need not feel intimidated. It is a great group of people, and we learn from one another.

Everyone, who wants to, can learn. You are welcome to come one time to try our class without joining. We are located in the East Activity Center art room, next to the Gift Shoppe. If you have questions, call Cheryl at 210-7124.



A watercolor by Dale Stackhouse (left) wins November Artist of the Month. Guild President, Marge McGuire, presents the award.



Holiday Lighting Safety Notice

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. Add-on/temporary GFCI receptacle plugs are available at most home improvement stores.
- ✓ Each Building is allowed 1 common area Christmas tree. Each Tree may contain up to 300 min-lights or 600 reduced-wattage L.E.D. lights. Please limit power supply cords to 1 fifty-foot UL approved cord.
- ✓ Extension cords should not cross ANY walkway in or around any Building.

Please 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.
- ✓ Please 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.
- ✓ Place screw in extenders with plugs in any Building Lights or tap into the building power at any controller or light.
- ✓ Create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging holiday lighting. Self-adhering temporary wall hooks are available at most home improvement and department stores.
- ✓ Wrap Garland or decorations around the light poles at the end stairwells on any building. This affects the proper operation of the light.

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

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Junk for recycling



On Nov. 6 and Nov. 7, the Haz-To-Go trailer was parked at On Top of the World so residents could get rid of their old junk. In two hours, one truck was completely filled with old computers, televisions, microwave ovens and printers. A second truck had to be called in. A third truck was used to collect old paint, chemicals and other hazardous materials - it was filled, too. Over the two days, a grand total of 258 people dropped off junk, which weighed 10,974 pounds combined. All the junk was taken to a local business, where each product was broken down and recycled according to materials. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

For information impacting your daily life, plan on attending the Senior Workshop in December

On Saturday, Dec. 14, Good Neighbors and the Community Service Office will be hosting the On Top of the World Senior Workshop.

The workshop will be held in the auditorium at the East Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors will be present to answer any questions you may have about a variety of topics that could be impacting your home and life. There will be food available and some great sponsor-provided prizes, so mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The AAA Senior Defensive Driver Program will once again be held in the Starlight Room at the East Activity Center. Class starts on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon and continues



on Friday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost for the class is \$15, which is payable the first day. Additional classes may be offered in March, but will be based on need. Watch OTOW News for future dates. Registration forms for the January classes can be found

on page 60 and need to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than Jan. 9.

Also, as a reminder, the Florida Licensing on Wheels bus will be in the East Activity Center north parking lot on Monday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you need to renew your license, or change your address, this is an easy, quick way to do that without leaving the community.

The annual Haz-To-Go Mobil collection numbers are in. At the East Activity Center there were 158 customers, who dropped off 2448 pounds of chemicals and 3841 pounds of electronics. At the West Activity Center there were a total of 100 customers, who dropped off 1181 pounds of

chemicals and 3504 pounds of electronics.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's collection, it was a successful one.

Once again I would like to thank our residents for their patience during our many projects. I would also like to remind everyone that we have some great projects coming up so watch for them!

I want to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office. Let us know so we can share your good comments with the staff.

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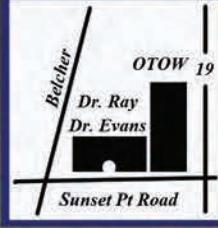
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Workshop shatters recent attendance records



Recent attendance records were shattered, and perhaps, the Press Association had its biggest crowd of all-time, when the 2013 Writers Workshop took place in November.

Normally, a Press Association monthly meeting will consist of 20-30 dedicated reporters, but at the workshop, 72 people attended.

"It helped that the meeting was mandatory for anyone who wanted to write an article for December, but hopefully those same people will come back when our remaining meetings this season are not mandatory," said editor Doug Kates.

The Writers Workshop was started three years ago. The meeting is an opportunity to share a basic writing lesson with those who contribute to the newspaper. This year's lesson referred back to the very basics of English grammar.

"Email and text messages are a great form of communication with friends and family, especially when you are in a hurry," Doug said, "but it is very easy to develop bad writing habits. At the newspaper, proper grammar and accurate spelling matter."

"We have 10,000 residents who read the newspaper in this community

On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates talks to the Press Association about avoiding bad habits when it comes to writing their stories. (OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

and another 1,000 people reading it online across the country and around the world. We have to maintain a writing quality better than email and text messages require."

The emphasis for the workshop was uppercasing and lowercasing words. Doug said too many writers are taking simple, lowercase words, and uppercasing them in stories. In some cases, writers are uppercasing every letter of a single word.

"No one was ever taught to do this," Doug said. "But because they can get away with it in emails and text messages, they have developed this bad habit. I just wanted to remind ev-

eryone, we have to write and spell correctly."

The rest of the workshop consisted of punctuation guidelines, where to put quotation marks, style guidelines and how to write a better first paragraph.

After the presentation, Press mem-

bers were reminded their holiday party will take place 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5, during their regular monthly meeting in the East Activity Center Large Card Room. The lunch will be catered by The Green Mint. Anyone sharing the meal had to prepay in November.

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The difference between pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements

Q. What is the difference between a pre-nuptial agreement and a post-nuptial agreement?

A. A pre-nuptial agreement is a marital agreement that is signed before a marriage. The purpose of it is to deal with and resolve issues of support and division of assets should the marriage be terminated either by divorce, annulment or death. It is frequently called a pre-nup.

A post-nuptial agreement is entered into during a marriage. Its purpose is to define the property rights of each spouse in the event of death or divorce. A post-nuptial agreement should never be entered into when the parties are contemplating a divorce or separation.

There would be a different agreement called a Property Separation Agreement or Marital Agreement when a divorce is contemplated. Both a pre-nuptial agreement and a post-nuptial agreement are enforceable. However, the title insurance companies frequently require a Court adjudication of the validity of a post-nuptial agreement in order to assure it was fairly entered into by the parties.

It is my belief that everyone who is going into a second or subsequent marriage should have a pre-nuptial agreement signed prior to the marriage.

Q. My husband and I have four children and we want to leave different amounts to some of them. Can we say



in our Wills that if any child contests the Will, they will receive nothing at all?

A. That's what is called an In Terrorem clause. Sometimes it's called a no contest clause. They are not enforceable in Florida. The reason is that if someone has a valid reason to contest a Will (or Trust) then that valid reason cannot be taken away. Let me just add that if a testator or testatrix makes a valid Will, it is extremely unlikely that a successful challenge can be made.

Q. I am in my 80s. For many years I have named my niece as the personal representative of my Will. I have also named her in my durable power of attorney and in living will and health care designation. I feel that she has pretty much abandoned me and so I want to name someone else. Will that create a problem for the new person I name?

A. It might. Nevertheless, there is nothing to prevent you from chang-

ing your mind whenever you want. Although you may not like this idea, perhaps you could tell your niece what you have decided to do — put it in writing and keep a copy of it. You could have your attorney send a letter like that if you don't wish to send it. That way, you've put your niece on notice of what you intend and that would eliminate any later issues. Of course, it will also be a "wake-up call" to your niece, which isn't such a bad idea anyway.

Q. Do you typically recommend that your clients use a Will or a Trust?

A. I typically recommend that my clients create an estate plan that meets their needs. Once they have explained their needs, it is not too difficult to ascertain what type of estate planning vehicle is needed.

Q. I am on a few social media sites. I have different passwords for each. Some of those sites contain information that needs to be passed on to my heirs. Some contain information that is unnecessary for them to find. How does one deal with this kind of problem?

A. I'm not sure I fully comprehend what your problem is. However, I can tell you that from time to time, I have included language in a durable power of attorney and/or in a Will or Trust which permits the agent or personal representative or successor

trustee to access social media sites.

Q. I want to go on a cruise with my boyfriend who is several years older than I am. Is there anything wrong with that?

A. Um....I don't know. Is there?

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When 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' was first written, many musical artists thought it would never catch on

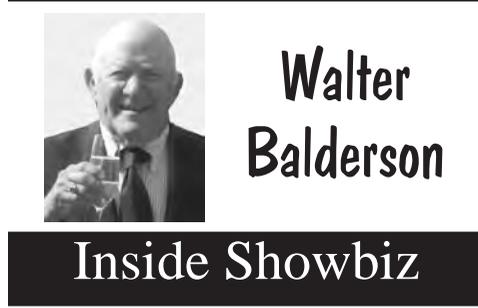
Each year at the holiday season, I try to write about someone or something related to Christmas.

Last year I wrote about Irving Berlin, who gave us one of the most popular Christmas songs of all time, "White Christmas."

We learned later that he had an infant son, who die on Christmas Day. It was always a sad time for the Berlins.

So this year, here comes Rudolph. There are several stories about the origin of "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" but I will tell you the one I find most interesting.

Bob May was a copywriter working for Montgomery Ward & Co. and



wrote children's books for the company.

One Christmas he wrote about a reindeer with a shiny nose.

The story bounced around for some time, but no one took it seriously because they feared the red nose

might imply that Rudolph had a drinking problem.

Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, thought differently. He believed the story would make a good Christmas song and a songwriter was hired.

This time the "song" bounced around for quite sometime, with many musical artists turning it down.

It wasn't until Gene Autry recorded "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" in 1949 that it became a huge hit, selling more than 2.5 million records the first year.

Montgomery Ward owned the rights to the song and stood to make

millions of dollars from it, but in a most kind gesture, Wards signed the copywrite over to Bob, free of charge.

You see, Bob's wife was involved in a long bout with cancer and had incurred enormous medical bills.

Montgomery Ward sign over the rights so Bob could take care of his wife's medical bills.

Is this the real story of Rudolph? Maybe.

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Bob May retired from Montgomery Ward in 1971.



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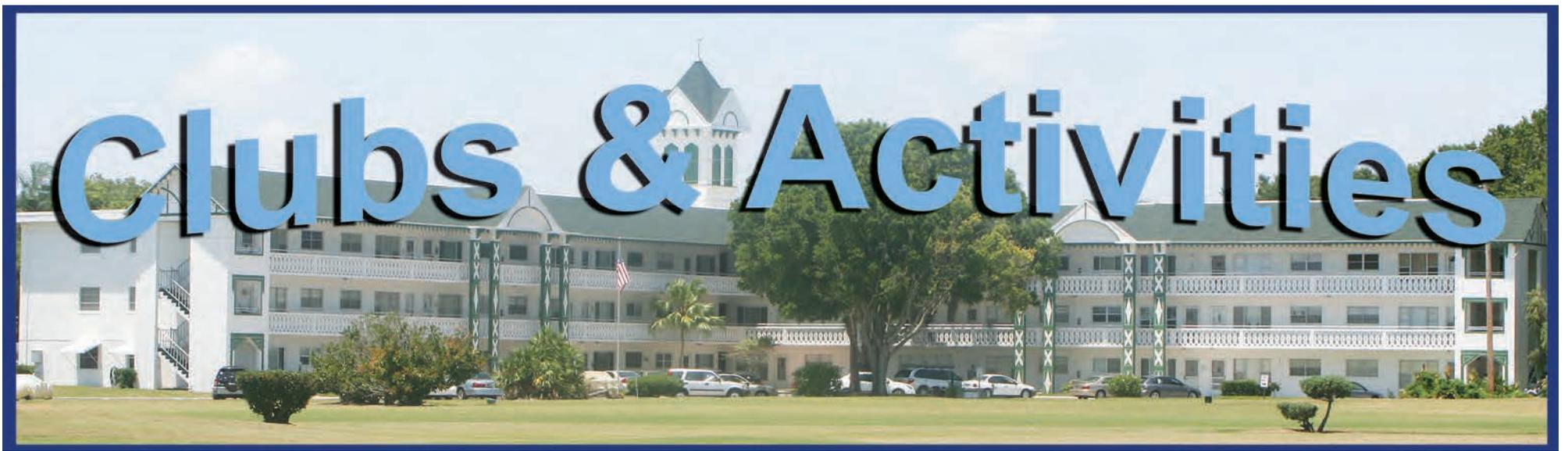


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OTOW resident proudly mails 68 gift boxes to members of U.S. military

Each box a gift from a local student

By Fran Glaros

Imagine the joy of seeing 68 very young students turning in boxes of basic necessities for our military heroes stationed in far, far away places.

Now imagine the look on our military's faces as they receive the boxes, open them and realize they were sent by someone from Cypress Woods Elementary School right here in the Clearwater area.

This is the "Labor of Love" I experienced this past Veterans Day.

Since 2007, myself, and a close group of church friends, have been sending gift boxes to our military overseas.

The boxes let our heroes know someone is thinking about them. The boxes provide our heroes with basic gifts we take for granted living in our safe country. The boxes also arrive at a time when many of our heroes are away from family for the holidays.

As I prepared each box for shipping overseas, I thought about the students in class learning about our country's history and hearing stories about our military and how they fight to protect freedoms all over the world.

Every time a student walked up to me, it brought a smile to my face.



On Top of the World resident Fran Glaros prepares to mail 68 gift boxes to members of our military stationed all over the world.

Each time they handed me a gift box, it warmed my heart.

This is the fourth year Deanna Tsetsekas' class at Cypress Woods has filled their own boxes and invited me to their classroom on Vet-

erans Day. It is a pleasure to receive each box.

Our gift box collection program started when the United States was in the heart of sending military to places all over the world, including

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Christmas party and dance set for Dec. 4



Canadian Club

By Rick McLauchlan

Thanks to Linda McKee and all her volunteers, Registration Night on Nov. 22 went well.

Next month I shall report to you on the updated number of members and volunteers in our club, as well as important items from the club's first general meeting.

Please note that Linda will continue offering member registration every Monday and Thursday starting from Dec. 2-19 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center.

In 2014, Canadian Club registration will start again every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the same location.

Our annual Christmas party will be held 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the East Activity Center auditorium. Tickets are \$13 per member and \$15 for non-members. The last date to purchase tickets will be Monday, Dec. 2 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC.

Come and enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, and if you wish, BYOB and munchies as they will not be supplied.

A dance will follow, complete with prizes and a 50/50 draw. For infor-



From left to right are Tom McKee (past president), Linda McKee, Cathy Mills (secretary), Bruce Mills, Winston Pineau (past president), Billy Pineau, Lillian Buzzell, Barb Morrison and Harry Morrison (past president).

mation call Shirley Hunter at 727-726-8086.

Over the summer, I submitted articles that I hoped would be helpful for you (June: "Update on USA legislation regarding Canadians' days allowed in USA"; July/August: "Domestic Partnership"; September: "Health and Home Hints before leaving Can-

ada"; October: "Getting Ready to Return"). If you haven't followed the On Top of the World newspaper on the Internet over the summer, you may wish to catch up by going online to look for past issues at <http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.html>.

You can also follow information on

the On Top of the World Box Office Website. Visit <http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com>. Click Rec Centers and Amenities and look for the Box Office link. Once there, please bookmark the home page for an easier return.

For your information, the President's Ball will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 29, 2014, in the EAC auditorium.

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Winter agenda taking shape for group

By Anne B. Watkins

We started off the new season with an even dozen eager genealogists.

We were glad to see that our On Top of the World News articles attracted at least one new participant, Carol Jafee, while a husband and wife team, the Fairfields, heard about us from one of our regulars.

At least half of our group are Snowbirds, so it's always gratifying to have them return to us each year.

Since the November meeting is when we plan our programs, we encouraged folks to tell us about something of interest to them.

Francesca Fairfield shared some information about a very special woman, who once lived in this area, so she was drafted to speak about her at the next meeting Dec. 9.

Then in January, the Rollins family, Jim and Dolores, will speak on her French Canadian ancestry, and then she will sing ethnic songs, accompanied by Jim on the accordion.

In February, we will take a field trip to museums in Tarpon Springs, while in March, Edie Ryczek will speak about historic homes in Dun-



Family History

din.

In April, we'll have an open discussion with leader Dan Hooper, and we'll finish up the year in May with Anne Watkins talking about her Quaker ancestors.

We added a new feature this year, "The Way We Were," where we will read one of our news articles from the past, as there now is an archive of eight years of them. It was very illuminating to see what we were researching and just how far we've progressed since November 2005!

Meetings are held on the second Monday from November through May, in the East Activity Center, from 1-3 p.m., in the Computer Room.



There will be no Bingo in December



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Dancing and karaoke to highlight Christmas Party on Dec. 18



Baby Boomers

By Rita Kress

As always, we had fun, fun, fun in November. We had 54 members show up for our last meeting.

Our Boomerang Welcome Back Party for Snowbirds was well attended as we danced to the music of At Large and had a delicious potluck dinner.

We went out dancing, dining and socializing, and stuffed ourselves at the Entertainment Committee's Thanksgiving Dinner.

Mark your calendar for our following future events:

We will have a Christmas Party, Dec. 18 from 5-9 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. This will be a potluck dinner, along with dancing, karaoke and prizes. Cost is \$3.

For the Entertainment Committee's New Years Eve Party, we have several tables reserved to welcome in the new year.

On Feb. 11 we will have a Valentine's Dance with the ladies favorite sweetheart, Louie Bravo, entertaining us from 5-9 p.m., in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased at our meetings starting in December. You can also call



Some of our members enjoying their Carnival Cruise in October.

727-600-8529 for more information.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room at 6 p.m. Meetings for December will be on Dec. 4 and Dec. 19.

Anyone interested in joining the

Baby Boomers Group is welcome to the meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Card. There is no membership fee. Our meetings usually consist of everyone participating in creating monthly activities.

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

Watch our ads on OTOW-TV and visit our Web page on the Box Office.

Roaring '20s party to take place Jan. 22

By Jack Casey

As current president, I would like to thank each and everyone of you who supported the club during my time in this role.

Whether you attended the functions, signed up for membership, or helped out when called, the support and cooperation helped make the past year a wonderful experience for myself and all of you.

Our holiday Christmas party took place on Friday, Nov. 15 was a huge



NY / NJ Club

success. We had a great response in attendance, and Denise with a Twist was superb. Thanks again to the Italian

American Club for the collaboration to make this possible and for everyone who helped with all the other details.

Our next big event will be Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center for our Roaring '20s dance. Bobby Palermo will be the entertainer and food is by Felicia's. It will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. Please BYOB.

Tickets are available now and they are expected to sell out fast, so do not delay. Tickets are \$12 for members and

\$14 for non-members.

For the first time, the person who loses in the dance contest will be the winner of the gift prize. The night becomes a mystery that will take you by surprise. Hope to see you there.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill open positions on the board for the club. Please see me if you are interested.

Anne and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a very safe and Happy New Year.

Jesters have a suspect in custody, but did she really commit murder or is she just a decoy?



By Marvin Flam, president

Breaking news ... Ms. Melissa Fortune, a movie wardrobe mistress, has pleaded guilty to every major star murder committed in Hollywood since the 1940s.

Lt. Charlotte Chan (Pat Sprouse) and No. 1 Sergeant Carol Muntzenberger have taken Ms. Fortune (Eileen Hawk) to headquarters for interrogation, but is she really guilty of the murder currently under investigation?

Rehearsals for the Jesters' 35th annual variety show, "50 Shades - The Musical," are getting more fun as the pace speeds up. We are beginning to see smiles on cast members as the cast gets bigger.

Musical Director Bernee Krause is rehearsing the solo and group singers, and she is beginning to coordinate with Choreographer Donna Ryan and Directors Evelyn Flam and Remo Melucci, to insure that the musical numbers flow into and move along the storyline in flawlessly smooth transitions.

Despite the seriousness of the crime, there is plenty of humor, as rehearsals call for wiping off those supposed-to-be serious looks and replacing them with smiles.



Police Sergeant Carol Muntzenberger and Police Lt Charlotte Chan (Pat Sprouse) take Mistress Melissa Fortune (Eileen Hawk) into custody on suspicion for murder. Did they get a big break in the case or was the mistress set up to be a decoy? You'll have to attend the winter show to find out. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

The dancing, singing and comedy, along with the costumes, stage sets and technical support, are guaranteed to add up to a delightful evening when you attend this fun show.

Tickets are still only \$5 and make great holiday gifts for your family and friends.

We again welcome back our Snowbirds and those who want to be part of the fun. Visit us on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium for details and to join in the fun.

Contact Marvin at 797-1761 or email us at jestfun21@gmail.com or

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We look forward to seeing you and we wish you and yours a joyous holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year!

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Club meets new president and prepares for holiday luncheon

By Mary Widman

At our October meeting, we were introduced to our new club president, Nancy McMullon.

Nancy hails from Salem, Mass., and moved here to On Top of the World last July. We are looking forward to working with Nancy to make the transition go smoothly. She has many activities planned for the coming year, 2014.

We thank our past president Dorothy Carpenito for her great leadership these past years. She and her board and volunteers have made our club



Singles Club

the success it has become. Dorothy has graciously accepted the position as treasurer.

We are looking forward to our holiday luncheon on Dec. 4. Everyone who is booked on the Jolly Trolley is

asked to be at the East Activity Center parking lot at 10:45 a.m.

Due to our outing on Dec. 4, there will be no meeting in December. We look forward to a new year, and our next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014.

If you know of any member who is ill and needs some cheering up, call our sunshine lady, Mary, at 796-1184. She will send a card from all of us

We here at the singles club want to wish everyone a happy holiday, and a healthy New Year. See you all next year.

Eighty greyhounds attend annual picnic

By Bill Sharpsteen

What a busy end to the year!

October was another huge month for adoptions. We had another four prison-trained greyhounds graduate from the www.GreyhoundAdvancementCenter.org and we got them all adopted!

Another class of 12 greyhounds graduates Dec. 6 from the Hardee Correctional Facility.

A "greyt" fun event was held on Sunday, Oct 27. This was our combined semi-annual greyhound picnic and greyhound reunion. It was with Gold Coast Greyhounds and Bay Area Greyhounds held again at Philippe



Greyhound Club

Park in Safety Harbor We had about 80 greyhounds and 150 two-legged handlers attend -- and not one dog barked!

We also entered the annual Rescue Chili Cookoff in an attempt to defend our "People's Choice" win from last year. We did better than the People's

Choice - we won "Judges Choice!"

We won best Rescue Group Chili and then won the "Overall Champion" award, beating out some professionals. It was a recipe I have tweaked for over 40 years! It was fun and quite an honor, plus we had an adoption booth and got two greyhounds adopted!

Always remember, Greyhound Club members meet every third Friday at Third Friday in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, Dec 20 at the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off greyhounds for adoption.

We also continue to visit several ALFs 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 meeting will be Dec 12 at 10 a.m.

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Meals on Wheels still delivered here and drivers are needed

By Norma McClellan

The Meals on Wheels program here at On Top of the World is in need of additional drivers.

It takes two to three hours to deliver a route. This is from the time you leave your home until you return.

You can volunteer to drive one or more days a week, once or twice a

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meals for OTOW clients, they drive back here and deliver the meals. After all the meals are delivered, the boxes are dropped off at the Sunset Point gate for the next day's drivers to pick up.

For further information you can call the Meals on Wheels director at the Neighborly Care Network, 727-

442-9162, or just call Norma at 727-559-2806. I'll be happy to talk with you.

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A brief history of the Fixers Club



Fixers Club

By John Koning

Trying to chronicle a history of the Fixers Club is like wallpapering in the dark. It's a messy job that involves stumbling around blindly with the final result appearing less than perfect.

According to my sources, On Top of the World granted the club its current space, along with electrical services, paint and building maintenance. It fell upon the eager woodworkers of the time to organize themselves and populate the space with machinery at their own expense.

The first bylaws were adopted by the club in 1975. In that document, eight paragraphs guided the young club's seven-man steering committee. Notable paragraphs included a stipulation that a vote was required for any purchase over \$15. Membership was \$6 per year.

Here are some glimpses from our past.

March, 1989 – Club bylaws were amended to include the mandatory use of machine guards and identification badges for workers.

March, 1999 – A program began to study dust control in the shop.

October, 1999 – Tools were locked up due to “tool evaporation.”

January, 2000 – Dues were doubled to \$20 per year.



Amiel Benedetti and his fellow Fixers started the Fixers Club with a used table saw and a few donated hand tools. (Photo by Doug Erickson)

January, 2002 – Notice to membership: There is no free wood. Please bring your own!

September, 2002 – Newly adopted Articles of Association state the purpose of the organization is to make toys for needy kids.

September, 2010 – Fixers constructed eight large display cases for

the Starlite Room to showcase photos of visiting entertainers.

January, 2011 – Fixers went online with a new Website.

The list above remains woefully incomplete, but, when asked to sum up the most significant improvements to the Fixers Club, former club president,

Doug Erickson stated, “The rotation of officers allowed each president to have a positive impact. The Website launch, communication by email and the active enlistment of ladies in the shop, have been positive leaps in our evolution.”

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Holiday music and Irish songs to entertain us at Christmas Party

By Mary Skaarer

Our Welcome Back Party on Nov. 8 was well attended with more than 90 tickets sold.

Members and their guests danced the night away to the music of "At Large." As an added bonus, we were honored by the bagpiping music of Ray Willis during two intermissions. Ray raised the audience to their feet when he played the anthems of all five branches of our military to honor our beloved veterans.

Thank you Ray for this wonderful tribute.

Moving forward, please mark your calendars for our upcoming an-



nual Christmas party. We will enjoy a delicious meal, and dance to the beautiful music and Irish songs of Terry Connelly. The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at the East Activity Center. Tickets can be purchased every Monday and Thursday at the EAC between 8:30-

10:30 a.m.

Please stop by the Irish Club desk to learn about future fun events with our Irish Club. You do not have to be a member of the club to buy tickets for our events, however, non-members pay a small premium to the member's ticket price. The membership fee to become a member is only \$5.

Officers and board members look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Christmas Party. This is a joyous time of the year to invite you to share good times and renew old friendships.

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Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

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Those attending the 3 p.m. concert will be served pizza immediately following the concert in the Starlite Room.

If you are coming to the 7 p.m. show, pizza will be served from 6 until 6:45 p.m. Soft drinks will be provided by the Chorus.

We will be singing beautiful choral arrangements from some of your favorite Christmas carols. The men's barbershop quartet will have something new for your enjoyment. We have added a ladies trio, and, of course, there will be soloists.

We are excited about the musical



Pictured above, in the back row, from left to right, are Ernie Rogers, Lillian Foy and Gary Thompson. In the front row are Chris Norris, Thelma Malloy, Liz Thompson and Barbara Mooney.

selections for this season and are eager to share them with you!

All chorus members have tickets for sale at \$5. You may also purchase tickets on Monday and Thursday mornings in the EAC.

It will be our sincere pleasure to have you join us on Dec. 8. We think you will leave with the joyful spirit of the season inside you, and we think you will agree that it really is still the best time of the year!

Oh, and by the way, if you are a singer and like what you hear, you may want to come to our next rehearsal on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the EAC auditorium when we begin preparations for our spring concert.

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We're headed for New Orleans and planning our Dec. 13 Christmas party

By Pat Zorland

The end of the 2013 year has now arrived and the Travel Club has another agenda in the works for the year 2014.

The October trip to Pigeon Forge was such a great success that we have another trip scheduled for the first week in December. This time we are going to go to New Orleans with a wonderful schedule planned. Actually, this is really not a gambling trip. There is only one day set aside for people who wish to go to the casino, and everyone else can be on their own or on a surprise trip to somewhere else.

There will be a lot to see and do on the way to New Orleans, as well as



Travel Club

in the city itself. This trip will be my first back to New Orleans since much of the big easy was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Watch for the January 2014 edition of this newspaper for a report on the trip to New Orleans, along with all the sites we went to along the way.

At the Nov. 1 meeting, quite a few members, who went to Pigeon Forge, told of their experiences and the great time that they all had there. From, all the shows, to a visit to Smokey Mountain National Park, there was even a surprise visit to a knife factory, which not only had knives of all kinds, but two floors loaded with all types of merchandise for sale.

On Dec. 13 we will have our annual Christmas party. This year the party will be held at 6 p.m. in the Star Restaurant, which is located on Main Street, Dunedin.

On Dec. 18 is a day trip to see a performance by the Radio City Rockettes.

January 2014 is the start of a new year. There are some day trips in the planning stages. We hope to have a few overnight trips.

From April 2-10, 2014, there will be a trip to New York City.

From Oct. 18-24, 2014, there will be a trip to San Antonio.

From Nov. 30, 2014, to Dec. 5, 2014, we are going to Ashville, N.C.

The Lunch Bunch will continue to have one lunch a month. Call Roxie at 474-5040 for information.

Information on the Travel Club can be found on Channel 96/720, on the On Top of the World Box Office Web site, or by calling Audrey Jones at 726-5856.

Computer Club offers basic classes this winter

By Roger Reynolds

President of the Computer Club

The On Top of the World Computer Club is planning to have computer classes during the winter months.

Many of our members are new to computers, or are challenged by their computer. The first step to learning about your computer is knowing what operating system it uses.

The classes will be held on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Large Card Room. Don Lewis will lead a tutorial on the Windows 7 operating system on Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Phyllis King will lead a tutorial on the Windows 8 operating system on Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Additionally, Bob Evans will present a single class on March 4 about "Using Tablet Computers."

Participants in these courses are for Computer Club members. If you want to attend the classes, but are not a member, you can join the club with a \$20 membership fee. Register your membership with Tony on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m. at the EAC Computer Room, or at our regular Saturday morning meetings from 8:30-9 a.m. in the Large Card Room.

The fee for the courses on Windows 7 and Windows 8 is \$10, however, the fee will be refunded to you if you attend all four classes.

As always, bring your OTOW ID to prove your OTOW residency when participating in an activity at the OTOW facilities.



On Top of the World Computer Club

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We hold a business session, presentations, and advanced and beginners classes every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center main card room.

We help members with hardware and software issues from 9-10 a.m., Monday mornings, no appointments necessary, or you can schedule an appointment from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.



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Lambda to turn Sunrise Room into Christmas Wonderland

By Dave Beaven

December means Christmas time and also time to don our gay apparel.

The Lambda Club has this down pat.

Our monthly social has the theme of, what else, Christmas Wonderland, which will take place on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. There will be lights, laughter and good cheer as Lambdians get together to celebrate the season.

You can count on Christmas music and a gift exchange, and also great food provided by our members.

Lambda Club has several other



highlighted events this month. On Dec. 13, we'll be carpooling down to the Palladium in St. Petersburg for a holiday concert by Una Voce. There will be a Christmas potluck dinner on Dec. 22 in the East Activity Center kitchen. And on New Year's Eve, we'll

have a special celebration in the EAC Crafts Room.

Of course, members also do individual parties in their condos during the season. Gosh, who has time to shop?

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, and coffee klatches. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall.

We look to expand our circle to all LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors.

There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

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

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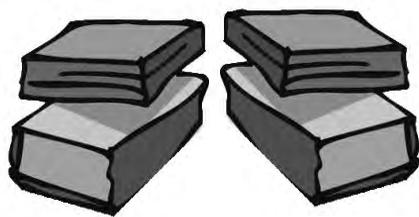
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We also have many paperbacks that are wonderful to take on that holiday trip. Since they are only 25 cents each, you can leave them behind on the cruise ship, hotel or airport for someone else to enjoy.

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We have expanded our new pa-



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perbacks and hardcover books to include many of these donations and they have been a big hit with the library regulars. Please stop by and see if there is something you would enjoy.

It's also time to renew membership for 2014. For only \$2 you get a year's membership, which allows you to borrow six books at a time for two weeks. Please stop by and see all the library has to offer.

Starting another stamp season

By Jim Sundberg

It's the start of another new year for stamp collecting and learning more about the hobby.

Let's rekindle our relationships after a long summer and fall.

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Doug Erickson lays out his program that promises to make better dancers out of his class.

More Snowbirds dancing is on its way!

By John Koning

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once."

In response to recent requests, and with the help of energetic volunteers, your Snowbirds Club is introducing another dance class to On Top of the World.

The class, already being taught by Doug Erickson, is called "Learn to Dance."

It is a seven-week beginners dance class that teaches basic steps used in line dancing and ballroom, or partner



Snowbirds Club

dancing.

The class takes place on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. If you missed this one, there's another class starting the first Thursday in the new

year. You can sign up at the Snowbirds sales desk for this class that is free to all members.

You can use all the new dance moves you've learned while on our Dancing With The Stars Cruise in January or on our two February cruises, the Valentine's Cruise and the Casino Cruise to sunny Bahamas.

If cruising isn't your style, try one of our charter bus tours. We are headed to Key West for two spectacular evenings of sunsets in America's most southerly spot. You can satisfy your inner historian in St. Augustine, Fl., America's oldest city, or slow down

and relax in western style at our dude ranch adventure.

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Practicing their USO dance routine, from left to right are Susan Little, Janet Walker, Barbara Hynson, Tony Scheifen, Susan Carlson, Mary Sunblad and Nellie Kellogg. (OTOW News artwork by Doug Kates)

Let us find you a role for our Swingin' USO show

By Lilli Scheifen

In lieu of our monthly meeting for December, we are going to celebrate our Christmas/Holiday party on Dec. 4 at the lovely Beachcomber Restaurant.

As mentioned last month, we will be in the large party room, which is decorated beautifully for the holiday season.

We would be delighted to see all our members, including new or prospective members, join us to kick off the holiday celebrations.

Rehearsals for our show "Swingin' with the USO" will be kicking off in earnest in January 2014, with dancers



beginning sooner. Nellie Kellogg is preparing the routines, which are sure to please. Fit-

ting members to roles, in which their talents will be maximized, are continuing, and I promise I will not be cast in the role of a go-go girl (ala Ann Margaret), which should be good news to all who will attend our show.

I tried, but no amount of bribes would do.

We are pleased to see that Gary Sinise and his "Lieutenant Dan Band" are continuing in the Bob Hope tradition of entertaining our troops worldwide under the auspices of the USO.

Gary, if you aren't familiar with him, was "Lieutenant Dan" in the movie "Forrest Gump," portraying a

paraplegic. Other actors are also pitching in, including Robin Williams. We are in good company, don't you agree?

So if you think you have the talent and dedication to be part of a wonderful group of entertainers, please come and see what we have to offer.

As usual, our meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the East Activity Center auditorium. You can sign up to be a part of our show at a meeting or you can sign up on Mondays and Thursdays at our table in the EAC, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We wish you all Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanza!



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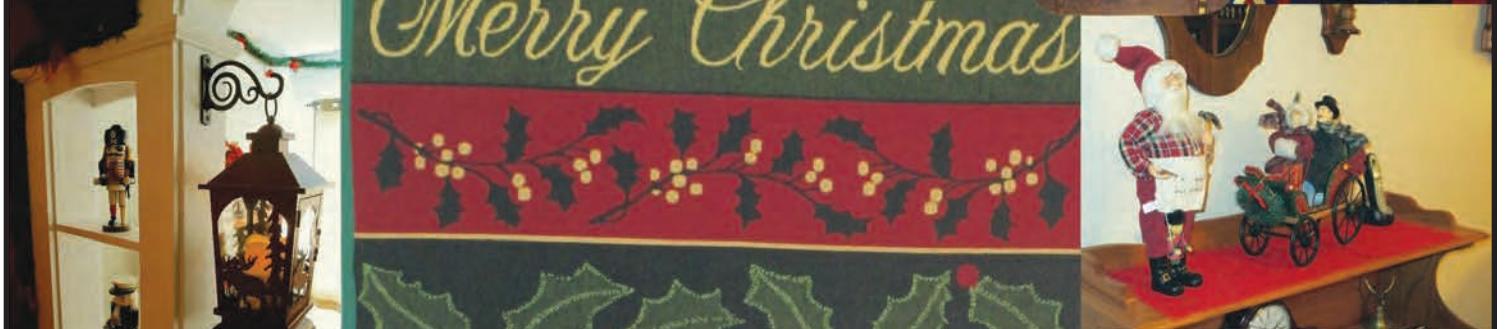
It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so let's adopt that maxim and let the photos in this feature tell the story.

Ray and Ann Tabor are two On Top of the World residents who embrace Christmas with festive enthusiasm. Their Ecuadorian Drive home might not differ from their neighbors' on the exterior, but, once you enter, appearances change dramatically.

The inside of the Tabor's home is decorated from floor to ceiling with Christmas figurines of all sorts. Sixty-two nutcrackers, some as tall as a human, 22 Christmas bears and eight angels guard a sprawling Christmas village populated with 23 buildings and accessories.

All of this is framed by more than 200 feet of garland, and 200 bells and bows.

The Tabors begin their decorating ritual after Halloween in order to finish by Christmas. It's a huge job, but well worth the effort for Ray, Ann and their lucky friends.



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

by John Koning

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Line Dancing elects new officers, announces winners of costume contest

By Julie Narancich

It has been a busy time at Line Dancing with our general meeting being held on Oct. 22.

The officers elected were Georgia Jensen, president; Ellen Gilbert, vice president; Mary Becker, treasurer; and Julie Narancich, secretary.

Georgia was not able to be with us and we are keeping her in our thoughts and prayers.

Our annual Halloween Party was held on Oct. 29 and was organized by Loni Bentley, Helen Crombie and Lynn Anzalone. A best costume contest was held and the winners were Theresa Kawalec as Raggedy Ann, Ann Gehrling as a Monk, and Sheila Bonomo as Helga the Biker Babe.

Special thanks to Julie Hipp, our guest judge, and Song Brooks for providing a cake for the first-prize winner.

Cele Radeloff was in charge of the raffle once again. The raffle winners were Cele Radeloff, Anna Ventimiglia and Jane Collins.

Our Line Dance group is growing as we welcome our Snowbirds friends



Line Dancing

back to On Top of the World.

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

Any time is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and moral support, so please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and invite you to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men



From left to right are Julie Narancich, Mary Becker and Ellen Gilbert.

and women of all ages.

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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Visit to candy shop, champagne brunch, Opry next stops on busy winter schedule

By Walt Copeland

We had a wonderful Welcome Back party this past month that included a full course turkey dinner like Mom used to make.

Everyone enjoyed, and it was plentiful and delicious.

Dinner was followed by entertainment and dancing that all enjoyed, too.

On Nov. 19 we traveled to Homosassa for a river cruise and luncheon that made for a pleasurable day.

For Thanksgiving, we dined at the Early Bird Dinner Theater, followed up with a very funny comedy "Boeing, Boeing."

On Nov. 30, we traveled to Mt. Dora with a stop at the popular German Bakery, then on to the picturesque Mission Inn Resort for lunch. We then continued on to Mt. Dora to shop and browse while waiting to witness their annual two-million Light-up Spectacle



Pennsylvania Club

at dusk.

Another outstanding day.

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

On Dec. 7, we'll welcome the holiday season with a trip to Weirsdale, Fla., to attend the Orange Blossom Opry. En route, we'll pause at the sweet shop of the Russell Stover candy outlet in Wildwood, then on to Leesburg for an included lunch. We'll then proceed to enjoy a spectacular

Christmas show that will include much music and comedy.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, we'll have our annual Christmas party at the Island Way Grill for their sumptuous champagne brunch that continues 'til 3 p.m. As usual, we'll have a gift for each household and then great entertainment. A van is available for \$2 per person prepaid. Seating is limited, so please check with Walt to confirm as soon as possible.

On Jan. 15 and 16, we're presenting a trip to Fort Myers. The first day we'll attend the Broadway Dinner Theater for lunch and the matinee performance of "South Pacific."

After checking into our hotel, we'll dine on the Seminole Gulf Mystery Train. The following day, after breakfast, we'll board a paddle wheeler for a luncheon river cruise. During the return home we'll stop at the Edison-Ford Museum.

On Jan. 25, we've arranged a bus trip to Tampa's Gasparilla Parade. We'll lunch at the Colonnade Restaurant and we'll observe the parade from bleachers with restrooms nearby. Sign up early to avoid disappointment.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, we'll observe Ground Hog Day with dinner and entertainment in the East Activity Center at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, we'll travel by bus to the dog races for a matinee including lunch, programs, admission, taxes, tips at a cost of \$38 per person.

On Feb. 10 and 11, we'll travel to Florida Backroads and Waterways for an exciting two days including a cruise and a casino trip. See our flyers.

As you can see, we have a lot of fun. Come join our club. You don't have to be from Pennsylvania. On Mondays and Thursdays, we're at the East Activity Center from 8:30 'til 10:30 a.m.

Join the OTOW

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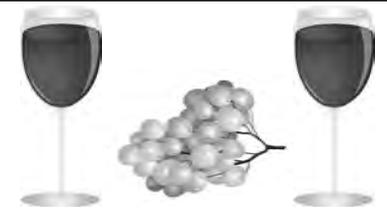
Join us for day trip to the Hard Rock Casino

By Jerry Kapland

Our Welcome Back spaghetti and meat ball dinner on Oct. 16 was a big success. More than 90 members attended.

Memberships are now due for the 2014 season. Stop by Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center to pay your \$5 dues.

The Italian American Club is planning a bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino. We will need 30 people to get the bus. If interested, stop in and sign up.



Italian American

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

Purpose of Dec. 14 Senior Workshop is to provide residents with helpful home improvement vendors

Hello, Good Neighbors.

First, welcome back Snowbirds. I hope you had a wonderful summer.

Remember, the Senior Workshop is Dec. 14. We will have a lot of new exhibitors this year, thanks to the Community Service Office.

The format is going to be geared to home improvement. You will be able to meet vendors who will give you a lot of helpful information.

Please don't try to get in before the opening time. Be courteous and

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

give the exhibitors time to set up their tables.

Building representatives, don't for-

get your December meeting. Check with Shirley Miller for the date and time.

The blood pressure group is in dire need of volunteers. It's a once-a-month job for a few hours on a Monday, and you don't have to be a nurse or medical technician. See me in front of the Gift Shoppe on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday for more information. I am usually there 'til at least 9:30 and 10:30 on Wednesday. We would be disappointed to eliminate that service.

Also, we need volunteers to work in the Gift Shoppe, specifically on Monday and Tuesday. We also need someone to work every Wednesday from 9-10:30 to help out with consignments.

On Good Neighbors Thursday (second Thursday of the month), free coffee and donuts will be available starting at 9 a.m.

Stay well and have a good month.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

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This list could change monthly.



Philosophy Club

Express your views

By Bob Reis

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

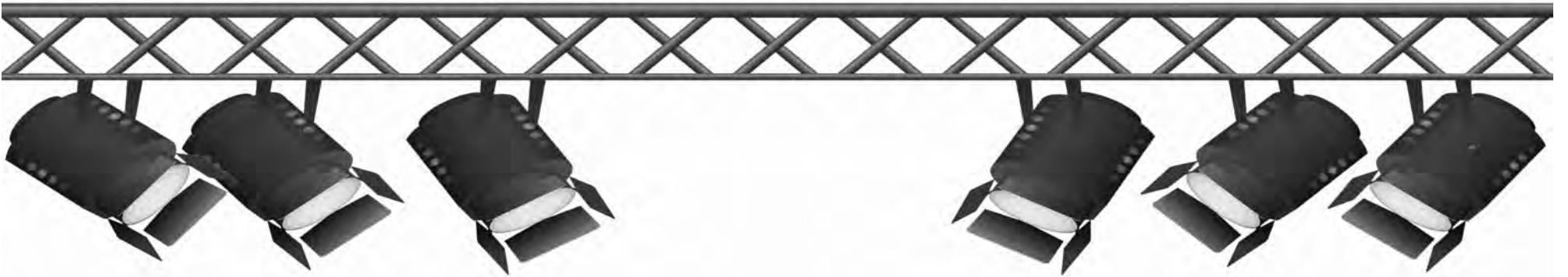
The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

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

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

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Holiday season will be filled with music, dancing, champagne and a visit from Santa

The New Dawn Singers will present their Holiday Show on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. to help us kick off the season.

Make sure you and your friends attend to enjoy this forever young group with their musical energy.

Our Holiday Dance will feature the popular Rebound Band on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Come and BYOB and snacks. Bring your friends to share an evening of great dancing and listening.

On Dec. 22 at 2 p.m., our free Sunday-in-the-Park at the East Activity Center will be our annual Sunday with Santa. All the kids who attend will



Hazel Kelly

Chairperson

have an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, tell him what they'd like for Christmas, and get a holiday gift for just being there.

There will also be some caroling before Santa's arrival, and free refreshments provided by the Good Neighbors.

The Santa visit is always a great photo opportunity, so bring your grandchildren and don't forget your cameras.

The holiday season is a great time to treat you to an EC Season Ticket Package for the 2014 lineup of shows and dances that incoming Chair Tony Baker is bringing in for your entertainment pleasure.

For information, call Tony at 474-2999 or come to the EAC on Monday or Thursday between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Our New Year's Eve Dance, featuring Flashback, will begin at 9 p.m. and finish at 1 a.m. In between, we'll celebrate what has been a fantastic year, and toast to the great year ahead. Don't forget to get your tickets in advance for what appears to be another sold-out evening. No tickets will be sold at the door.

As we usher in a New Year, Leo and I, and the dedicated EC Board and staff of volunteers, wish to thank you for your support this year. We wish you and your families a healthy year ahead, and look forward to seeing you at the 2014 EC Events.

Happy New Year!

PREVIEW OF JANUARY EVENTS

<p>SUN 5TH</p>	<p>Special Entertainment Committee Mtg – 2pm <u>Volunteer Meeting</u> <i>All volunteers are requested to attend</i></p>	
<p>THUR 9TH</p>	<p>Thursday Night Concert Series - 7:30pm <u>The Marlins</u> <i>A brotherly musical event with over 20 instruments</i></p>	
<p>SAT 11TH</p>	<p>Saturday Night Dance - 8pm <u>The Satellites</u> <i>Florida's premier oldies band</i></p>	
<p>SUN 12TH</p>	<p>Sunday-In-The-Park - 2pm <u>"Pal Joey" Olivo</u> <i>Performs his renditions of Sinatra "Ol' Blue Eyes"</i></p>	
<p>THUR 23TH</p>	<p>Thursday Night Concert Series - 7:30pm <u>Sounds of Soul</u> <i>High energy hits of Motown with superior vocals</i></p>	
<p>SAT 25TH</p>	<p>Saturday Night Dance - 8pm <u>Rebound</u> <i>Crowd pleaser performing 50's and up music</i></p>	

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Phil Smerz and Carole Whynot win first Guys and Dolls Tournament of the new season

By Pete Milner

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association enjoyed our annual Guys and Dolls Golf Tournament recently, and it was a great success.

A full course of golfers had a splendid day to have our tournament.

I recently had a short interview with Phil Smerz, and he said all enjoyed the day.

The winners of the tournament were Phil Smerz and his very able partner Carole Whynot. Phil said he got off every tee well, and Carole carried the team the rest of the day with her amazing putting. They scored a gross 69 with a winning net score of 56.5.

Second place went to John Lewis and his partner, Carole Lacey. They

Men's Golf

also scored a gross score of 69, but their net score was a 58.5.

Scottie Im and his boss, Maria Im, were very close behind with a gross score of 82 and a net of 59.

Last, but not least, Stan Glenn and his partner April Glen, scored a gross score of 80 and a net score of 60.

As you can see, it was a close tournament with only 3.5 strokes separating the top four pairings. What a great day.

All other golfers in the annual tournament had a great day and look forward to next year's Guys and Dolls

Tournament.

The next important date on our calendar of events is our annual election of officers for the next year. Our election will take place on Dec. 4. Our slate of officers will take charge on January 1, 2014.

So far, the following are on the slate: President will be Les Whynot (non-elected). Two have declared that they will be running for vice president. They are Marc Schell and Frank Giarrizzi. Other positions for treasurer, secretary and trustees (1-year, 2-year and 3-year) are presently non-elective positions as they are unopposed.

Please remember our annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Trustee Jim O'Neil and I lobbied

vigorously for Mitch Miller and his orchestra, but were turned down by the committee for reasons of non-availability, so it was decided to have Elvis return for another great performance.

On a final note, I have stressed how important it is to sign in at least 30 minutes before your tee time. Recently we had golfers show up late only to find that their tee time had been assigned to another golfer. Please, don't be disappointed to find that your tee time has been reassigned because of lateness. Now that we have assigned tee times, it is even more imperative that you be on time.

The officers for the OTOW Men's Golf Association wish all a very happy and joyous holiday season.

Off-season ends, new season begins and now low gross honors are on the line

The month of October saw the last of the off-season tournaments for the Thursday Golf League.

Week 22 champion was Pete Dominguez. Ron Parham placed second and Paul Meyers was third. Don Hunter, Ron Parham, Gary Bronson and Pete Dominguez all had one skin each.

Dave Pittenger took first place in Week 23. Don Leamy was second and JT Norris placed third. Bill Higgins collected two skins. Don Baker, Clyde Hershberger and Dan Hyden had one skin each.

The final off-season tourney was won by Patti Cook. Gary Ordway placed second and newly returned Duane Hinrichs was third. Duane Hinrichs collected two skins. Don

Thursday Golf

Baker, Don Leamy, Clyde Hershberger and Dick Kronawetter all had one skin each.

The golf course is in great condition and the greens are putting better each day making the weekly competitions very close.

This first tournament of the new season was won by Ada Culbertson. Paul Farrell, who recently returned from Canada, placed second and Fred Schick was third. A new category was added this year, low gross. Paul Meyers took the inaugural spot.

Bill Cook and Bruce MacPherson

won two skins each. Ada Culbertson, Pete Dominguez and Jim Stiffler all collected one skin.

The golfer with the hot hand in Week two was Clyde Hershberger. He not only placed first, he captured the low gross spot. Jahn Lawson took second place and Gary Ordway was third. Everyone seemed to be making birdies and the only two skins went to Dan Hyden and Fred Schick.

The league will be adding several new competitions this season. The first will be a two-person best ball on Dec. 12. Monthly closest to the pin and longest drive contests are also slated.

The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stable-

ford format. Our league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. 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.

Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign in starts at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday.

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Ladies' 18-Hole Jack & Jill Golf Tournament set for Feb. 4

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League has announced its annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014.

Although a rain date of Feb. 11 has been set, the ladies are hoping that the Golf Gods are with them and the primary day will be fair with pleasant temperatures and calm winds.

This popular event will feature not only 18 holes of golf, but lunch for all participants and prizes for the top couples in each of four flights. The competition in the past has been stiff, and many of the golfing couples who have won in the past will return this year to try and repeat as flight winners.

Information about the tournament will be

posted on the ladies' section of the bulletin board opposite the golf office/cart rental service area at the beginning of January. Registration will begin on Jan. 14 at the golf shack from 7-10 a.m. Registration is limited to members of the ladies' 18-hole golf league only. Registration will continue on Jan. 21 and 28. The cost is \$20 per couple.



SPORTS

Ever wonder how our league runs so smoothly?

By Pat Eastman

With beautiful weather and great course conditions, the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association tournaments are now in full smooth swing.

But, this is not by accident. Many volunteers are needed to keep it running smoothly.

Each month there is one volunteer in charge of the starter's greenhouse. That person then gets a few ladies to help each Tuesday checking in tournament players, selling 50/50 tickets, and signing up golfers for the next weeks.

So there are many women working behind the scenes to make our league an enjoyable experience for all.

"The Nov. 4 golf clinic, while poorly attended, was a very good session," said Pat Cassidy.

"Paul Sylvester checked everyone's grip and stance. He had us practice with sticks to emphasize shifting and pivoting. We got to hear the "swish" in our swings."

Pat and others have travel plans for December, so there is a tentative clinic set for Jan. 6, at 9 a.m. Rose Mulhall is the contact person. The cost is \$6 for a bucket of balls.

Upcoming events

Dec. 2, Board meeting 9 a.m. in Veranda Room EAC

Dec. 4, Holiday Brunch 9:30 in Sunrise Room WAC

Jan. 21, Fun Scramble and rules seminar with lunch

Tournament Results

October 15

Flight A: Low Gross Pat Eastman;



Working in the starter's greenhouse is the monthly chairperson. Here, Terry Kuplen gets ready to check in Eleanor Arnold.

Low Net Terry Kuplen.

Flight B: Gross Natsue Dawson; Net Donna Smerz.

Flight C: Gross Pauline Jones; Net Nanette Rudolph.

Flight D: Gross Muriel Salo; Net Elaine Ellis.

October 22

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

Flight B: Gross Kay Satterlee, Carole Lacey; Net Mary Beth Devine,

Linda Rice, April Glenn.

Flight C: Gross Trish Burch; Net Jackie Woloszyn.

Flight D: Gross Muriel Salo, Rose Mulhall; Net Maria Im.

October 29

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

Flight B: Gross Carole Lacey; Net Joan Yorkery.

Flight C: Gross Terri Mikszenas, Wendy Colquhoun, Boots Stanton;

Net Pauline Jones.

Flight D: Gross Muriel Salo; Net Maria Im.

November 5

Flight A: Low Gross Pat Eastman; Low Net Maureen Stewart.

Flight B: Gross Linda Rice; Net April Glenn, Gwen Lemke.

Flight C: Gross Fran Zaloski; Net Pauline Jones.

Flight D: Gross Muriel Salo; Net Joyce Monahan.

Jean Norris wins Mystery Hole golf title

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Ladies, we have had a great turnout for our Tuesday morning golf, and hope to see even more Snowbirds back out on the course.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

Weekly Awards

November 5

Flight A – Jean Norris, Connie Saylor and Ann Stewart.

Flight B – Dorothy Ryan, Laypa Buck, Anna Hyden, Marge Jacobs and Magdalene Nawrocky.

9-hole Ladies Golf

Flight C – Marge Sivek and Barbara Sensale.

Flight D – Pat Kent, Pat Palladino, Romy Brady and Ingrid Durhan. Ellen Gilbert had a birdie on No. 2. Ladies, keep up the good work and keep swinging those clubs.

November 12 – Mystery Hole

Flight A – Jean Norris, Ann Stew-

art and Ellen Gilbert.

Flight B – Char Flach, Theresa Gates, Laypa Buck and Anna Hyden.

Flight C – Barbara Sensale, Karen Johnson and Marjorie Sivek.

Flight D – Romy Brady, Pat Kent, Nancy House, Pat Murray and Ingrid Durhan.

Theresa Gates and Connie Saylor each had a birdie on No. 2. Marge Jacobs and Carol Kapoor each had a birdie on No. 4 and Char Flach had a birdie on No. 5. Congratulations ladies.

December schedule of events

Dec. 3 - 3 Clubs and a Putter

Dec. 5 - Holiday Luncheon at the Beachcomber.

Dec. 10 - Low Gross/Low Net

Dec. 17 - Low Gross/Low Net – Christmas Theme with Shot Gun Start 9 a.m. 50/50 raffle and snacks after league play

Dec. 24 - No Golf

Dec. 31 - No Golf

On behalf of our league officers, may this happy holiday bring many smiles your way. Have a safe and happy holiday season.



Lawn Bowling always a popular event at OTOW

By Bob Laplante

Most people have never seen a lawn bowl game, let alone have known anyone who plays, but when they arrive at On Top of the World, they come face-to-face with a court that has people playing on it six days a week throughout the winter season.

Once upon a time, lawn bowling was one of the most popular games in America with George Washington having his own greens at Mount Vernon.

A number of locations named Bowling Green give their namesake to the sport. However, during the American Revolution, all things British were rejected which caused the popularity to decline.

There was a revival in the USA during the last century and increasing popularity in countries within the British Commonwealth or with close ties to Britain.

At OTOW, lawn bowling remains

Lawn Bowling

a popular activity, which attracts new bowlers every year.

Those interested in trying the sport may leave their name on the sign-up sheet located on the court bulletin board. In order to receive instruction to determine if the game is indeed for you, potential members must have a current OTOW Recreation Card and have shoes with no heels and no significant treads.

Like chess, lawn bowling is a sport that is relatively easy to learn, but takes a lifetime to master. Although a team sport, each person contributes to the level of their ability.

With OTOW members being friendly and very sociable, there is no better place to learn this historic game. For further information, drop by the greens any morning or contact the

New Member Coordinator, Margo Smith at 754-3507.

We are now in full swing on the lawn bowls greens with a range of social and sports activities underway.

Our general meeting was held in November and focused on the calendar for the coming year, as well as changes to routines and personnel for the year. The new executive board was introduced and changes that affect members were reviewed.

Norm Chandler was recognized for outstanding work he did over the summer in making a new display box for housing membership tags. It is both a beautiful piece of work and a functional tool that is used daily by bowlers. Thanks Norm.

Special recognition was given to our groundskeeper, whose dedication to the club throughout the year contributes so much to the quality of the greens for members.

The club will hold a Holiday Bowl on Dec. 10, which has a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

A two-day Singles Tournament will be held on Dec. 12 and 13. As this is a trophy tournament, it is open to members ranked lead or higher.

Boxing day will see a new innovation, an open tournament combined with a brown bag lunch. The month finishes off with a New Year's Eve Party. Details are posted on the bulletin Board.

The members of the club would like to express their appreciation to Dessa Barabba from the Community Service Office and John Brown for his hands-on work in bringing about the upgrades to the facilities. The new surface is much more level and the introduction of rolling the surface will ensure that the preventative maintenance keeps the court in its current condition.

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Fierce competition starts in food line, not courts

By Joseph Spahalski

What I love more than a surprise is an unexpected surprise.

The first ever welcome back mixed doubles barbecue event was an unexpected overwhelming success.

A lot of competition was evident. It was fierce. I was black and blue all over.

Well, to be honest, I had on a black shirt and blue trunks.

The battle was not on the courts, but at the hot dog and sloppy joe table.

Wow, that was a fierce battle!

However, on the courts, I don't think there was any one winner as we all won the friendship and respect for the skills of each other.

This turned out to be like a family-type picnic. Hats off to Becky Balderson and her crew for a job well done. This has the making of an annual event.

The winning ticket to the afghan drawing will be announced next month because the ticket was drawn after this article was submitted.

A nice, warm welcome to all the

Tennis

new members who joined the tennis club recently. We hope to see you on the courts often. No excuses not to join in on the fun and exercise. The more you play, the better you get. Our overall goal is to have some exercise along with fun.

In early January, we will have sign ups for the singles and doubles tennis tournament. Replacing mixed doubles will be team tennis and is based on a three-person team. This will be something new and different and it will take skill and strategy to win.

Getting interested?

For all of the pickle ball friends, there will be an ad in the upcoming Super Bowl game. The ad will feature how pickle ball has become the perfect game for retirees. It is the number one sport for both men and women in retirement villages like us. It is also becoming a college sport. Look for the ad.



Our pool players have interesting background stories



Quet 'T Billiards

By Penny Page

When you look in the billiards room on Wednesday nights, what do you see?

At first glance it looks like a group of community residents meeting to have some fun, yet seriously competing with one another like other sports at On Top of the World.

Well, look again.

In the Women's Que'T Billiards Club, we all have our stories, and each is unique. But, did you know that one of our coaches was a pro baseball player, and one of our members was the first woman social worker at The Stillwater Men's Prison?

Denny Balderson's dad owned a restaurant in a small town in Virginia,



Jean Doane and Denny Balderson.

where he was the only one who sold beer and had a pool room. Denny started playing at an early age and tells me he financed much of his teenage fun through becoming expert in the game! He now plays on the men's "A" league here at OTOW.

Denny moved from pool to baseball and played pro ball in the Pioneer League in Virginia until he got drafted. In the military he used his pitching skills to play for the Army.

Denny loves teaching and coached baseball his entire life so it is not a sur-

prise that he is a terrific coach to all of us in the women's pool league.

Denny also volunteers at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen on Sunday mornings and was named "most improved" student by the Art Guild.

Jean Doane is a quiet woman and an artist who has spent a lot of time working in prisons. She was the first caseworker who had an office in a cell block at The Stillwater Men's Prison!

Jean told me she was never afraid to work in a prison because there were inmates who looked out for her. She worked in corrections for 27 years.

Jean said there was "something new happening every day. It was not a dull job!"

Jean and her husband Charles moved to OTOW from St. Paul, Minn. She was one of the original group of women on our league. She loves the challenge and puts the time in to play well.

We invite you to come on down and join us any Wednesday. If you would like to know more about our league, you can contact our president, Becky Balderson, 727-674-1733, becky@beckybalderson.com.

Six individuals combined for three Scotch Doubles titles



Men's Billiards

Last session, there were three Scotch Doubles team competitions and six different winners

On Oct. 17, Hugo Orantes and Mario Rodriguez teamed up to defeat Bob Ellis and Nick Sapienza. One week later, Gene Baranowski and Howard Wilson teamed up to beat John Shearer and Bart Gooch.

Two weeks later, Joe Doire and John Shear became the newest winners by defeating Dennis Balling and Terry Wittman.

There were two weeks when singles was held instead of doubles. On Oct. 31, Charles McKague won over



Bill Robertson, Gene Baranowski, Denny Balderson

Tony Baker in A Flight, while Dennis Balling won over Gene Baranowski in B Flight.

On Nov. 14, A Flight was won by Joe Doire and Andy Anderson was second. In B Flight, Ed Ramriez was first and Nick Sapienza was second.

NINE BALL

In nine-ball tournament play, Bob Eads claimed his first title on Oct. 22.

ter Billiard Room. Bring your Recreation Card, get in on the action and have some fun in the competition.

EIGHT-BALL

Denny Balderson was a two-time winner last session.

On Oct. 28 he took first place in A Flight, while Howard Wilson was second and Nick Sapienza was third.

One week later, Denny won his second event, with Pat Elliott the runner-up. There was a three-way tie for third place between Andy Anderson, Jim Anzalone and Howard Wilson.

On Oct. 21, Hugo Orantes was the A Flight winner and Denny Balderson was second. On Nov. 12, Bill Robertson was the A Flight winner and Gene Baranowski was second.

In B Flight, Marc Schell won on Oct. 21. Mario Rodriguez was runner-up. On Oct. 28, Bob Ellis was the champion.

On Nov. 5, Barb Sundberg defeated Joe Ventimiglia for the title, and on Nov. 12, Andy Suhar was the champion and Ray Quirion was second.

Rich Engelhart took second.

Joe Ventimiglia placed first on Oct. 29 and Tony Baker took second place.

Ron Blaettner claimed first place on Nov. 5 with Dennis Balling taking second place.

At the Nov. 12 tournament, Frank English captured first place while Ray Quirion claimed second place.

Nine-ball meets 1 p.m., Tuesday afternoons, in the West Activity Cen-



Another error-free softball season under way

Let the games begin! Fresh air, moderate exercise and good company are better than pills for what ails you.

Join the On Top of the World softball league at 8 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through April in Safety Harbor.

Do not worry if your skills are rusty. You'll fit in just fine. Keep in mind, in the league's 40 years of existence, no player has ever committed an error. The only cheers you will hear are "good try" or "great play."

It does seem as if the bases are a bit further apart than they used to be. And more balls skip underneath our gloves, probably because the ground is lower than years ago. But it makes the solid line drive, the accurate throw, the outfield catch all the more precious and exciting.

We play the game with spirit, we compete, each to his best ability, and we enjoy our time together.

At 9:30 a.m. we stop, and many of us head for a local diner for breakfast and post-game analysis.

For more information, call Tony Caputo at 726-9248.

Here are the results of our games:

OTOW 13, Cody's 2

In one of the most brilliant pitching gems in OTOW softball history, Glenn Ohl held Cody's to just two runs, losing his shutout on a two-run home run off the bat of Gary Burgett. Otherwise it was all zeros. Meanwhile, OTOW got four-hit games from Hugh Quirk and the pitching hero Glenn Ohl, while Pat Kennedy chipped in with a double and three hits.

Cody's 9, OTOW 8

Falling behind 5-1 after two in-

Softball

nings, OTOW battled back behind four hits by Don Dinello and Hugh Quirk, and three each by Henry Santos, Bill Bennett and Chris Ferrugia, but fell one run short.

For the winners, Lenny Segall had four hits, including a home run. Bob Fields and Tony Caputo had four each as well. Allan Bendert contributed two doubles to the win among his three hits.

Cody's 12, Scott's Pharmacy 5

Led by Guy Bertuzzi's five hits, including a triple and two doubles, Bob Rittner with five hits, and Bob Fields with four hits, Cody's pummeled Scott's Pharmacy.

Howard Huff, Billy Arkins and Glenn Ohl each had four hits for Scott's, while Henry Buyny contributed a home run, but it was not enough to overcome the fire power of Cody's this day.

Scott's Pharmacy 17, Cody's 11

Scott's Pharmacy turned it around the next game as Bill Bennett had six hits while Tony Caputo had five and Henry Buyny hit another home run and a double. For Cody's, Lenny Segall hit another home run and Henry Santos chipped in with four hits and some excellent play in left field.

Cody's 10, OTOW 8

In a closely contested game, Cody's came out on top thanks to Carmelo Costa's home run and four hits. Gary Burgett contributed a home run and Lenny Segall had two doubles among

his four hits. Billy Arkins, Hugh Quirk and Glenn Ohl all had four hits, but they were not quite enough to overcome Cody's power.

Cody's 11, Scott's Pharmacy 8

Joe Maley and Henry Santos had four hits apiece, Sam Macaluso got three hits and Lenny Segall had another home run to lead Cody's over Scott's. A home run by Guy Bertuzzi and five hits by Billy Arkins kept the game close, but a fine running catch by outfielder Sam Macaluso kept Cody's lead secure.

Scott's Pharmacy 16, Cody's 13

In a seesaw game, which saw Cody's come from behind to tie four times, Scott's prevailed. Home runs by Lenny Segall and Bob Rittner powered Scott's, as Bob Fields with four hits and Trevor Dixon and Tony Caputo with three hits. For Cody's, the first four batters in the lineup, Billy Arkins, Joe Maley, Greg Zimmer and Glenn Ohl each had four hits, including triples from Arkins and Zimmer.

Cody's 18, Scott's Pharmacy 17

After Scott's rallied for five runs in the ninth inning to go up by four, Cody's answered with its own five-run rally to eke out the victory.

Cody's ninth inning began with a Greg Zimmer single and consecutive triples by Bob Rittner and Paul Fice. With two outs, it ended when Zimmer drove in the winning run with his second hit of the inning.

The slugfest featured a home run and five hits from Paul and two home runs by Bob. Paul also threw a runner out at home with a laser beam throw from center field scooped nicely by

Henry Santos.

Billy Arkins had six hits. Scott's was led by four hit days from Bob Fields, Glenn Ohl and Gary Burgett and Lenny Segall with five hits.

Cody's 16, OTOW 16

Paul Fice had four hits and great defense to lead Cody's.

Greg Zimmer had five hits. Billy Arkins and Glenn Ohl each got four hits.

OTOW had its own heroes as Lenny Segall had a home run and a triple, and Joe Maley had five hits.

Gary Burgett, Tony Capuano and Bob Fields also had four hits each.

Don't believe what you hear. A tie is better than kissing your cousin when seniors have such a good time playing softball.

OTOW 15, Dunedin Elks 11

On Friday, Oct. 25, an OTOW softball team traveled to Dunedin to play the Elks.

Down 7-0 after two innings, OTOW rallied to win the game 15-11.

Home runs by Allan Bendert and Lenny Segall drove the OTOW offense, and flawless defensive play by third baseman Bob Rittner, first baseman Pat Kennedy and shortstop Lenny Segall stymied many Elks' rallies.

Key hits by Pat Kennedy, Tony Caputo, Joe Maley and Bill Bennett helped seal the victory.

Winning pitcher Glenn Ohl neutralized the Elks' hitters after the second inning allowing OTOW to make its comeback.

After the game, the Elks invited us to their meeting hall for hot dogs and beverages and a convivial gathering.

November Photo Search Answers

1. Mark on tree trunk
2. White bird moved
3. Left side of bush different
4. Hand placement different on edger
5. Back of edger shape changed
6. Orange vest longer
7. White outline on shorts
8. Handle missing on second edger
9. Drain pipe missing
10. Number of bolts in tire

How's your holiday trivia knowledge?

Trivia is the icing on the cake when it comes to the holiday experience.

Plus it's fun.

How knowledgeable are you when it comes to this time of the year?

Here are some holiday questions to enjoy with your eggnog, favorite wine, or glass of Ensure.

1. Who played the little girl in "Miracle on 34th Street?"
2. In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," what was the angel's first name?
3. In the "Twelve Days of Christmas," how many Lords-a-leaping are there?
4. What does Alvin (the chipmunk) want for Christmas?
5. In the movie "White Christmas," who played the partner of Bing Crosby?
6. What Christmas carol demands "figgy pudding?"
7. Can you name the three stars in the movie "The Bishop's Wife?"



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

8. What was the name of the city where the story "It's a Wonderful Life" takes place?
9. What was the little boy's name who stayed home in the movie "Home Alone?"
10. What is the name of Scrooge's dead business partner?
11. What is the name of the town the Grinch steals Christmas from?
12. Who was the star of the movie

"Scrooged?"

13. How many verses has "The Twelve Days of Christmas?"

14. Who first recorded "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?"

15. What famous ballet is always associated with this time of the year?

16. Who kissed Lucy in the classic Christmas TV special "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"

17. What movie does this quote come from: "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed."

18. What Christmas carol contains the words "Said the night wind to the little lamb?"

19. In the "Misfits" TV animation, Rudolph meets an elf who has run away from the toy shop. What did this elf really want to do for a living?

20. And finally, name Santa's eight reindeer.

Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the holiday season (or circus, as I like to think of it), that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions.

In the old days, it was not called the "holiday season." The Christians called it "Christmas" and went to church. The Jews called it "Hanukkah" and went to synagogue. The atheists went to parties and drank.

People passing each other on the street would say "Merry Christmas!" or "Happy Hanukkah!" or (to the atheists) "Look out for the wall!"

Remember, if you're singing Christmas songs on your neighbor's lawn, it's called "caroling." But if you're doing it alone with no pants on, it's called "drunk and disorderly."

Happy holidays, everybody!

Christmas carols with a few minor word changes

(Sing to the tune of "Sleigh Ride")

Just hear the cashier jing-a-ling
Ring ting ting-a-ling, ooh!
That will be 16 dollars -
For three ripe bananas for you.

Come watch our dollars fall-a-ling
While friends are bawl-a-ling
"Boohoo"

Because it's 16 dollars -
For five green olives for you.

Giddyup, giddyup, giddyup they go
Those prices we know.
Leaping like those
seasonal heating bills we owe.

Going up, going up, going up it's tons
For hot dogs and buns?
We're trying, our credit's dying -
Did somebody say "bank run?"

Our cheeks are red
From sneezing and freezing in here.
We're bundled up in blankies -
But craving hankies, coco and beer.

Let's move into the Taurus
And sing a chorus or two.
Because it's 16 dollars -
For seven frozen battered fish sticks
for you.

Marge
Mayer



Marge's Humor

(Sing to the tune of
"I'll Be Home for Christmas")

I'll be slim for Christmas.
You can count on me.
I pass up chips and chunky dips -
And ham and Spam and Brie.

Christmas night will find me.
Where the fridge light gleams.
I'll be slim for Christmas -
But then come Krispy Kremes!

Christmas - Four Stages of Life

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Clause.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Polar Bears

The Polar Bear group meets 9-10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center swimming pool as long as the temperature outside is above 62 degrees.

Cost is free. We meet, exercise and build friendships. Come and join us.

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.

Morning exercises

Come join us at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym room. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, and strengthening the body's core.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises. Each day we work different muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weightlifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone. We have incorporated music to our daily cardio workout.

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

Bonesavers

Did you know that the Bonesavers exercise class helps prevent bone loss?

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. Men and women are both welcome to participate. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m., in the large card room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. We hope to see you there.

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

Bridge and pinochle lessons

We have approximately five different Pinochle groups in existence at On Top of the World.

We have just as many Bridge-playing groups here, too.

You can check this newspaper or the hallway listings to see the variety that are offered.

If you want to learn how to play Pinochle or Bridge, or simply brush up your game, you might consider taking lessons.

Pinochle lessons will be offered 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tues-

days and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

Lessons will cover single deck, double deck, cut-throat (3-handed), fives and sixes.

Contract Bridge lessons will be offered 3:30-4:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

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This is 7-year-old TJ, who is a laid back Maltipoo. He is snugly and spoiled with love! He loves to visit neighbors and get treats. He has lots of friends in the building! He doesn't usually wear clothes but at Christmas he plays Santa Claus and his white hair is built in! His owner is Patricia Focht of the Avila II Building.

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

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Judges Needed!

Anyone in the world with a computer can be a 2013 Holiday Lights Contest judge.

On Dec. 21 or Dec. 22 visit the official contest page at the link listed at the bottom of this page. First, click the view entries button to see photos of all the contest entries. Second, click the voting button to select your top five favorite units.

Only five votes per computer will be accepted. Once you enter the polling site, you will not be permitted to leave and return.

Even if you did not decorate your own condo, you can still vote for your five favorite units.



2013 Holiday Lights Contest wants you to enter your condo

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Second Place

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Fifth Place

\$25 Gift Certificate to the Sunset Grill

The third annual On Top of the World News Holiday Lights Contest is here!

Unlike the first two years, this time judging will be based on individual condos, rather than entire buildings.

Safety Harbor Resort & Spa is giving away a two-day, one-night stay for the grand prize, which includes breakfast for two and use of the basic amenities.

Sunset Grill has come aboard to sponsor the contest for the first time. The Sunset Point Road restaurant will give away a \$100 gift certificate for second place, a \$75 gift certificate for third place, a \$50 gift certificate for fourth place and a \$25 gift certificate for fifth place.

Here's what you need to know:

When decorating the outside of your condo is finished, call the newsroom (799-3216) so a photographer can take a night picture. Photos will be taken from Dec. 2-18. Only decorations on your front wall and windows will be photographed. All photos must be taken by OTOW News. Lawn decorations do not qualify in the contest. All OTOW decoration rules will be strictly enforced. Do not use nails or screws. Do not put decorations on hand rails, floors or stairs. For a complete list, see page 7.

All qualified photos will be displayed on the official contest Web page. From Dec. 21-22, anyone can go online and vote for their five favorite contest entries. Only five votes per computer will be allowed. Once you start voting, you cannot return later.

The top five vote-getters will be announced in the January edition of OTOW News, which will be distributed on Dec. 31.

To view contest entries or to vote from Dec. 21-22, go to: ontopoftheworldnews.com and click the contest link.

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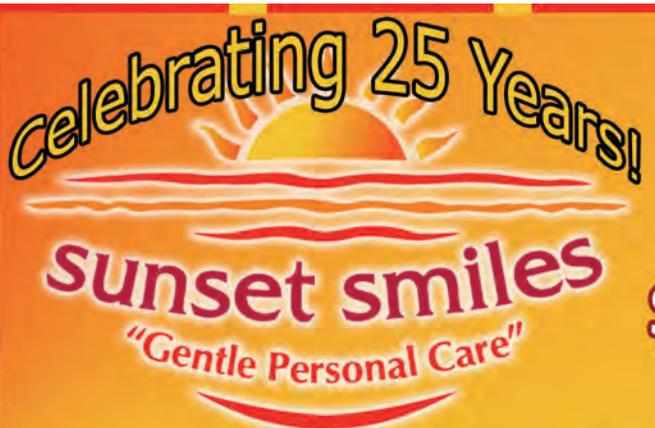
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Melbournites looking forward to holiday season

“Holiday Tune”

*Sing a song of sugar plums,
Of puddings, punch, and cookie crumbs,
Of tea and crumpets, cakes and ales,
Sing a song – and hide the scales!*

Can't believe 2013 will soon be but a memory. With Christmas practically upon us, I take a deep breath and try to enjoy each day and remember the significance of the season.

On Nov. 2, 20 Melbournites, gathered at the Chinese American Buffet. We were sorry that Anita Mazzella and her son John arrived late and missed all the spirited conversation. We had a good time and good food.

Now we are looking forward to Dec. 14, when we can share a bit of holiday cheer at Queen's Pizza. We have a special room, so we can really talk and maybe sing Christmas carols. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board. See you there!

Helen Valentine arrived back at her condo Oct. 13 from northern New York. She stopped off in New Jersey to visit her new grandson, Michael. We are glad she is back.

Pat Hedgecoth traveled to Glenwood Springs, Colo., to visit her youngest sister. Always great to see and be able to talk face to face with family.

Carol Anne Futej reminds everyone that the On Top of the World Christmas concert is Dec. 8, one day only, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. She



has plenty of tickets and would love to sell you one. She is singing with the group, so go support her and the rest of the singers.

Congratulations to Linda Hamrell, who has the lead in “The Curious Savage,” presented by the Players of Safety Harbor (POSH). The play can be seen at the Safety Harbor library and at the Venice Theater in Pinellas Park.

My granddaughter Samantha flew in from Connecticut Nov. 23, to spend some quality time with me and cook our Thanksgiving dinner. Her husband, Ben, missed being with us, but her aunt and uncle, Shirley and Tom Kastner came down from Trinity to enjoy her expert cooking. I always enjoy her coming. She brings a breath of fresh air into my life.

May you all end 2013 with special memories. Remember Pearl Harbor, celebrate the Christmas season, and finish the year with a salute to 2014. In other words, just enjoy December.

Junior golf sensation on track for a brilliant career

A talented young 14-year-old golfer named Parker Reddig played at Pebble Beach Golf Course in September. He is the son of Alison and Mike and the great-grandson of Betty Beatty.

Parker joined 80 other participants from The First Tee chapters for the event. His achievements are too many to mention but include participation in the 2012/65th US Junior Amateur National Golf Championships, 59 junior golf tournament victories, and three holes-in-one.

Parker was a First Tee Junior Reporter in 2012 and 2013 at the 3M Championship. He met Nick Price and Dave Marr from the Golf Channel. Nick Price made him feel very comfortable and gave Parker some golf tips.

During the second day of the 3M Championship, Parker was allowed to follow along, inside the ropes, with Nick Price, Jay Hass and Mark Wiebe. One of the highlights of the day was a picture of Parker with Nick Price.

His great-grandmother, Betty, said he is a wonderful young man who not only loves golf but also plays basketball and soccer. We look forward to hearing more about this gifted young man.



The Smerz's grandchildren (see photo above) made their annual Halloween visit to On Top of the World and had a great time as usual.

“Till We Meet Again”

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.

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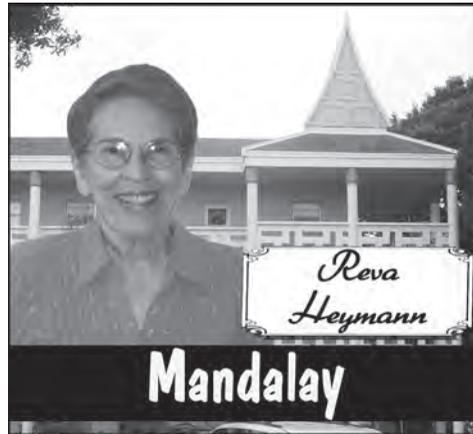
Loving neighbor makes vacation trip possible for resident

Thom Garner has just returned from his first vacation trip in seven years.

He had a marvelous time on the trip and was very grateful to a neighbor who made it all possible by generously volunteering to take over the care of Thom's mother, a loving task which for years has kept Thom close to home. This helpful neighbor, Gerry Anctil (who is always ready to help when a neighbor is in need), agreed to take care of Thom's mom, including making meals for her.

Thom loves spending time in natural settings and went to a very remote area in Tennessee. He has been in that area before but, even in the middle of nowhere, there has been a lot of development. In the little rural town nearby, there are stores from national chains replacing the local ones.

He lived in a beautiful town house timeshare on the edge of a golf course (with a dairy farm across the way) which he used as home base to take numerous trips to areas (such as state parks) to hike and mountain climb and see lakes and waterfalls.



He wound up seeing five waterfalls in Tennessee and one in Kentucky (see photo). Thom loves to take pictures of nature and has many beautiful shots.

He talked about how spectacular it was to stand high on a mountain and be able to see the sun above and look down on clouds below him. The roads he drove on were hilly and twisted with hairpin turns.

Hiking was a real challenge. Luckily, Thom exercises daily and is in good shape. On the Blue Ridge Parkway, the leaves were already turning different colors.

Coming back, he stopped at the



A light mist rises above cascading Cumberland Falls near Corbin, Ky., one of five waterfalls that resident Thom Garner visited during a recent vacation trip. (Photo by Thom Garner)

Biltmore and loved seeing the beautiful flower beds there.

On another note, Mandalay wants to say a big "thank-you" to Lee and Linda Siegal for the good job they did in setting up monthly lunches. They have decided to retire and let others take over. Another big "thank-you"

goes to Miriam McCarty who stepped into the breach. She said she wants to share her favorite restaurant with us. Her first pick was Johnny's Italian restaurant. Everybody had a delicious meal and a good time there. We feel very fortunate that she was willing to take on the task!

New slate of building officers introduced at recent meeting

If you did not attend the Siboney meeting in the Sunrise room, you missed a great get-together. It was informative, provocative, problem-solving, and Laura Evans was at her best with her sense of humor. She was on the Nominating Committee and came up with a terrific new slate of officers. Skip Heller will remain as president, with Ralph DeVoe, vice president, Rita Tombari, treasurer, and Sue Watlington, secretary. We congratulate you. Thanks, Laura.

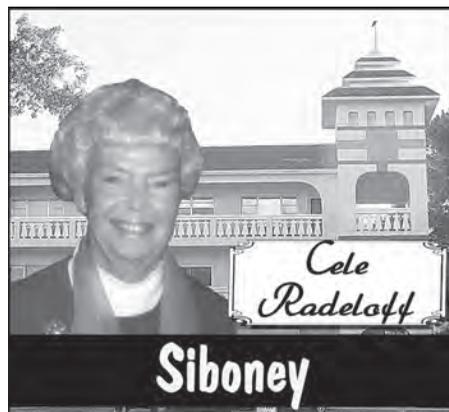
The outgoing board did a great job, and we thank Skip, Bob Evans, Mary Jane DeVoe and Paula Ergang.

Ethyle Lee remains our Sunshine Lady, and Mario Gonnella is in charge of maintenance and the 50/50 drawing at all meetings. Thanks to you both.

Bob Evans, our ol' reliable, will stay on as Resource Officer.

Our Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. at Kally K's. Everyone is invited, so come out and meet your neighbors. Please sign up. We'll carpool.

It's so nice to see our Snowbirds back, and we had a good group at our luncheon at Cheddars. About 24



attended, and everyone enjoyed their meal. Rita Tombari and Audrey Decker made the reservations, and we thank you. Incidentally, Rita and Audrey put up those Halloween decorations, and I did go trick or treating. Thanks, everyone!

The Chorus will perform two shows on one day — Sunday, Dec. 8 — in the afternoon at 3 p.m. and in the evening at 7 p.m. Our newcomer in the Siboney, Lillian Foy, will be performing. You can purchase tickets from Lillian or me.

It's been a good year for most of us, and we thank God for all our blessings.

Here's to a happy and healthy New Year. See you in 2014.

Building Christmas party will be Dec. 11 at Island Way Grill

The Oct. 29 building meeting and pizza party was very well-attended. Building Captain Paul Bruyere presided. The pizza was delicious, as were the desserts provided, especially Gail and Bob Bush's éclair cake.

All topics discussed were put on the bulletin board by Building Secretary Marie Buckley. Our newest Chetnik, Jane Lessor, announced that she would host an Open House on Nov. 9, which I'm sure was very well-attended.

Pat and Joe Matons had flown in that very day from their home base in Staten Island, N. Y., just in time to make the meeting. During the summer, they had enjoyed a cruise out of Manhattan to ports north including Portland, Maine, New Brunswick, St. John's Bay, Fundy Bay and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Earlier that day, I attended the line dance Halloween party, and won first place with my costume of Raggedy Ann. Thanks to Cele Radeloff for the loaner!

The November building luncheon



was held Thursday Nov. 14, at the Rumba restaurant. Look for details in my next column.

The building Christmas party will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Island Way Grill. Two buses will leave the building at 3:30 p.m. Checks can be made out to the Chetnik Bldg Assn and given to Muriel or me.

John and I wish you all a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a healthy, joyful New Year.



Northern trips are a delightful change of pace

The On Top of the World mermaids held their luncheon at the Dunedin Country Club, with 83 attending.

The best part of the program was the valuable information given about Hospice. The work they do is remarkable. This was followed by a fashion show, with proceeds going to Hospice.

On the road again: Snowbirds Claudette and Rollie Lapoint left Ottawa Oct. 9 to drive to Clearwater, arriving on the 11th. After spending two days they flew to San Diego to visit the zoo, museums etc. Later they flew to Honolulu to meet friends.

Following four days of touring, etc., they boarded the NCL cruise ship *Pride of America* for a seven-day cruise around the islands of Hawaii, visiting the beautiful beaches, mountains, lava flows, etc., and meeting many proud and wonderful islanders.

One more night in Honolulu was followed by a flight to Denver for five days to visit their daughter Aimee



and grandchildren. (Later this month daughter Aimee, husband Kyle and grandkids Holden and Charlotte will pay a visit, with Disney in the plans.)

We had our business meeting recently. New officers are Norma McClellan, president; Doris Turner, treasurer; and Dodie Alfred, secretary.

Christmas decorating is set for Nov. 30. "Trim-a-tree" will take place Dec. 9. Our building Christmas dinner is scheduled for Dec. 8 at Alfanos.

Watch the bulletin board for more

nice things coming up.

Dodie Alfred recently attended a family member's wedding in Athens, Ga., with son Stephen and wife. The setting took place in a facility surrounded by a wooded area of local bushes and trees in bloom.

The bride and groom are graduates of the School of Design in Athens. After a reunion with out-of-state relatives and friends, they motored to Aurora, Ind., Dodie's hometown.

Aurora is one of the few quaint, small towns left in the U.S. It sets on the biggest bend of the Ohio River, and is part of the Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana tri-state area. This part of their trip included a visit with Dodie's only sibling, her brother Jerry.

Dodie and her son and wife stayed with her lifelong friend, Gloria. While there, her son attended a reunion of former classmates. They enjoyed the beautiful autumn colors of the countryside. So it was a most enjoyable and eventful trip.



Meet our Christmas coordinator

Have you made the acquaintance of Marge Sivek? She's the one who starts out more than two months in advance to make our building's plans for a Christmas party. Look on the bulletin board for details.

Marge hails from Lansing, Mich. She moved to Dunedin in 1959 with her husband Tom. This was when Dunedin had a bank, grocery store, the Blue Jay Sundries, gas station and a five & dime store. There were many dirt roads at that time.

All seven of their children were born at Mease Dunedin Hospital. She has 12 grandchildren and as of this coming January will have four great-grandchildren.

Marge was a nursery school teacher for six years at Agape Nursery School, affiliated with the Methodist Church in Dunedin. She moved here in 1992 and is president of the Shuffleboard Club.

She belongs to the 9-Hole Ladies League, bowls twice a week, plays Mahjongg and dances at the Elks in Largo.

Since she lives here, there is not much sand that gets in her shoes. She loves to cook and tries her hand at crocheting and putting together jigsaw puzzles.

Marge says that On Top of the World was the best move she ever made, and she enjoys meeting all the people who move here.

Here's hoping you all will have a blessed Christmas and also a very, very enjoyable New Year.

Resident retired as a NYC park supervisor

Well, the holidays are upon us — let the parties begin!

Len and I just returned from a cruise to the Caribbean. We enjoyed the trip, taken with 50 friends, many from On Top of the World. We left from Ft. Lauderdale on a new Princess Line ship. What a fun time!

We have a very special gentleman in our building who turned 100 this past October. He is Tom Dwyer, an On Top of the World resident since 1981.

He moved here with his wife, Ruth, from the Bronx. He and Ruth were married for 55 years before Ruth passed in 1998. Tom then remarried and moved into Austrian Alpine.

Tom was born in Astoria, Queens, N.Y., in 1913. He can remember as a child gazing with awe at the newly-constructed Hell Gate Bridge — an engineering marvel — and the treacherous waters below.

Tom has three sons. He remembers telling them that when he was in elementary school, the occasional airplane would fly over his neighborhood -- a rarity in those early days of flight.



Tom also recalls seeing great airships, such as the Shenandoah and the Hindenburg, fly over his home.

Tom graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1934. Later he graduated from the New York Botanical Gardens School of Horticulture.

Between 1936 and 1938, he led Eleanor Roosevelt on guided tours of New York City flower shows whenever they were held at various famous venues.

In 1938, Tom started with the

New York City Department of Parks, working in Manhattan and the Bronx.

He retired in 1975 as District Supervisor of Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

Here's wishing Tom a very happy birthday to a very special man!

In other news, our building meeting was very successful, with over 40 attending. Our discussions included parties and purchasing a new flag. A big thanks to all our volunteers.

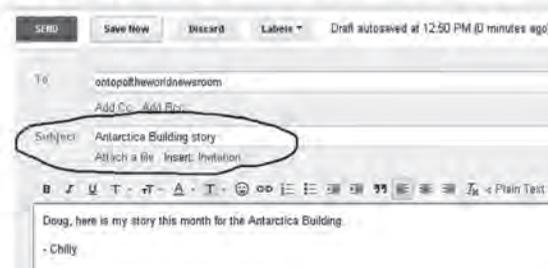
Our storage and garbage rooms are looking better. Everyone had great ideas. And it was so nice meeting many of our new neighbors.

Plans are being made to have our building holiday party at the Olive Garden. Please try to attend our building get-togethers. We can accomplish so much more as a group.

Congratulations to "Harry" for winning best pet Halloween costume this year. Harry's owners were very proud of their little spider! There is a full story on the contest on page 49 of this issue (first page of this section).

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Former WWII nurse feted with Honor Flight to D.C.

On Sept. 1, one resident of our building attended a very special event that is worthy of our recognition.

Betty Sagun, who was a nurse at Walter Reed Army Hospital during World War II, flew to Washington, D.C., for the day with 79 other veterans to be honored for their military service. This Honor Flight was one of several in the past two years for veterans living in West Central Florida.

Each veteran was accompanied by a guardian; Betty's guardian was her grandson Ray. Once in Washington they toured many of the memorials built in their honor.

Upon arrival back at St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport, approximately 300 people, including family, friends, military and government leaders, and musical bands welcomed them to honor their military service.

It was truly a very meaningful experience. Betty, we thank you for all you have done for our country!

As if Betty didn't have enough excitement recently, she also celebrated her 90th birthday in November. Many



friends were on hand to surprise her with a party at O'Keefe's Restaurant (see photo at right).

After the initial surprise Betty was completely taken aback when her daughter and son-in-law, Donna and David, who live in Marietta, Ga., entered the room unexpectedly! Betty was delighted and all had a wonderful evening.

In other news here at Flamenco, Raymond Scott visited his old homestead in Ohio on Lake Erie, visiting friends and family and seeing many places he

had not been for many years. He took Shirley Crowder along to show her the sights of his old stomping ground. She especially enjoyed the ferry rides out to various islands on the lake.

Shirley also went to Indiana recently for a few weeks and spent much-loved time with her daughter, son and their families. Oh, how she missed the dear grandchildren even a week after leaving Indiana!

Speaking of grandchildren, Mary Steele has a new great-granddaughter, Abby, who lives with her family in Spring Hill. Mary was fortunate to see Abby shortly after her birth, and the sparkle in Mary's eye tells of the joy this little one is bringing.

Well folks it's almost time for the holiday lights to go up on our building, so start looking for white twinkles to welcome you home at night.

Jim Hinthorn will be heading up this effort, with help from Pete Geyer, and who knows, perhaps Bennington our favorite Jack Russell Terrier will be tagging along hoping for some treats along the way!



Flamenco resident Betty Sagun recently flew to Washington, D.C. on an Honor Flight. She also celebrated her 90th birthday in November with friends and family.

A very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a healthy and meaningful New Year to all!

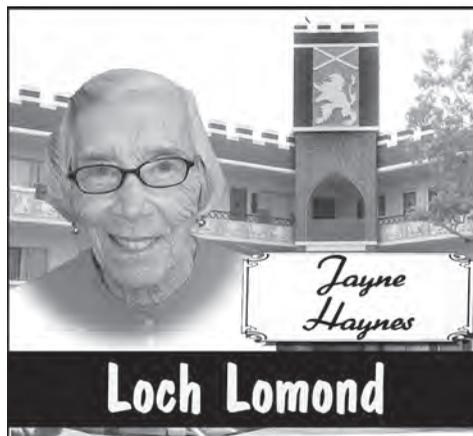
OTOW is the home of many clubs, groups and activities

It's that wonderful time of the year when travelers and Snowbirds return and when we can welcome any new residents.

Ginny Vann, Apt. 33, is in full-time residence now. Anne and Jack Casey, who have been renting on the west side, are settling into their apartment a bit at a time. He is the president of the very active New York/New Jersey Club.

I hope everyone realizes that any resident is eligible to join any club that has representatives at On Top of the World. Most clubs have a sign-up on Monday and Thursday mornings in the auditorium. Dues are very reasonable, and members have a wide selection of activities, day trips, longer trips, shows, luncheons, dinners, sports, and more. Do come over on a Monday or Thursday morning at 9 to 10 a.m. Also, attend Good Neighbors.

Blood pressure readings have started again – the second Mondays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Volunteer nurses provide this service, and Good Neighbors



provides up-to-date equipment. This monthly check-up is informative so that we can follow-up if we get surprising news.

Jim Jackson, who had many family visitors from up North this past summer, returned the visit for two weeks in late October. He was warned not to bring swim trunks and shorts – the pool was already drained – and to bring sweaters or a jacket. Returning to warm Clearwater, he said that that had been good advice.

Craig Goodman, son of Jane Jackson Goodman and Ray Goodman, has two sets of Loch Lomond grandparents: Enid Goodman and Jim Jackson, so our building has always watched his progress as an outstanding pitcher at Clearwater High, college and as a member of a pro team in Missouri for a year, and then as an exchange player in Brisbane, Australia. Their baseball season, being in reverse of ours climatically, allows young players to move through two seasons each year – lots of experience and opportunities.

Craig is presently playing in Brisbane, traveling and having lots of experiences. He learned that when you order a "bacon burger," it's not a beef patty with crispy bacon slices. It's basically a sandwich of Canadian bacon – a ham sandwich. We wish Craig lots of good fortune and adventures.

Please note all of the Holiday events that are posted on the elevator-area bulletin board.

This is always a busy season,

but it's also enjoyable. Loch Lomond activity posts need for us to volunteer whenever possible. Take a notebook to note all that we can join. Last month we published plans for individual unit competition. If you are doing that, be sure you have contacted the press office for picture-taking appointments.

Please note sign-up space for helping decorate the building on Nov. 23, decorate the tree on Nov. 30, core party on Dec. 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your own drink and finger food. Coffee will be provided. On Dec. 20, dinner at Kally K's.

Then in 2014, on Jan. 24, is a building meeting. Let's get together at that time to meet the newer residents and find out what friends have been up to. I know some have had great trips.

We do have quite a number of very personable dogs now. We have young, older, peppy, calm — all have their own personalities and are fun to recognize when their owners are walking them.

I hope to see you soon.

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North wing flag question is answered — it's for mail status

December is the last month of the year. It is also the (arguably) happiest time of the year.

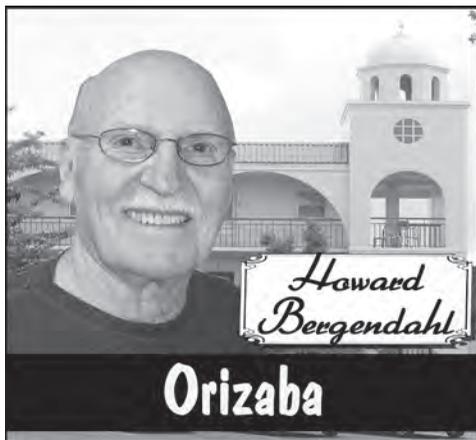
People are shopping for the Christmas holiday season, listening to the music emanating from almost every store. Stockings are hung by the chimney (if you have one) and children are anticipating a windfall of presents. It is my sincere wish that all will have a happy, healthy and enjoyable holiday.

The Snowbirds are here and there is a certain vitality in the air that we may have missed over the last few months. The traffic is a little heavier and the restaurants a bit more crowded but the enjoyment of having our northern friends here with us makes it all worthwhile.

A welcome goes out to Joe and Josie Gonzalez who have recently moved into our building. They join some of our other residents from the great state of Michigan and also those with matching first names, like Faye and Ray Howell.

I was recently walking in front of the building and met Andy and Fran Grillo who were on their way to the pool. I had to look twice because at first I thought that they were a couple of tourists (see photo at right).

I have been asked recently about the flag that is displayed on the north



wing of the building and why it is placed there. Residents tell me that the apartments on that side of the building use the flag as an indication that the mail has arrived. It seems that the north side residents cannot tell when the mail is delivered (they can't see the mail truck) and to save unnecessary trips the flag is displayed to let people know that the mail is delivered.

Andy and Joan McAvoy, along with John Kokenyesi, have followed the Canadian geese and migrated south for the winter.

Leslie Carlson recently returned from a trip as did Jack Soll, I think I noticed a slight Italian accent in his speech. His favorite song is now "Come Back to Sorrento."

Norbert Mercier is back with us. I rang for the elevator and when the



Andy and Fran Grillo make with the "touristy look" on thier way to the pool. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

door opened out popped Norbert. I thought at first it was trick or treat, but Halloween had passed. Welcome back to all.

The hazardous material pickup at our facility was a great idea and should be done several times a year, if possible. Residents were able to dispose of chemicals, paints, electronic items (that seem to go out of use at an alarming rate) and thereby keep these items from ending up in our storage rooms where they do not belong and are dangerous.

The painting of the walkways is in full swing and looks terrific even if the color isn't the exact choice of some residents. It looks much better than the old patched walkways. Here's hoping that each resident will maintain the area in front of their apartment and keep the walkways nice for a long time.

I hope that all have a wonderful holiday and remember only the good things.

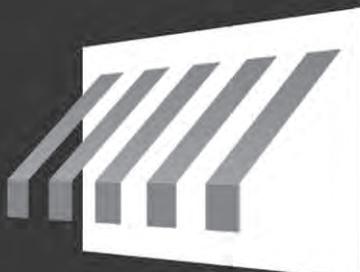


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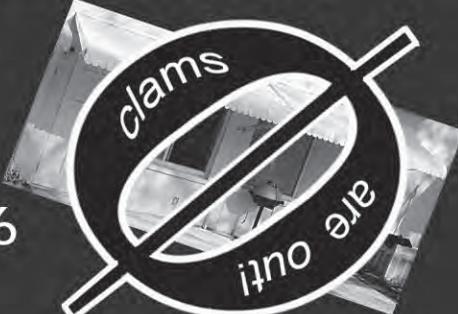


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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

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By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- A special Bicentennial farewell showing of "Gone With the Wind" was shown at the Sunshine Mall Theater Dec. 5 – Dec. 11. \$1.50 charge for senior citizens.
- The annual OTOW chorus performed "Here We Come A-Caroling" on Dec. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m.
- The Christmas Dance was enjoyed by all on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. \$1.50 per person covered music, prizes and ice.
- Free family carol singers on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. This was a non-religious singfest for families.
- And to round out 1975, a New Year's Dance was held Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m. The theme was "Young At Heart" with party hats, noisemakers, and preppy dance tunes. HAPPY 1976!

See you next time!

Neighboring building is invited to Monaco party

We would like to send out a big welcome to our newest winter visitors, George and Georgie Shergold and of course "Emily," their beautiful 16-year-old cat.

George tells me that Emily's longevity comes from her diet of two fresh asparagus spears daily since she was a small kitten.

George and Georgie own and run Snowshoe camp on scenic Wakomata Lake near Thessalon, Ontario, Canada. After taking a look at their website I think I will just follow them back home come spring!

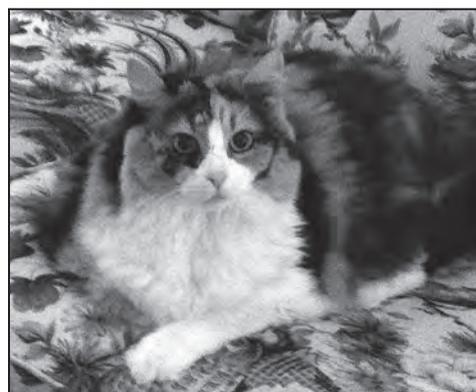
Our Christmas Party this year will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Veranda room at the East Activity Center. We will have the party catered by Felice's Italian Deli in Palm Harbor. I am sure you will enjoy their fine Italian cuisine.

We also would like to extend an invitation to our neighbors across the street in Mallorca building to join us in celebrating the holiday season. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board with further information.

Remember this year our Holiday Lights Contest is changing. On Top of the World will not be judging the building, but instead they will be judging our individual exterior units. The latest details are on page 49. So let's stick with tradition and have this year's winner from Monaco!

This month we wish Bill Floyd a happy birthday on Dec. 6.

I know everyone enjoys our news articles. However the burden should



George and Georgie Shergold's 16-year-old cat, "Emily." Her longevity is attributed to an unusual daily dietary supplement.

not be left to me alone to come up with something newsworthy to write about each month. I ask everyone in our Monaco building if you have any news no matter how big or small that you feel is newsworthy please contact me.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving this year as now we look forward to Christmas Day, and I wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

I will see you next month.

Resident gets parasail flight (her third) for birthday

The holidays seem to be coming faster this year. Could it be because Thanksgiving is so late that Christmas is right on its heels? Well, whatever the reason, I'm wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Since I had to wait for Snowbirds to return before reporting what they did on their summer vacation, I am only just now being able to tell you.

One of the most exciting things, I think, was Elaine Detlefsen's belated birthday gift from her son. It was a parasail flight and the two of them soared up to 1,000 feet above Cape Cod. Elaine says it was truly beautiful and made you feel closer to heaven. Well, I would not have felt like I was flying like an angel — I would have feared going in the opposite direction!

Although this was her first flight to 1,000 feet, it was actually her third flight in total. On the previous two occasions she had sailed to "only" 800 feet. As if this wasn't daring enough, she also went wave running!

Ann Watkins, our resident genealogy guru, spent time in Spain this summer. I hoped to tell you about it, but as of deadline she was still too busy to give me the information.

American Gothic celebrated



Thanksgiving with our semiannual business meeting and potluck supper Nov. 20 in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

Long time residents, Chuck and Elsie Adams celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 17. Congratulations!

By now you should have signed up for the Christmas/Holiday Party planned for Alfano's Restaurant on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 4:30 p.m. Please remember that you must have \$20 cash or personal check ready at the door. Credit cards will not be accepted. You may, however, use a credit card for the bar.

Wishing you the happiest of holidays and all best wishes for the coming New Year!

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He who is loved by all.
We share His love by exchanging gifts
That in giving we do receive,
With peace on Earth and a
Little less greed.

DECEMBER BEAUTICIAN

By Alma W. Hudson

Up bright and early
Going at a pace
Always doing for others
With a smile on her face.
She stands by her chair
With the greatest of ease
Her very fullest intention
Is only to please.
The she listens to gossip
And of course the news
Even who is happy
And who has the blues.
In spite of it all
She listens from the heart
And always helps our day
Have a beautiful start.
But one thing for sure
You truly can depend
On how nice you will look
When it comes to the end.

RETIREES

By Alma W. Hudson

Nothing is more pleasing
Than our wonderful retirees in the morning.
People get awake to go outside
And take their paper in at dawn
Then a cup of coffee
Steaming from the pot
While they peruse the headlines
Finding the news that's hot.
Now, it's time to plan the day
To go or come or simply stay together
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Depends quite frequently upon the weather
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Or, we can take a marathon run.
Nothing is more pleasing
Than our wonderful retirees in the morning.

WISE WORDS

(Author Unknown)

What can I give you?
As poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I'll give you a lamb.
If I were a wise man
I'd give you a cart.
What can I give you?
"I give you my heart."

— Submitted by
Madeleine Wanda



The submissions below are from OTOW Writer's Ink members



A REQUEST TO MY HIGHER SELF

Pat Gill

Remove from in front of me
all that blocks my way
cools my mind
saddens my heart
renders me helpless
and hopeless.
Take from me all
which convinced me to be cowardly
ashamed, and worried.
Give me the will to be
happy, healthy, peaceful.
To see the beauty now
in the moment
in my memories
in my future.
Strength to go on
nurturing twigs
bending branches
shoring up trunks.
Remind me today
to live fully
from my heart
from my soul
and then someday
to thusly so
die.

ALBUQUERQUE, RIO RANCHO, IMPRESSIONS

Jack McMillan

Blue sky, the mountains
the great valley filled with homes, businesses
roads full of cars

THREE POINTS OF VIEW

1. The land, debauched, degraded
- the wonderful desert -
where wind blows wrappers, paper plates, junk
thrown away by greasy fat people
-nature profaned -
among the foothills of the mighty mountain
there are palaces built by the anglos
everywhere else, smaller houses
to house the working people - most - not Anglos
2. The entrepreneurs have built these great cities
schools, great businesses, much traffic
a wonderful civilized place with orderly roads,
laws, aspiring people of all colors
who are raising their families
looking for the good life
educating their children.
Abuses perhaps - alcohol, drugs, casinos
3. The Sun
casts its great eye over all
sends out fast moving storms
to cool and water
its immensities
everywhere
the sacred
the beige and turquoise
the mystical birds.
the transparent souls of the ancient peoples
who
were here
are here
will be here
- for eternity

Resident enjoys Travel Club Smokey Mountains tour

November at the Saratoga Building was full of hustle and bustle. Most of our Snowbirds have arrived and are getting back into their Florida activities. Welcome!

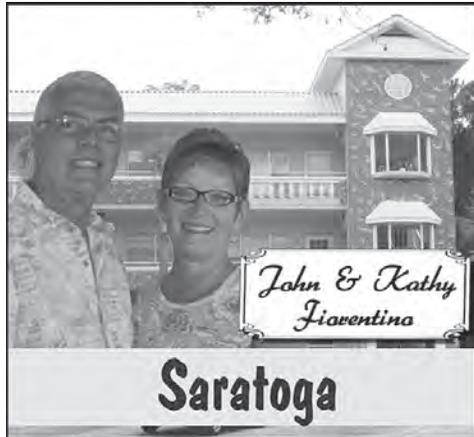
One by one they pulled into the parking lot with their cars packed full of supplies for their stay here at On Top of the World.

Some, like our upstairs neighbors Wendy and Paul, even brought new pets; others, like Phyllis and Paul, will have stories to share about new grandchildren and their move from Prince Edward Island to Ontario.

Another of our neighbors, Laurie and Pat, are also back and ready to enjoy their stay in Florida or where ever their vacations take them.

Roger Nicoll told us he joined the OTOW Travel Club on their trip in September to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. He said it was a seven-day motorcoach trip. Roger stated that they saw a lot of different shows and had a guided tour of the Smokey Mountains National Park.

The tour ended in historic Gatlinburg, where they had free time to browse and enjoy lunch. They got to see the "Hatfield-McCoy" show and then they were off to the "Smokey Mountain Opry."



One of their last stops was at the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway. Then it was onto the bus for the trip back to Clearwater.

Hey, Saratoga residents, don't forget about the Christmas decorating contest that the OTOW News is running. Photos will be taken of the outside of your condo from Dec. 2 to Dec. 18. Let's see if someone from our building can win. There are great prizes, one being the stay at Safety Harbor Spa. Think up some great ideas for the outside of your home, then pull your Christmas decorations out of storage and light up the Saratoga Building!

Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and may all of us give thanks for our many blessings.

New mailboxes are a big hit

Nagoya's new mailboxes are installed and not only looking great, but they are working so much better than the original mailboxes.

Max Meith, our building captain, as well as his wife, Judy, got this major project off the ground during the summer by researching several mailbox companies, pricing, and working with the installer for a completed project other than the tile to be installed above the boxes.

Max gives a special thanks to Richard Biggs for all his attention with our building and storage areas.

Many of our building's Snowbirds have returned, and it is so good to have them back full of stories about their spring and summer reunions and celebrations.

June and Don Richardson had a family reunion at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Their daughter and son-in-law as well as their grand-daughter and her fiancé and their grandson flew in from California.

There were various celebrations along with the reunion to include both a 21st birthday of their grandson and a 50th birthday of their daughter-in-law. June and her sister are married to two brothers. This makes for rich family traditions, reunions and memory-making when they get together.

Linda and Norm Whitten



had another great summer while in Massachusetts. Linda again walked two days in the Relay for Life in honor of her granddaughter. She had cancer when she was three months old; happily she is doing great at five years. It is always encouraging to hear good news and to know Linda still participates in the 12-mile walk for the betterment of others with cancer.

They also attended their granddaughter's dance recital in Massachusetts. Having their three grandchildren visit here in Florida is also another treat for all of them.

Linda added that anyone who has never visited Caladesi Island should do so at this time of year. And, they might even get a trip with Captain Norm.

From our building to yours, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and special holiday season!

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Prolific artist displays her work in Key West gallery

I recently heard we have an artist living amongst us in the Avalon Building. Her name is Jayme Barr Nobles. Her art work is displayed at the Lucky Street Gallery in Key West.

Jayme specializes in mixed media collages. It was amazing to see her collection of old mailing stamps, photographs and torn pieces of paper from newspapers and magazines being turned into beautiful works of art. When I visited, she had one completed piece ready to be shipped to the gallery and several that were in different stages of work. She regularly transforms a blank canvas into a beautiful work of art (see photo).

Jayme and her husband Barr have resided here at On Top of the



World for the past five years. She was born in Missouri and attended San Francisco University where she received her graduate school education and discovered her love of art. She and

Barr resided in Birmingham, Ala. before moving to Florida.

Seventeen of our residents recently met for lunch on Oct. 23 at the Bon Appétit Restaurant in Dunedin. It was a great afternoon of sharing friendship, delicious food and beautiful Florida weather. If you could not make this luncheon, please join us next time.

Congratulations, Gino and Lorraine DeOrazio, for becoming grandparents again — this time to an adorable set of twin boys! Grandchildren are blessings and our reward for being parents all these years.

Again, I request you let me know of any news you would like to share in upcoming articles. Happy Holidays to everyone!



An example of Jayme Nobles' art.

Americana holiday party is Dec. 10

Isn't it great to see the return of the Snowbirds? But meanwhile, the year-round residents kept themselves busy with regular get-togethers, such as the last Monday of the month luncheons. Angie Giorgiou and Ann Talner took care of those arrangements and also handled the most recent one at the end of October. Good turnout too. About 18 of us dined at Ivory Bistro.

While there, I got to meet our newest residents of Americana, namely Joan and Pete Velott. They are originally from Shippingsburg, Pa. Among their interests are golfing, water exercise and singing. We encouraged Joan to join the On Top of the World Chorus.

Speaking of our hostesses Angie and Ann, they continued throughout



the summer with Becky Balderson and another friend to play their weekly tennis game. I admire their ambition. I see them returning from the tennis courts when I'm just getting out of bed!

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Americana Social Club held its Welcome Back Coffee. We enjoyed the coffee with the usual donuts and coffee cake. It has always been a fun way to review with each other how we spent our summer months.

Plans are already underway for the Americana holiday party. Catherine Gray has already reserved a room for us at the Dunedin Golf Club. The party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Check the bulletin board to decide on which of the three luscious meal choices you prefer. Your wing captain will be by to collect your choice of meal and the cost for each.



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Local ladies observe Breast Cancer Month with St. Pete walk

By Barb Sundberg — October was Breast Cancer month. The Cancer Society held its annual 5K walk on Saturday, Oct. 19, in Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. Three years ago Julie Narancich lost her sister, Mary Jo Kaser to breast cancer. Since all the money raised for this particular event goes directly for breast cancer research, a group of gals from the 8 a.m. exercise class joined Julie, her daughter, Briana and their friends for the 5K walk to show support for this worthwhile cause. Pictured in their unique garb in the On Top of the World parking lot before our walk from left to right are Gail Pennington, Val Gunder, Anne Assalian, Barb Sundberg, Maggie Wernert, Connie Guidice and Julie Narancich. (Photo by Jim Sundberg)



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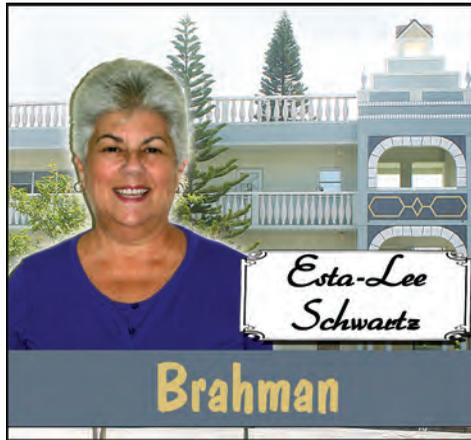
I want to take this opportunity to introduce everyone to one of the several new neighbors who recently moved into the Brahman building. The residents are always interested in new neighbors and look forward to meeting them at the first opportunity.

Jim, Pat and Barney Nolf are the newest additions to the building. Barney is their dog who is a Bichon-Frise that protects their home. He knows the ones who often give him hugs, pats and doggie bones.

Jim and Pat have lived in Florida for the last 25 years, having moved here from Erie, Pa. They have been married for 56 years; have five children: three boys and two girls, 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. With the exception of two of the children, all others live close to them.

Pat was a nurse for 30 years, working in Urology and Home Health. Jim's career continued to grow in his desired field as a machinist's apprentice for GE, became a tool and die maker, then as an industrial engineer, decided on a job as sales engineer in industrial tooling.

Shortly after their last child married, they both decided it was time to find warmer weather. Jim attended a convention in Erie, Pa., and met with a competitor over a cup



of coffee. This man just happened to work for Komet at the headquarters in Schaumburg, Ill.

When Jim mentioned that he and his wife wanted to find a warm climate, this person suggested he send a resume to his company who had an office in Indian Rocks Beach. They were looking to expand. A successful end after the fates and stars collided, he was offered the position in his field and covered the entire state.

Jim's hobbies are boating, fishing, old cars, being outdoors and hospitality at their church. Pat loves to cook Mediterranean food, being with her grandchildren, reading mysteries and dramas. She also works at their church, Espiritu Santo Catholic Church, handling Eucharistic ministers' schedules.



Featured Brahman residents Pat and Jim Nolf, with "Barney" posing between them. (Photo by Esta-Lee Schwartz)

Barney is three years old and celebrates his birthday on Nov. 12. He is a pure-bred Bichon. He does three tricks well. He will sit, shake and lie down on command, and receive treats for doing all three responses. Barney remains very much attached to Pat and is the protector of the condominium.

Jim recently had an unfortunate accident walking Barney when a much larger dog got away from his master and

charged Barney. Jim tried to catch the larger dogs leash and became tangled which led to him falling and injuring his nose, head and knees.

Please dog owners, keep all dogs on leashes and do not drop the leash and leave thinking they will stay where they are. Fortunately, Jim healed, but it was a scary situation.

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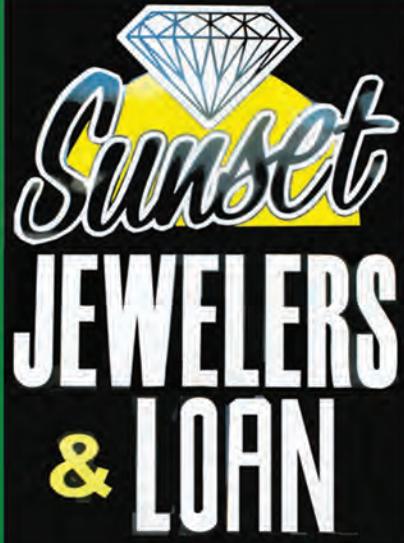



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Building says farewell to popular long-time resident

Merry Christmas, everyone! I hope you enjoy the holidays. Those of you heading north for Christmas, I hope you remember it is going to be cold, cold and cold. Don't forget your gloves, hat and boots. Hope the snow blower starts!

To those staying behind, hope you have a happy, sunny Christmas. The botanical garden in Largo is decorated nicely and Busch Gardens has a great Christmas show.

Capistrano residents elected new officers for the upcoming year. Marvin Maziarz was elected president, Don Drake is vice-president, Susan Calenski is secretary, and Jim Thomas is treasurer.

The pot-luck dinner before the meeting was a great success; nothing like good food and great desserts to get the people out. Capistrano has some super cooks. Lynn Mandolosi, one of the best cooks and organizers, will be leaving us this month. We will miss her and her buzzing around making sure everything goes as planned. Lynn is moving back to New Jersey to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter. Good luck, Lynn, the folks at Capistrano will miss you.

Sam Contella celebrated his 88th year of life Dec. 7 at the West Activity Center. The gala event was attended by many friends and relatives of Sam and Julia. I will have more details in the next issue.



Karen and I recently cruised the Caribbean on the Carnival *Legend* for seven days. The *Legend* is one of the larger cruise ships, but not the largest. We have been on the ships that hold over 5,000 passengers plus crew.

These ships are like a floating mall. Living in Clearwater is great if you are a cruiser, since the Port of Tampa, Port Canaveral, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami are all within driving distance. Our cruise on the *Legend* will be our 48th.

Don't forget to wear your brown shoes on Dec. 4, for it is brown shoe day!

December is Bingo's birthday month. Did you know that the guy who computed all the number locations for the bingo cards did it manually? He was a psychology statistician who went slightly wacko after finishing the task.



Featured residents Nancy Deitmeyer and Ray Howard.

(Photo by Don Jones)

Dorado couple were reunited at their high school reunion

It was my pleasure to spend a half-hour discussing Dorado events and happenings over the summer with Nancy Deitmeyer and Ray Howard.

Nancy sent e-mails over the summer to keep some of us informed about the community that we were missing while up North.

She and Ray have an interesting story to tell about themselves. Nancy had been a widow living a full active life in nearby Treasure Island for over 25 years. Ray was enjoying bachelorhood and was active in boating on the Ohio River and the national dart competition.

They got together as a result of their high school's 50th reunion in Ft. Thomas Ky., right across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. They wrote and phoned back and forth for a while, and the relationship became more serious, in spite of the fact that neither was "in the market" for a partner.

In June 2008, Nancy asked Dorado building neighbors Bill and Nancy House if she could "hitch" a ride with them on their way to their Indiana summer home and be dropped off in Lexington, Ky., an hour away from Ray's home.



Ray picked her up at the appointed spot and, as they say, "the rest is history" as they have not been apart since that day. There is a small sign on their front door that says it all "And they lived happily ever after..."

Ray and Nancy have been active in our Dorado community and the larger On Top of the World Community. They have a sense of community and commitment to the building and the larger community that is important for us all to emulate. They see our community as growing positively over the past and into the future.

We are glad they are both here.

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2	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
2	Monday	10:30 AM	Canadian Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
2	Monday	12:00 PM	Good Neighbors Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Meeting	Crafts Room
3	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Pinochle Party	Kitchen
4	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Canadian Club Dance	Auditorium
4	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
4	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Luncheon	Sunrise Room
5	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
5	Thursday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
5	Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Meeting	Large Card Room
6	Friday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Party	Sunrise Room
7	Saturday	6:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
7	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
7	Saturday	6:00 PM	No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
8	Sunday	5:00 PM	No. 86 South Seas Party	Sunrise Room
8	Sunday	2:00 PM	Wii Bowling Game	Yellow Room
8	Sunday	3:00 PM	Chorus Show	Auditorium
9	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
9	Monday	8:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Blood Pressure Screening	Veranda
10	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Lawn Bowlers Party	Sunrise Room
11	Wednesday	5:00 PM	No. 74 Brahman Party	Sunrise Room
11	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jesters Meeting	Auditorium
12	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
12	Thursday	5:00 PM	No. 38 Monaco Party	Veranda
12	Thursday	10:00 AM	Greyhound Club Meeting	Veranda
12	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
12	Thursday	6:00 PM	No. 40 Granada Party	Sunrise Room
13	Friday	1:00 PM	Art Guild Meeting	Art Room
13	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
13	Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Party	Auditorium
14	Saturday	10:00 AM	Good Neighbors Senior Workshop	Auditorium
15	Sunday	6:00 PM	Karaoke Singing	Auditorium
16	Monday	1:00 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
16	Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Billiards Party	Sunrise Room
16	Monday	9:00 AM	Community Service Office	East Activity Center
16	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
17	Tuesday	5:00 PM	Bible Study Potluck	Kitchen
17	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Caring and Sharing Party	Sunrise Room
17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Ladies QueT Billiards Party	Sunrise Room
18	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Party	Sunrise Room
19	Thursday	10:00 AM	OTOW Association Meeting	Auditorium
19	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
19	Thursday	5:00 PM	No. 50 Azores Dinner	Sunrise Room
22	Sunday	12:00 PM	Lambda Club Potluck	Kitchen
22	Sunday	4:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
28	Saturday	6:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Meeting	Sunrise Room
28	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Crafts Room
31	Tuesday	9:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
31	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Lambda Club Party	Crafts Room

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*Pearl Harbor Day
Saturday, Dec. 7*

*First Day of Winter
Saturday, Dec. 21*

*Christmas Day
Wednesday, Dec. 25*

*New Year's Eve
Tuesday, Dec. 31*

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MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) Outdoors
 8:00 Tennis (Men's) Tennis Courts
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm/Clubs Ticket Sales ... Auditorium
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Library Library
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Photo IDs Community Service Auditorium.
 9:00 Slimnastics East Side Gym
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics East Side Gym
 11:00 Dancercise East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Yellow Room
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 12:30 Family History Meeting Computer Room
 1:00 Canasta Starlite Room
 1:30 Shuffleboard Outdoors
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym
 5:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:30 Men's 8-ball Tournament Billiards Room
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Tennis (Men's) Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies 18- Hole Golf Outdoors
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Caring and Sharing Crafts Room
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Spanish Speaking Class Yellow Room
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:00 Jewelry Making Lapidary
 9:00 Horseshoe Game Outdoors
 9:00 Photo IDs Community Service ... Auditorium
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf Outdoors
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting Veranda
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Spanish Speaking Class Yellow Room
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 12:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 1:00 Men's 9-ball Tournament Billiards Room
 1:00 Oil Painting Art Room
 1:00 Line Dancing Auditorium
 1:00 Music Group Large Card Room

2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 2:00 French Speaking Class Yellow Room
 3:00 French Speaking Class Yellow Room
 5:30 Dominos Small Classroom
 6:00 Euchre Game Starlite Room
 6:00 Pinochle Large Card Room
 6:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 7:00 Bible Study Meeting Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) Outdoors
 8:00 Tennis (Men's) Tennis Courts
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Zumba Gold Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Sewing Class Starlite Room
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Room
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:00 Knitting Group Veranda
 9:00 Photo IDs Community Service ... Auditorium
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:30 Cribbage Small Classroom
 10:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:30 Jazz Dance Class Auditorium
 11:00 Dancercise East Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 500 Card Game Yellow Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Small Classroom
 1:00 Painting Pals Art Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Tennis (Men's) Tennis Courts
 8:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Beginners
 Sunrise Room
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm/Clubs Ticket Sales ... Auditorium
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing
 Sunrise Room
 9:00 Photo IDs Community Service ... Auditorium

9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room
 12:30 Writers Ink Class Computer Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 1:00 Snowbirds Club Learn To Dance
 Sunrise Room
 1:00 Drawing Class Art Room
 1:30 Shuffleboard Outdoors
 2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 5:00 Pinochle Small Classroom
 6:30 Men's Billiards Tournament .. Billiards Room
 6:30 Canadian Club Game Night
 Large Card Room

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's) Outdoors
 8:00 Tennis (Men's) Tennis Courts
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Pinochle Small Classroom
 9:00 Zumba Exercise Large Card Room
 9:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:00 Photo IDs Community Service ... Auditorium
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Hula Hooping Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 1:00 Music Group Large Card Room
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta Small Classroom
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room

SATURDAY

8:00 Tennis (Men's) Tennis Courts
 8:30 Computer Club Large Card Room
 8:30 Line Dancing Auditorium
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00 Pinochle Small Classroom
 2:00 Wii Bowling Exercise Large Card Room
 6:00 Bridge Large Card Room

Be sure to complete and turn in your annual census card

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Here are some interesting things happening with some of our neighbors.

Joe Maley and Audrey Knowlton had a great vacation. They and another couple sailed on a Carnival ship for seven days out of New York City. The ship traveled to Boston, Portland, Maine, St. John and Halifax.

Joe has loved doing Karaoke at On Top of the World and so he joined Karaoke while on the ship. The cruise director invited him to sing in the Karaoke contest (see photo at far right). During the rehearsal, he was selected to sing an individual song with the band. Joe sang Louie Prima and Louie Armstrong's "It's a Wonderful World." The crowd went crazy with delight and he won a trophy, certificate and a bottle of champagne. Congratulations, Joe!

Recently, OTOW held a Patchington Fashion Show. Our neighbor, Sherry Ivey, was one of the models (photo at right). She did a great job modeling the outfits. The theme was Mardi Gras.

Our building had a dinner recently at the Ivory Restaurant in Dunedin. About 20 neighbors attended. It was fun to get together and welcome back our Snowbirds.

Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, had a short meeting and we discussed the new Holiday Lighting Contest. After dinner, we surprised our neighbor, Margaret Howell,



Sherry Ivey models at a fashion show.

with a cake for her 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Margaret!

You recently received a census card. It is very important to fill it out.



Joe Maley sang Karaoke and won a prize on his recent New England Carnival cruise.

Our renters should fill out a census card also. If you have not received a card, you can pick one up at the Community Services Office at the East Activity Center.

We hope all our neighbors and their families have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

If you have any interesting news about a family member, interesting trips, new births etc., please let me know. Please leave the information in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

News from our building captain,

Gerri Jaeger: "Please check the bulletin boards for information and sign-up sheets for the building Christmas dinner. It will be on Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. in the Bon Appetite Restaurant at the Dunedin Marina. Please try to attend. Last year, we had a great celebration. Everyone will be responsible for their own checks.

"If anyone needs a ride, please note on the sign-up sheet. If anyone can drive, please note that also on the sheet. A special thank-you to everyone who helped put away decorations from our building."

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Make a note: Dec. 14 is the date of NWF's holiday party

This is the best time of year for a building reporter as there is lots of activity going on.

First, the Tree People had an impromptu Halloween party at which they came in costume for the social hour beneath our oaks. I was not able to attend, but from comments made it was indeed a hilarious affair.

Many of our Snowbirds have returned, among whom are the Tousignants, Vilantis, Currans, and our Canadian friend, Case Bastmeyer.

The Stojanovics, who had barely unpacked from returning from their summer home in Serbia, set sail on a two-week cruise through the Panama Canal and around several Caribbean islands, and have returned here.

The wanderlust that has plagued



Chick Johnson for most of his life resulted in his setting forth on a 45-day cruise to the Far East with wife Betty and relatives Bob and Mary Lou Ferguson. All didn't go well in Japan, but the problems were overcome and all is good once again.

Judy Boley had a wonderful two-week vacation in California visiting her sister Von and her brother Owen. A trip to a winery was very interesting, and gatherings with nieces and nephews made for a lot of catching up, as it had been four years since she had made the trip out West.

Reta and Gene Carney made an interesting trip to Jacksonville, where they attended a Burmese pageant of song and dance, a Mass at which they shook hands with the bishop of St. Augustine, and in general were given preferential treatment. All of these events were done in the Burmese language. Years ago the Carneys sponsored a young girl to enable her to leave Burma. Quite an unusual friendship has developed between them, and the girl considers

the Carneys as her family and thus they were given a special invitation to this affair.

Gin Upton's son Pat and her grandson came to see her for a long weekend. They were happy to join in our happy hour. I thought that I could see a resemblance in how her grandson and my grandson look.

The best news is that plans are underway for our holiday party. Pat Volheim and Gin Upton have volunteered to organize this event which will take place at 4 p.m. on Dec. 14 at Kally-K's. They will post on the bulletin boards as to when money and choice of dinner will be taken. Also, we will be collecting our annual dues of five dollars. With Pat and Gin at the helm, it should be one happy event!

Upcoming events include holiday bash on Dec. 15

November, the gratitude month, filled with family, Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. Everyone seems to be getting into that "yuletide" spirit as the winter holiday season begins. We take time in November to honor our veterans for their service for protecting our nation and the freedoms we enjoy. Thank you!

Azores had our fall business meeting on Nov. 7. There were 23 in attendance. Building Captain Frank DeSantis opened the meeting with remarks that got our attention. He reminded us that we need to work on getting greater participation in our activities and business meetings. Doris O'Meara read the minutes of the spring business meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Maryann Staffieri went over the schedule of upcoming activities as



follows: Dec. 5 is our core party, Dec. 15 the Christmas party at the Countryside Country Club, Jan. 23 a potluck dinner, Feb. 13 pizza and salad dinner, March 1-8 a Caribbean cruise, March 13 our next business meeting, and around the middle of March we will go out for our St. Pat's dinner. On April 5, horse

race day at Tampa Downs and then our final cookout to wish our Snowbirds "safe journey."

Carmel Tomich, our "Sunshine Lady," checked with everyone present to insure she had current birthday information. Building activity dues were collected. There was an active exchange of ideas concerning the St. Pat's dinner, and a vote was favorable to going out to celebrate. The meeting adjourned.

On Nov. 14, 36 Azoreans descended on the Sunrise Room with their plates and utensils in hand. Time to feast on spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread and dessert. A great time of visiting and building a sense of community. Most of us can hardly wait for the core party in December.

Gordon and Jean Fowlie recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. In addition, Jean was

honored at her nursing school reunion for 60 years as a Registered Nurse. She took her training at Presbyterian Hospital in Newark, N.J.

Petie Fornuto put a notice in my box that her son Anthony, his wife and Petie's grandson Brian got together for absolutely no reason except to visit and enjoy one another. Family is where love resides.

We were delighted with flying our flags five days this month to honor our veterans.

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New streetlights are a big help during winter darkness

Marie and Aldo Delu have just returned from a fantastic three-week cruise. It all began by them flying to London where they spent two days.

Aldo was thrilled to return to London because he had spent a year there when he was in the service during the Korean War. They then boarded the cruise ship and went on to Lisbon, Portugal, where they had many guided excursions that they found very interesting.

Marie and Aldo had several days to rest as they sailed across the Atlantic to Bermuda and then back home to get ready for Thanksgiving.

Millie Anderson's sister Pip and her daughter from Newton, N.J., flew down to attend Millie's granddaughter's wedding. The outdoor wedding was held at the Selby Gardens in Sarasota. Millie said that her entire family came



down from the Jersey area to attend the wedding and they all were thrilled with the Selby Gardens.

For the first time, On Top of the World is having a Holiday Lights Contest for individual exterior condo units instead of entire buildings. Residents who want to enter the contest must preregister at the newspaper office and

a time will be scheduled for taking a nighttime photo of your unit.

First prize will be a two-day, one-night stay at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, where all basic amenities will be included, plus a Sunday brunch.

Registration opens Dec. 2 and closes Dec. 18. Good luck to everyone who wants to participate. For more information, refer to page 49 of this issue (first page of this section).

This year John Fier is in charge of the building Christmas lights. He has purchased new lights and also bought artificial pine wreaths. He wants to thank all the men who helped with the decorations.

Ellen Fier is in charge of decorating the lobby. She also wants to say thank you to all who came to help.

If you recall, I told you last month that we were going to get a street light

in each of our triangles. They are now installed and since we are now back on Standard Time when it gets dark earlier, I know everyone is appreciative about the lights. Don Rice posted on the Bulletin Board, a copy of a letter of thanks that he sent to Sharon Licata.

The España Christmas Party will be held at the Beachcomber on Dec. 9. Please check the Bulletin Board to sign up.

The España Building Association has new officers for a two-year term. The president is Les Meneilly; the vice-president is John Fier; the secretary is Lilli Scheiffen; and the treasurer is Linda Rice.

It is now time to say have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a great Kwanzaa, and a fantastic, safe New Year's Eve!

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Building Christmas party to be held Dec. 12

Welcome to December! The "Welcome Back Snowbirds" party was well attended (see photo at far right). It gave us the opportunity to welcome new neighbors Bobbie and Bill McHale from Pennsylvania. It was especially nice seeing former neighbors Mary-Jo and John Newman.

Our neighbors had a very busy summer traveling far and wide. Here is a sampling of what we all did:

Mave Anderson vacationed in Ireland visiting friends and family.

Marnie and Rick Carr found their way to Wasago Beach (Ontario, Canada) with family.

Dot and Myrl Chronister were in Maryland where they caught and ate their fill of Chesapeake Bay Blue crab.

Russ Lamsfield, Howard Rochte and Lulu were busy in the "Windy City" of Chicago.

We also had some cruisers amongst us:

Doreen and Ray Bernier took a wonderful canal cruise on the Rhine in Germany.

Mini and Dom Bucela checked off yet another item on their bucket list by cruising the Panama Canal. They sailed to Alaska earlier in the summer.

Theresa and Gary Gates also did the Panama Canal, saying it really is an adventure everyone should do.

On the home front, Mike and Andrea Graham continue to remodel



about the Christmas party. It is set for 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Grillsmith Restaurant, 2539 Countryside Blvd. (across from Macy's). We have one or two tables and can accommodate up to 25. We will order off the menu and be responsible for our own checks. Sign-up sheet is posted in the core. We need a head count for the restaurant.

Howard really had to scramble to find another venue at the last minute after Spoto's closed. Thanks, Howard!

Thanks to John Brown and his crew for the Sunset Point and Belcher entrances. Really looks beautiful. Visitors have remarked on the lovely grounds upon entering.

Birthday greeting to Elaine Power on her "39th" again. Wishes to everyone celebrating in December.

It will be a delightful holiday for us as our son Mike will be here for Santa's arrival. That's the best gift I could ask for.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have sent news and pictures for our column. It is greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone near and far safe travels and a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year ahead.

Any news? E-mail it to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Freeze any leftover vegetables for use in meat pot pies.



Snowbirds' welcome back party at Viennese Villa. (Photo by Les Ermold)

their suite. I understand Mike is talking about crown molding. (If I recall, Fred Schick is handy with that type work.)

Rosalie Borselli attended a grandson's wedding in Jacksonville.

Thanks, Les, for the pictures of the party. If not mentioned what you did last summer it's because I can't read my writing.

Howard Rochte sent information



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Taking to the sea for a nautical afternoon

Pattie Eastman and her mother, Dottie Gonsalves, thoroughly enjoyed Hyannis Port, Mass.

Besides golfing, Pattie found great joy riding her bike along the beach. Dottie discovered a Hospice Thrift Shop in Hyannis Port where she volunteered on a weekly basis.

We welcome them both back to On Top of the World where Pattie once again can enjoy her golfing and Dottie can resume her volunteering at the Hospice Thrift Shop in Largo.

Shirley Golding, our building representative, attends the OTOW Good Neighbors Meetings and advises us about events, such as the recent opportunities to rent tables at our Arts and Crafts Flea Market sale. Thank you, Shirley, for giving of your time to represent us.

About 30 Bohemians spent the evening "living it up" on "Hump Night" at Beef O'Bradys. We especially enjoyed listening to Karen and Ted Bay tell many of the great things about



Nova Scotia, where they spend their summers with friends and family.

Jim and Sandy Ropp have returned also. Seems Jim is a member of the Clearwater Community Sailing Club, so he has been out sailing with Phil James. I might join them one of these nice, calm days.

Speaking of "sailing the briny," a good group of 25 of our finest spent the afternoon aboard the Calypso Queen sailing around the Clearwater Harbor Oct. 31 in celebration of All Saints

Day. "Very good," "excellent," "great experience," "plenty of everything," were some comments overheard. Looks like we'll have more of the same next time around, aye mates?

The Bohemia Building would like to announce a new resident. His name is Max James. Max arrived here two months ago. His proud "parents" are Carole Fisher and Phil James. He is a 1½-year-old Shih-Tzu who likes to announce himself to anyone he meets. He is also very energetic and loves to play. He is making many friends at the dog park. Now with the weather cooling off, you will see him sitting at the door and greeting people as they pass by.

Our holiday decoration coffee is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. on the Jamaican side. The lighting ceremony is a wine and cheese affair at 5 p.m.

The Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Clearwater Country Club. Sign up by Dec. 9. See ya' then. Happy holidays to all!



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Jazz fest offered reporter a chance to see her favorites

Policeman to teen caught speeding: "I've been waiting for you all day!" Teen: "Well I got here as fast as I could!"

On Oct. 17, my friend and I went down to the Clearwater Jazz Holiday jazz festival at Coachman Park. The band Chicago was featured, and what a treat that was! The place was jammed-packed with thousands of fans of the group. They played all their new songs, along with some they borrowed from other artists (and gave them their twist), and every so often threw in the oldies. How wonderful it was to hear them play their great songs after all these years!

Seems like everyone went somewhere to celebrate Halloween. The Warrens, a few friends from work, and I went to a friend's clubhouse for Halloween. I won first prize in the costume contest for "Lady Luck."

Meanwhile, my granddaughter traveled to Netherwood, near Atlanta, named the most influential in the history of haunted houses. If you want to find out about it, just do a Google search for "netherworld haunted house".

Maureen and Jim Bjorgo went to Columbus, Ga., in September for his



brother Dick's 80th birthday. Dick and his wife Alice live close to their daughter Jeanne. They have another daughter, Kim, and her husband, David, both in Buckhannon, W. Va.

Kim came to the celebration not only for her father's birthday, but also hers. Jim's sister Sandy and her husband, Bill flew in from the Chicago area. It was the first time in four years that all the siblings were together. What a fun time! They all visited an old-fashioned pharmacy with a real soda fountain and lunched on milk shakes and hot dogs.

One outstanding place was



Maureen and Jim Bjorgo (at far right) celebrated the birthday of Jim's brother recently in Columbus, Ga. Many family members and friends from around the country were on hand.

"Hunters," a place located in the country with a homey atmosphere. The food is fantastic there. Deep-fried lobster tail, and the best rib-eye steaks they ever ate. (Jeff Foxworthy and Alan Jackson deem this a favorite place.)

Of course, being of Norwegian background, they had to have some Norwegian goodies,

including homemade krumkake, filled with whipped cream, and lefse (a flatbread).

Sounds like a great time, but I know that Maureen and Jim were glad to get home.

Cooking Tip: Wrap puff pastry around asparagus for munching. This is how Malcolm Warren does it. Yum!

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Here are some key dates for holiday activities and events

'Tis the season to be jolly! Remember, we only pass this way once. Even though your friends and family are many miles away, let them know you are thinking of them. The telephone was a wonderful invention, but the paper and pen still work.

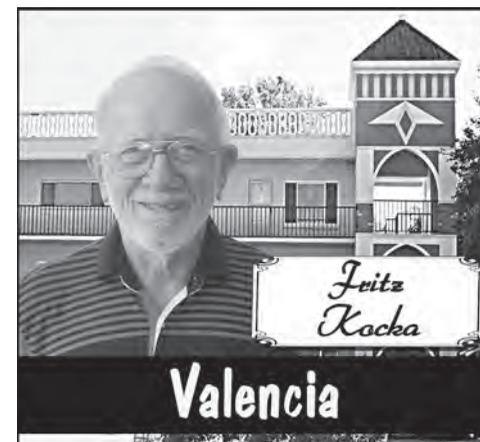
Many of us are fortunate to have our family within a few hours of driving distance. Make the effort to be with them at Christmas.

Also, set a little time aside after your Christmas festivity to jot down your New Year's resolution for 2014. You'll probably break them the first week, so make them easy on yourself.

The Valencia Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 12 at Alfonso's on Clearwater/Largo Road at 4 p.m. Car pooling is recommended. Check the bulletin board.

If you have not purchased your tickets to the Dec. 31 New Year's Eve dance at On Top of the World, you are probably too late.

Our November ladies luncheon was held at Umberto's Italian Restaurant in Dunedin. The men went to the Oriental Super Buffet on Thursday, Nov. 14.



Mark your calendar for Monday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. We will only be decorating the three floors of the core for Christmas. The ladies will decorate the trees and doors while the men will hang the wreaths and set the timers. As done last year, the Valencia residents will decorate their own apartments as desired.

On Dec. 10, we will all meet in the second floor core for a little sing-along at 6:30. Art will supply the music.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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Building # _____ Apartment/Unit # _____ Today's Date _____

Unit Owner Name: _____

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Forwarding Phone Number: _____

Date Leaving OTOW Home: _____



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

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For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

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

Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

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

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

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

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

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

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

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

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

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



View from a mountaintop getaway in the Clayton, Ga., area — the setting for an autumn wedding held at the Tiger Mountain Winery. (Photo by Barbara and Jim Sundberg)

Beautiful autumn wedding in a charming mountain setting

The birds were chirping, and the sky was slowly showing signs of morning. We were sitting out in the large screened in porch sipping coffee. (See photo).

A thin bank of clouds obscured the mountaintops of Clayton, Ga., where Jim and I spent five glorious days with my youngest brother, his wife, her sister and a cousin. We were all there for a family wedding.

The thick pines and aspen-laden hills, towering mountains, and glassy Lake Rabun enveloped each of us with an awesome sense of calmness. You were left with the feeling that you were in the presence of our Creator.

We could see why people moved here. Jim and I are ocean/water people. We always have been and always will be, but we could clearly see why others choose the mountains.

The wedding was held outdoors at the breathtaking Tiger Mountain Winery on a clear, warm, sunny evening. The food was delicious and the company was delightful. We danced into the wee hours of the night. We hope we are lucky enough to pass this way again.

Thanks to Dorothy Churchill for arranging a building luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 3, at Our Place in Dunedin. Those attending were Dorothy, her sister, Ann Pfleeger,



their friend, Helen Valentine, building residents, Emily and Bob Anderson, Elizabeth Asselta, Candy and Dick Broadhurst, Katherine Lizardy, Fran Magnussen, Barbara and John Schinn and Jill and Harry Urquhart. They all agreed the food was good and they had a great time.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Dec. 12, for our building's annual Christmas get-together, again this year at Sea-Sea Riders in Dunedin.

When you see Brenda and Mike Crittendon out and about, extend anniversary wishes to them since they'll be celebrating their special day on Dec. 7. Congratulations Brenda and Mike!

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all from your neighbors in the Yoshimitsu building.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

FOR SALE

Card table w/4 chairs \$40; card table, no chairs \$15; also 4 snack tables; 3-speed record player w/tape player \$60; Oriental items. 723-1851

12-piece table setting, "Lady Louise" old ivory pattern from the 1940s, good condition, made in U.S.A. \$350. 331-1554

Aerobed, queen-size, built-in pump, used twice, w/carrying case, paid \$135, asking \$70 OBO. 286-6484

Dog crate, "Top Paw" double door w/divider panel, intermediate size 36"L x 23"W x 25"H, like new condition \$50 OBO. 204-1243

24K gold-plated Christmas ornaments 2/\$15; German-made beer steins \$20; ladies' jackets, unworn, XL, \$20. 536-5642

Kirby Ultimate G series vacuum cleaner. "I vacuum, shampoo, clean furniture, mattresses, etc." Excellent buy at \$150; beautiful mink cape, nice for New Year's \$125. 286-6863

Bedroom set including queen/king headboard, two nightstands, dresser, mirror and armoire. Ivory basketweave. Best offer. 480-9456

Deco free-standing fireplace w/heat, current retail \$1,500, sell for \$400. 459-2473

Kenmore heavy-duty portable washing machine, easy connect to sink \$100. 615-389-1093

Mattress, queen-size, pillow-top, with box springs, less than 6 months old \$200. 475-8439

Mini-blinds, fit F-Deluxe LR & DR, aluminum, ivory, excellent condition. LR 91" x 63" \$45; DR 74" x 51" \$35. Take both for \$70. 207-230-9033

Two white plastic fences, 3.8 ft. and 5.8 ft., two white plastic posts and two wood posts, all in good shape \$50. 386-4245

Golf clubs/bag/cart, excellent condition, first \$25 takes them. 724-5922

Grandfather kit clock, Westminster chimes, 30-plus years old \$200 firm. 791-6845

Wrought iron bar stool with tan suede-like upholstered seat, 30 in. high, barely used \$40. 470-9161

Floral print Lazy-boy sofa bed, hardly used \$300; matching Lazy-boy recliner \$100; salad shooter/mixer combo \$10; 3-step metal ladder \$10. 791-3894

Two new twin mattresses, two twin box springs, two bed frames \$125 per set, located in OTOW Paradise. 799-7870

Small fold-down sofa, length 58 in. \$75. 716-998-8207

Box of used bath tiles, off-white, incl. soap dish, cup holder, two towel holder sets, best offer; adult 3-wheel bike, 3-speed, green color, rear basket \$125. 266-4709

Power juicer, "Jack LaLanne," hardly used, has manual and recipe book \$50. 688-3199

Coach pocketbooks: cream shoulder bag, signature tote \$40 each; Wilton cake decorating caddy w/accessories \$40. 480-9456

Grandparents' special for tiny visitors: car seat, easy-store high chair, umbrella stroller, toys \$50 OBO for all. 799-7069

Acrylic art studio, 19 tubes, easel, brushes, art books, etc. brand new. 791-1264

Crystal/brass table lamp 24"; crystal/brass floor lamp; shell table lamp 30"; decorative wall mirror 20" x 30" w/matching shelf; other misc. 725-0753

Dining room table w/extra leaf & 6 chairs \$200; bedroom suite: headboard, nightstand, two dressers, corner dresser w/shelf unit \$300. All in excellent shape. 724-9664

Ladies' Schwinn bicycle, ready to ride \$69; man's "Mongoose" mountain bike \$69. 366-2515

Three extension rods, different lengths; new golf umbrellas \$10 each; ladies' red hat \$4. 796-7890

Wilson Hope complete ladies' golf set, used, right-hand, graphite shafts, driver, 3 and 5 woods with headcovers, irons 4-9, PW, SW and putter \$59 OBO. 786-693-3316

Health Rider exerciser, low impact, great condition \$100 OBO. 726-0126

Étagère, dark wood, 6-shelf, 73"H x 28"W x 12"D \$60; pair of barrel chairs, dark wood, w/wicker backs, willow green cushions, \$135. 723-8416

Assorted golf equipment: golf bags, pull carts, shag bag, ball retriever, balls. 791-0445

Red Devil hand vac w/attachments \$15; bicycle, 26" ladies \$10. 796-9615

American Girl dolls, standard size, and Bitty Babies, dressed \$49-\$69. 797-4282

WANTED

I understand at least two OTOW residents are from my hometown of Philipsburg, Pa. If so, please contact me. 510-5220

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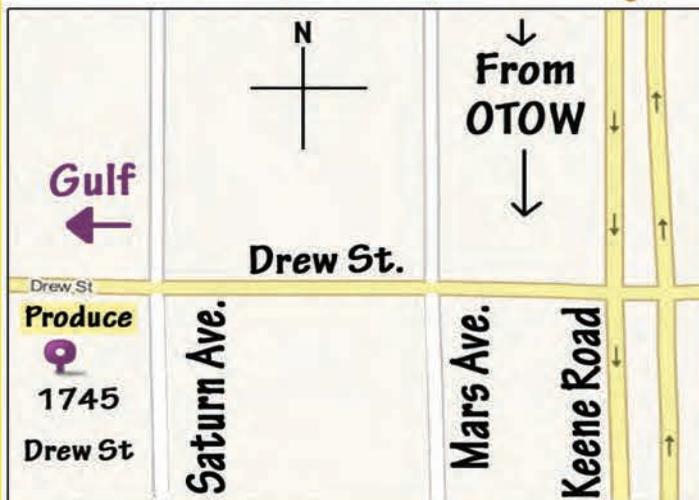


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