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## Canadian couple barely had room for their dog when they packed for first Florida Christmas

By Doug Kates

You might consider Santa's sleigh packed to the rim when it is filled with all those gifts from the North Pole.

But if you would have seen the sport utility vehicle owned by Ken Campbell and Connie Stanley last year, you would have considered Santa's sleigh only mildly full.

Last year, Ken and Connie celebrated their first ever Christmas in Florida, but in order to pull it off, all their decorations had to be loaded into one vehicle and driven all the way to On Top of the World from Canada.

Every single tree, wreath, string of lights, nativity scene, garland, Santa, bulbs and decorations made it into the SUV and arrived undamaged in Clearwater.

The only non-Christmas item that was packed into the vehicle was one suitcase - shared by both residents.

"We packed the trunk. We packed the floors, but we did not pack the back seat," Ken said.

The back seat was reserved for Bentley, the family dog.

"We loaded it all up," Connie said. "There wasn't much we left behind."

What did get left behind were boxes of medical test strips. Ken and Connie had to ask a neighbor to mail them to Florida. There just wasn't enough room.

Ken and Connie have owned a unit at OTOW for 12 years, but finally, last year, they were both retired and were ready to celebrate the holiday in shorts, T-shirts and sandals.

"We kept talking and talking about being in Florida for Christmas," Ken said. "Finally, we couldn't believe we were actually doing it."

Ken said, in Canada, people are already decorating for Christmas because it gets too cold in December to



Ken Campbell and Bentley take a break from the holiday rush last year to admire their Christmas decorations on the front porch.

(OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

be outside hanging up decorations.

"Your fingers get so cold, it's not even funny," he said.

For once, Ken wanted to hang Christmas lights while wearing flip-flops and without wearing gloves.

Connie said she was inspired by the OTOW News Holiday Lights Contest.

"I have always wanted to do it,"

she said. "Next thing I knew, all our decorations were up."

Ken and Connie took second place in the ground floor division.

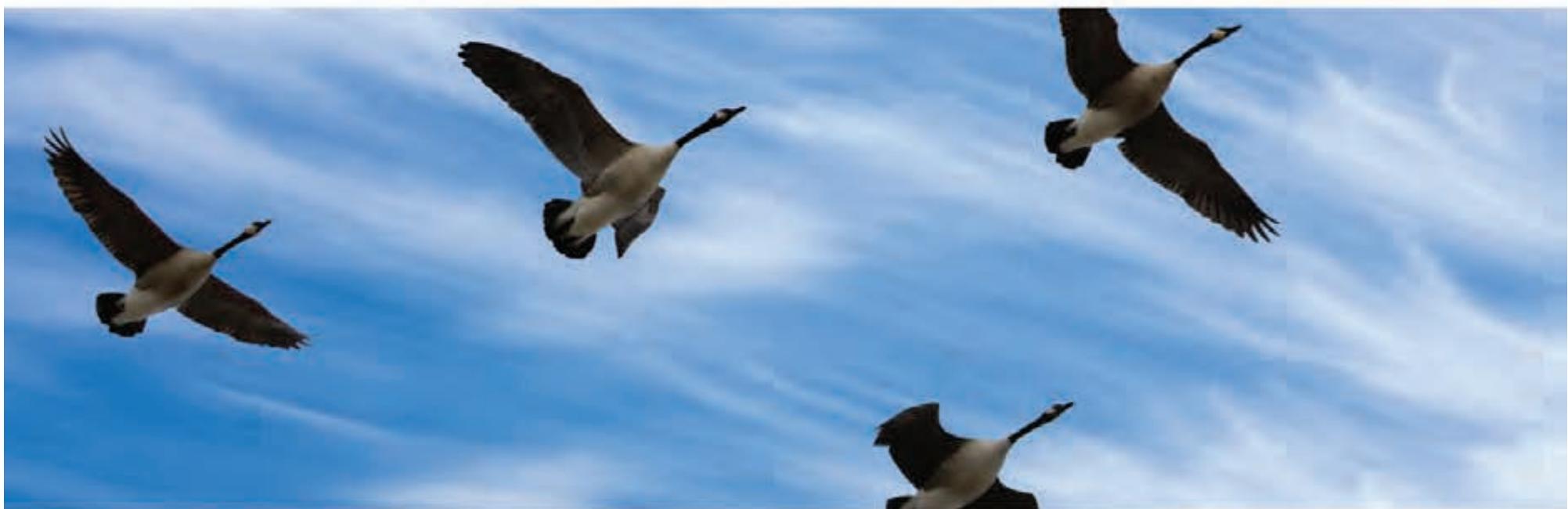
"That was the best part," Ken said. "We won three breakfasts and a dinner from the Sunset Grill."

The contest is back this year and Ken and Connie plan on entering

again. This time they will shoot for first place overall, which is a two-night, two-breakfast stay at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.

Any OTOW resident can enter the Holiday Lights Contest, but must follow OTOW's safety guidelines on page 22. To enter, notify the newsroom by Dec. 11 by calling 799-3216.

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# Travel safely on community roads during holidays

November brought with it summer heat, the Senior Expo, as well as the arrival of our northern residents.

November also gave us pause for reflection as we were reminded of the unrest in the world.

Thanksgiving gave us time to gather in unity and to give thanks and count our blessings with our family, friends and the On Top of the World community.

## Building Coordinators

The Association, in conjunction with several resident volunteers, continues in their effort to establish a building coordinator list for each of the buildings in the community.

We would like to utilize building coordinators to help disseminate building specific information, to help communicate community wide events and to act as conduits of information in the event of a community emergency.

Our experience reveals that building coordinators are an integral part of Association management.



According to our records, the following buildings are in need of building coordinators:

1-10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19-25, 27, 29-31, 33-40, 42, 44-52, 54, 55, 58-67, 69-71, 73, 76-81, 83, 84, 85, 89, 92-96.

If you are the current building coordinator of one of the buildings listed above, or if you are interested in serving as a building coordinator for your building, please register at the Community Service Office by providing a name and email address or phone number as well as your building number.

You will be contacted by Valerie

or Kathleen (volunteer coordinators) once your information is received.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Holidays

Please be aware of the additional traffic in the community with the approach of the upcoming December holidays.

Many residents will have guests visiting from out of town who are unfamiliar with the roads and traffic patterns.

Remember the speed limit in the community is posted at 20 mph. All vehicles should come to a complete stop at all of the stop signs in the community.

We have asked the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department to place speed signs in specific locations in the community after the first of the year.

Please understand they will write tickets to those drivers not complying with the posted speed limits.

On a final note, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and the hope for a peaceful new year!



Starting in January, Pinellas County Sheriff will begin ticketing people who drive over the speed limit in our community.

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# Many upcoming events planned with benefits to personal safety, consumer safeguards and convenience

During the 2015 Senior Expo, we collected a lot of food for the Good Neighbors Helping Hands food drive.

Your donations were very appreciated. Thank you to everyone who donated.

We would like to thank Good Neighbors for their participation, for selling hot dog combos, and for their generous raffle gifts and to the Good Karma café for hosting the coffee and donut table.

A very special thank you goes to Joshua Mostyn, our Community Service Office Coordinator, for providing outdoor entertainment. He did a fantastic job.

We would also like to thank the On Top of the World clubs, which were able to be represented. It was great to see everyone there.

If you weren't able to make it we hope to see you next year!

## Security and Safety from AARP

Security from email and phone scams, spam traps, and virus downloads are threats that especially impact the elderly.

AARP released a report outlining some of the ways that can help protect our residents by informing them of these threats of today's world. Here are a few of the details from the article.

In many scams, the elderly may be targeted far more often than other age groups and fall victim more often, too.

Communication is vital to educating them on today's threats. If you are or have an elderly loved one, don't just advise them to hang up on those phone calls or to throw out that letter they received. Have a talk about why. Remind them that they cannot win the contest for \$1 million that they did not enter.

Explain that you never have to pay fees to collect lottery winnings and that government agencies don't make unsolicited phone calls and never ask for social security numbers or banking information.

Also, remember what you were taught: Never trust strangers – especially those seeking personal information.

Know the risks.

The most common scams against the elderly include phony lottery and sweepstakes seeking upfront fees to enter or collect; government impostors posing as reps from Social Security and Medicare; the grandparents



scam, in which a grandchild is supposedly in deep trouble; offers for free or discount medications or medical equipment; and credit card fraud and investment schemes.

Steps to consider for keeping you and your loved ones safe:

- Unlist your phone number.
- Put your address on opt-out lists with the Direct Marketing Assoc.
- Check your credit report annually for fraudulent accounts.

To read more about protecting the elderly, including the AARP report search Google for "Protect your parents and the elderly from scams."

## Up and Coming Events

On Jan. 27, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium, the Community Service Office will be hosting a repeat of the Personal Safety and Consumer Information seminar that was given in September of 2015.

This event will be conducted by the Pinellas County Consumer Protection, as well as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. They will provide important information on topics, such as how to avoid being the victim of a scam, identity theft, assistance with consumer issues and how to keep yourself and the community safe.

Registration will be required and signup sheets will be made available in the Community Service Office as well as page 70 of this community newspaper.

Please submit all completed forms to the CSO during normal business hours. The final day for registration is Friday, Jan. 22, 2016.

For more information on the event and when to sign up, watch for notices to be posted in the activity centers and building center cores.

## One Blood

The One Blood bus will be here on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, from 11

a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Personnel will be taking blood donations directly after the safety seminar. They will be giving away a One Blood fleece blanket, a wellness check-up, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Plus, they will be passing out to all donors a free Perkins breakfast voucher.

## F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus, or F.L.O.W. bus, is scheduled to be in the community on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

This opportunity provide a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

FLOW also offers the department's critical safety services, such as emergency contact information registration and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol. No written or driving tests are given from mobile units.

## AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, and Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 60 of the On Top of the World newspaper.

## EAC Renovations

The Large Card Room is currently undergoing renovations and will be closed until work has been completed.

We appreciate your patience during this phase of the project and will be posting updated notices periodically with any new or updated information as it becomes available.

If you have any events scheduled for this room, please see Nancy in the Community Service Office so she can get you relocated.

## Reminders

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

For a life threatening emergency

please dial 911.

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

Please do not leave emergency information on this line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

Smoking is prohibited 25 feet from the East and West Activity Centers. When smoking, please maintain this distance from all centers. SCA staff will be reminding residents when necessary.

Remember to discard all extinguished butts in the proper receptacles. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request.

The East Activity Center pool is now non-smoking. There is a designated smoking area located outside the pool gates at the north parking lot by the pond. For your convenience benches have been placed there for seating. The West Activity Center pool will also be designated as non-smoking. We are currently in the process of establishing a smoking area.

## Recreation Card Reminders

When renewing your Recreation Card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid Recreation Card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities.

All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

## Happy Holidays

The entire SCA staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season.

# Annual meeting on December

By now you should have received the first notice of the Annual Meeting and Notice of Election to be held on Dec. 16, 2015, at the East Activity Center at 10 a.m.

We hope to see many of you at the meeting. It is of the utmost importance that you vote to elect a Board. Please do not leave this election to chance.

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.

To that end, your current Board is composed of professionals who work very well together. Most of us own or rent within the On Top of the World community. In all cases, the Board members are deeply familiar with the community and its operations.

One thing I've always been concerned with is that your condominium Board should be exclusively focused on acting for the good of the community as a whole. Without a clear focus on operations and standards (and not politics), your community would not be the good place it is. The members of the Board thank you for your past support, and look forward to your continuing support.

## Past 12 Months

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

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

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

Seventeen parking areas were resurfaced and seven streets were completely or partially repaved. New lighting fixtures are being installed in numerous building walkways across property.

Your Board pays attention to and



analyzes service requests. We look for patterns of problems, analyze, 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.

## Upcoming Projects

**Painting/Waterproofing:** The rear of buildings 18 and 31 are scheduled to have new waterproofing coatings applied in December. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

## Railing Improvement Projects

Building 17 is next on the schedule for the installation of new aluminum walkway and stairway hand railings.

Crews anticipated arrival in late November and continue until the completion of the project around the New Year.

As with the other railing projects, a licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

## Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

New community benches are another improvement project the management company will undertake beginning in the month of December.

These new "environmentally friendly" benches will be placed at locations convenient to bus stops and routes regularly traversed by many of the community's pedestrians. This project will require the removal and disposal of the current cement benches, then improvements to the surface grade will be made, and finally installation of the new bench.

Please bear with us if while we make our way across the community in the winter of 2015 and spring of 2016.

The laundry room vent retrofit project is continuing through portions of the east side of the On Top Of the World community.

The contractor should have completed installs at roughly a half dozen locations by the time this article goes to print.

Residents should keep in mind that laundry facilities in the affected buildings may be unavailable for 3-5 days while the work is underway, so we ask that residents plan ahead for these closures. Notices will be posted to the affected buildings in advance so please keep an eye on your building's bulletin board.

Buildings 36, 57, 59, 47, 46 are the next structures scheduled to have new walkway lighting fixtures installed. The project is currently underway and is now forecast to continue into the new year.

Residents may see Parkway maintenance teams operating in the walkways as this project progresses. Please watch your step in and around this work if you encounter it.

## Inspection Services Division

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

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

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element

in the future.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

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

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

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

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# 16 -- Remember to vote

Directions  
on page 19

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

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

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme. The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work.

Please be aware of Caution and Wet Paint signs in and around these work areas.

## Awning Inspections

Awnings inspections are in full swing now that the summer rains have gone away.

The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East

Activity Center.

## Plants

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

## Building Inspections

A recent inspection by the Clearwater Fire Marshall's office confirmed the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community.

In particular, it's focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings that present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

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

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

## The Importance of Insurance

I cannot stress loud enough or long enough that it is the responsibility of each individual owner to make sure they have adequate insurance on their property.

For OTOW condo owners, adequate insurance includes personal property and on the portion of the unit not insured by the Association's master policy.

Generally, property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the home and on your personal property. Proper insurance coverage will help save you many out-of-pocket dollars if or when the unexpected happens.

While the Association takes the lead in the recovery and reconstruction process, a failure of any owner to

carry insurance on their contents will inevitably leave a significant gap in the final completion and ability to 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 deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence to property damage from any peril such as fire, lightning, vandalism, etc., and other than wind and named storms. Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have coverage in place and that it is adequate.

If you are an owner that rents your unit, make sure you have business (rental) interruption coverage. In the unlikely event the renter would need to vacate the unit for a period of time due to some unforeseen catastrophe, you would be compensated by the carrier.

Interrupted rent is not something the Association can, or would, reimburse.

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

## Final Thoughts

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. May all your days be filled with joy and gladness!

# How can you participate in the annual Holiday Lights Contest?

1. Decorate your unit and follow all guidelines listed on page 22.
2. When your decorating is complete, call the OTOW newsroom and request an outdoor photo of your unit. Photos will be taken after 6 p.m. through Dec. 11. You will not be notified when the photographer will arrive so please leave your lights on until 8 p.m.
3. When decorating, keep in mind, the photo used for judging your unit will capture your lights on the outside of your unit and inside any windows. However, no indoor photos will be taken. Any interior lights, which can be seen through a window, are open for judging.
4. Online polls will be open for judging from Dec. 18-20. Anyone in the world can go to the Holiday Lights Website and pick their favorite four units - two from the first floor division and two from the upper floor division.
5. To vote: Go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) and click the link for the Box Office. You will instantly see a link to vote. You may only vote one time per computer.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>This Calendar Pulls Out</b>		<p>01</p> <p>Healthy Living Meeting 10:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Hoosier Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>02</p> <p>Ladies 18 Hole Golf Lunch 9:30 AM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Theater Workshop Board 6:30 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Theater Workshop Meeting 7:30 PM - Veranda</p>
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# 2015 Calendar

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>03</b> Entertainment Comm. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium  Press Association Luncheon 1:00 PM - Road Trip  Democratic Club Meeting 3:00 PM - Sunrise Room  Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room	<b>04</b> Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room  NY-NJ Club Party 5:00 PM - Auditorium  No.45 French Ren. II Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room	<b>05</b> Entertainment Comm. Dance 8:00 PM - Auditorium  Computer Club Social 10:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen
	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Jesters Party 5:00 PM - Auditorium  No.25 Bavarian Chalet Party 5:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen  Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 10:00 AM - Sunrise Room  No.29 Viennese Villa Luncheon 3:00 PM - Sunrise Room  Art Guild Meeting 1:00 PM - Art Room  Lambda Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Art Room	<b>12</b> Chorus Concert 7:30 PM - Auditorium 
	<b>17</b> Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Starlite Room  Canadian Club Game Night 6:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen  Billiards Party 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room	<b>18</b> Ladies QueT Billiards Party 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room	<b>19</b> No.39 Mallorca Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room
	<b>24</b> Classroom Volunteers Meeting 9:30 AM - Starlite Room	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
	<b>31</b> Entertainment Comm. Dance 9:00 PM - Auditorium 	The East Activity Center Large Card Room will be closed indefinitely for renovations. If you had a function this month scheduled for the Large Card Room, please see Nancy in the CSO.	

# Holiday Lights Contest photos will be taken through Dec. 11

The annual Holiday Lights Contest is back and so are the sponsors, Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, and Sunset Grill.

The two-division format is back for a second year and online voting returns once again.

All you have to do to enter is decorate, follow On Top of the World's safety guidelines, and call the newsroom to have a picture taken of your display.

"After years of refining the rules, I think we finally have the perfect holiday contest," said OTOW News editor Doug Kates, who will be taking your display photos from Dec. 1-11.

As residents decorate and call to set up photo times, the official Holiday Lights Contest Website will begin displaying each unit entered in the contest.

Online voting will take place Dec. 18-20. One division is for condos located on ground floors. The second division is for condos located on upper-level floors. Voters will be able to support two units in each division, but you can only cast four total votes per computer.

Winners will be announced in the January edition of OTOW News, which will be distributed on Dec. 31.

Anyone can enter, except the two division winners from last year.

The owners of the condo receiving the most votes will win a two-night stay for two people at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, plus two complimentary breakfasts and use of basic amenities, including pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, exercise room and more.

The second, first-place condo winner, will reserve a \$100 gift certificate for the Sunset Grill, and second place winners in both divisions will receive \$75 gift certificates from Sunset Grill.

The gift certificates do not have to be used in full on the same visit.

Any On Top of the World resident can enter the contest. There is no entry fee. All you have to do is decorate the exterior of your condo and follow all decoration rules.

Even if you don't think you have a chance to win, you can still enter because a photo of your condo will be placed on the online voting Website and everyone all over the world will be able to see your decorations.

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it qualifies for judging time.

Judging is also based on originality and holiday spirit.

Please follow all safety guidelines listed on page 22.

After the online votes have been tallied, winners' units will be inspected by the OTOW Inspection Services

Department. A unit which did not follow all guidelines will be disqualified.

The Website to view all entries and vote is listed below. To schedule a photo time, call 799-3216 after your decorating is finished. You do not need to be home for photos. There are no photo retakes. Good luck!

# Opera Tampa returns



Opera Tampa has become an annual tradition here at On Top of the World. On Thursday, Nov. 12, five members performed during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in the East Activity Center auditorium. Their show was taped for OTOW-TV. Watch for it.




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# My mom's spaghetti helped build the World Series champions



Everyone has a great story that can be told over and over again.

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I was sitting in front of my television set watching the New York Mets and Kansas City Royals when one of the announcers gave credit to Dayton Moore for the great job he did in building a World Series team.

Dayton is the general manager of the Royals and he is in charge of signing players, trading players and whatever else needs to be done to create the best possible baseball roster in the Major Leagues.

"Dayton Moore," I said to myself. "I went to Lakewood Elementary School with a Dayton Moore. What are the chances this is the same guy I grew up with 40 years ago in New York?"

Thanks to the Web and modern technology, all I had to do was turn on my computer and Google search Dayton Moore for his background information.

What I read floored me!

A brief story about Dayton said he was married, had kids, worked for the Royals, worked previously for the Atlanta Braves, and was also the author of a book on his own life.

Then I came to his childhood background and there in print was "born in Lakewood, N.Y."

Oh My Gosh!

The general manager of the world champion Kansas City Royals was the same Dayton Moore who was one of my best childhood friends.

In this photo from my 10th birthday party, Dayton is the one in the corner, holding a piece of paper. I am the one in the yellow shirt at the head of the table.

Who would have guessed it?

"You're not going to believe this,"



Pictured above is Doug Kates' 10th birthday party in Lakewood, N.Y., in the home where he was born. To the right of Doug, holding a piece of paper, is Dayton Moore, also 10 years old. The name Dayton Moore may not sound familiar to you at first, but if you watched the World Series in October, you know the Kansas City Royals general manager is also named Dayton Moore. Guess what? Same person! You're looking at your current OTOW News editor and World Series champion general manager as they were 38 years ago.

I told my brother, Dan, who was sitting in the same room as me after a World Series game. "The general manager of the Royals was at my 10th birthday party."

My brother, who is a social worker, looked at me with a strange look on his face. He didn't believe me one bit.

"They have medications for you," he joked.

But then I showed him this picture from 1977. My brother is in the red shirt across from me.

He had no choice but to believe me.

It was true.

Dayton and I were friends from the start. We played Little League baseball together and played football in my own backyard.

We had many classes together, the same teachers and both grew up loving sports.

In fifth grade, we even had a crush on the same girl at school, Tammy.

Even though we both battled for her attention, I reluctantly took second place, as one day at a roller skating party in Jamestown, N.Y., Dayton had the privilege of skating with Tammy and I did not.

I guess you could say, Dayton was already moving up in the world.

Oddly, as Dayton and I both advanced to junior high, one summer his family packed up and moved out and I never heard from him again.

In fact, as I recall, I didn't even know he was moving.

Just one day, he was gone.

Turns out, when I searched Dayton on Google, it stated he and his family moved to Illinois after leaving New York. He went to college, got into the sports information business, and I assume everything fell into place from there.

His book goes into great detail. I have ordered it and I cannot wait to read it.

Shortly after I finally convinced my brother my story was true, I picked up my phone and called mom back in New York.

I told her the whole World Series story and mentioned I have a photo of Dayton and I eating her spaghetti dinner during my 10th birthday party.

My mom then responded, "I hope I get credit for the World Series win. Afterall, it was my spaghetti that helped raise him."

Shortly after the World Series, I tried to send emails to Dayton, but as of writing this article, he had not responded, nor do I know if he would respond. I imagine, with a World Series ring on its way, everyone who ever knew Dayton is now trying to contact him.

Hopefully, I'll be on the waiting list for a reply.

The Lakewood/Jamestown area is famous for comedian Lucille Ball, 10000 Maniacs lead singer Natalie Merchant, Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Now, on the official Lakewood, N.Y., Website, my friend Dayton is listed, too.

Dayton, if you happen to read this, "Nice job! All your former Lakewood friends are very proud of you!"

And even though I am a lifelong Mets fan, I won't hold a grudge against you for defeating my team in the World Series.

But that said, I still wish to remind you ... 1978, Evan's Skateland, Jamestown, N.Y., our fifth-grade rollerskating party.

Now that was mean. lol.



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Here's my point. If I don't recognize a phone number or an area code or both, I DON'T take the call.

First and foremost, if it's a legitimate call, the caller will leave a voice message. Second, by not answering it, I give myself the chance to Google the area code to see where it's from.

And even then, if I do recognize the area code, because it's from an area code where someone I know lives, but I don't recognize the actual phone number, I still don't answer it and wait to see if there's any message.

Let me tell you what I would NEVER do.

If, for some reason, I did answer the phone, once the scammer started talking, I would NEVER engage in a phone conversation with that person.

I would just hang up and when he/she called back, I would let the phone ring and not answer it no matter how many times they called back.

And here's a tip: If you answer a phone call, and after you say hello, there's no answer right away, immediately hang up.

If, like me, you still have a land line, make sure that you have caller id and check it before you answer.

Oh, and I also got an email from someone with the "I'm stranded story." I didn't respond to that either.



**Q.** If someone buys an ED drug from (a Caribbean Island port) and it turned out to be fake is there any legal recourse?

**A.** Probably not. And I would say the same if someone bought any other pharmaceutical from a foreign country or foreign port.

ED drugs are safe if your physician, who knows your health condition, says so and prescribes them. However, it seems to me that the safest thing to do is first get a prescription for it and then buy it from a reputable pharmacy.

**Q.** I was involved in an automobile accident and wonder what attorneys, such as yourself, say should be done.

**A.** Our Associate, attorney Jennifer Cooley, handles personal injury matters. She says that the first thing you have to do is STOP!

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If there's been an injury, it's wisest not to give statements to your insurance company until you've discussed the matter with your attorney.

**Q.** From where do you get the questions for your column?

**A.** I get them in different ways. I get them from letters, although, now, with email, I don't get them that way very often.

I get some from email discussions that I have with clients or with folks who were on our Website ([www.colenwaggoner.com](http://www.colenwaggoner.com); or [www.gcolen.com](http://www.gcolen.com)). They are actually two different sites.

I also get them from meetings I have with clients or potential clients, and sometimes, I read about or hear about a matter that I think is significant and I want you to know about it.

So, I will make up a question that is directly related to what I've read or heard. The truth is, that once I draft a question, I throw away any written communication I've had with it. Also, I work up several columns at a time

or fairly close together and as a result, I don't really remember from where I got a question.

**Q.** My daughter in law (in her late 50s) has a younger brother who wants to go on a cruise with me (and yes, I know what it's all about.). Are there any legal issues?

**A.** I'm glad you know what it's all about because I surely don't. However, since you do know what it's all about, why are you asking me?

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There are 8 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.
3. Print name or affix mailing label.
4. One voting member must sign and print name.
5. Insert Building No. and Apt. No.
6. Return to the East or West Activity Center ballot box - 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 11, 2015.

# Rudolph went down in history

Rudolph was certainly the "Most famous reindeer of all" and it is interesting to note, his origin has many twists.

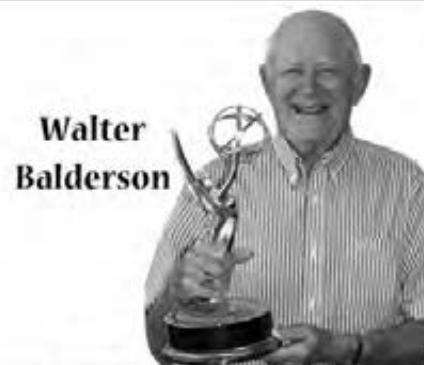
The one involving Robert L. May seems to be the most interesting.

May came from a wealthy family, but his parents' fortunes were wiped out during the depression in 1929.

He moved to Chicago and took a low paying job at Montgomery Ward. Robert worked in the Advertising Department and pounded out pages of copy for Wards' annual catalog. It was a routing job and he always dreamed of something better.

It was about to come.

Robert's boss tapped him to write



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the story for one of Ward's children's books. Robert got his buddy in the arts department to draw some sketches and, together, they came up with the story of Rudolph.

It so happened that Robert's brother-in-law was a song writer. He hadn't hit it big as yet but Robert talked him into turning the story of Rudolph into a song.

It was 1939 when Rudolph became a song, but didn't stir much attention. Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore turned it down. It wasn't until a very popular singing cowboy, Gene Autry, recorded the song and it went viral.

Other than Bing Crosby's White Christmas, it is the most played song during the holiday season.

While things were hitting it big for Rudolph, things grew worse for Robert. He was living on a copywriter's salary and spent years buried in debt from his wife's medical bills. She had a

long bout with cancer and died before any money was realized from Rudolph.

Montgomery Ward owned the publishing rights to Rudolph and the CEO, Sewall Avery, for humanitarian reasons, gave the rights to Robert, free and clear.

Robert later married another Ward's employee and had five children. He died August 10, 1976.

Robert Lewis May told his version of Rudolph to a reporter for the Gettysburg Times in 1975.

As for Rudolph, well, he, as they say, "went down in history."

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all the readers of the On Top of the World Newspaper.

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## NOTICE

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

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

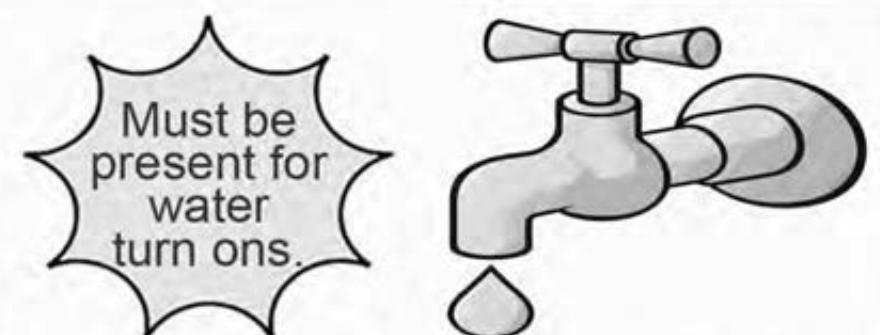
Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs.

WATER INTRUSION is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

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

Detailed information is available at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)  
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8-3:30, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and fill out a service request.
- (4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

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Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

# Learn how to turn your paintings into holiday cards

By Judy Mills

Art Guild's first meeting of the season was very well attended. There were a lot of familiar faces and a few new ones too, which is always nice to see.

We had our general meeting and enjoyed a beautiful spread of refreshments.

Our next meeting is Dec. 11, followed by our holiday potluck.

We will be keeping very busy these next few months with all of the following art class options:

On Mondays, Sharon will be giving oil and acrylic workshops for beginner and experienced painters at 9:30 a.m. in the Art Room. Sharon attended University of Maryland and is a graduate of Eckerd College. She has been teaching since 1980 in the Clearwater area and at On Top of the World since 1984. She has been a winning participant in many art shows in the area. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for members.

On Tuesdays, Wendy will be teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. At this time, her classes are full. Please call her at 723-7504 to see about getting on the



In case you didn't know, Art Guild is a colorful place to be. From left to right are Penny Page, Rosanne Moon, Dale Stackhouse, Jane Treggett and John Fier.

waiting list, if you are interested.

On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

On Thursdays, John Fier is giving his popular drawing lessons from 1-3 p.m. Classes are \$3 for members. Bring your own paper and pencils.

Our presenter for Dec. 11 will be Rosanne Moon. She will show us how to create beautiful cards from our "not so great paintings."

We're all looking forward to that and just in time for the Holidays.

For all the Art Guild members at OTOW, we also hold an annual art show towards the end of February, which gives our members the opportunity to show and sell their work. Start assembling your collection now!

Membership is \$15 a year, which started in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

Our meetings are the second Fri-

day of the month at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of the EAC. New and old members are encouraged to share your ideas for future activities.

At our meetings we have a short business discussion, refreshments, a demonstration from an artist and voting for artist of the month. The winning project will be displayed in the lobby of the EAC for one month.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!

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# Holiday lighting safety notice

Parkway Management would like to remind residents of a few holiday safety rules

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles. Add-on/temporary GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter) receptacle plugs are available at most home improvement stores. (see photo)
- Each building is allowed one common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 miniature lights or 600 reduced-wattage LED lights. Please limit power supply cords to one, 50-feet, UL approved cord.
- Extension cords should not cross any walkway in or around any building.
- If you are putting up a holiday sign-up sheet in your building core, please leave off the date of the event and don't list condo numbers for people attending. Let's avoid telling local burglars who will not be home.
- Please be considerate when using holiday decorations which make sounds - singing, talking or sound effects. Please turn them off at reasonable hours and please limit the amount of time they are playing.

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- Do not hang or wrap decorations or cords from building lights. This includes emergency lights, exit lights, center core lights, walkway lights, end stairwell lights and pole lights on all floors.
- Please do not hang or wrap decorations or cords from any building railing or pipe work. This includes all staircase and walkway railings, and emergency system pipe work. All wrapped decorations or cords will be removed without notice.
- Do not place screw extenders with plugs in any building lights or tap into the building power at any controller or light.
- Do not create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging holiday lighting. Self-adhering, temporary wall hooks are available at most home improvement and department stores.
- Do not wrap garland or decorations around the light poles at the end stairwells on any building. This affects the proper operation of the light.
- Never cover your condo unit numbers with holiday decorations. Your unit number must always be visible to emergency personnel. Don't make it difficult to find your location or a unit near you.

**Good luck in the annual Holiday Lights Decoration Contest! (see page 20 for details)**  
**Please direct any questions you may have to the Community Service Office.**  
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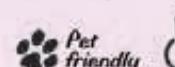
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



Ships-N-Trips was one of 70 vendors at the On Top of the World Senior Expo in November. Above, a booth visitor inquires about upcoming trips. More photos on pages 40-41.  
(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## 2015 SENIOR EXPO

### 850 attend first indoor/outdoor Senior Expo

For the first time, the On Top of the World Senior Expo became an indoor and outdoor event, and all that extra space was definitely needed – the expo was bursting at the seams!

There were nearly 70 vendors, food providers, music, health screeners and more.

“The Senior Expo was a great success,” said OTOW’s Sharon Licata. “This year’s event welcomed many new vendors. Not only could you receive a flu shot, donate blood, and turn in expired and unused medications, but you could also grab a donut or coffee for breakfast. There was also the option for tacos, hot dogs, sausage and much more.”

SCA Manager Dessa Barabba reported more than 850 visitors passed through the East Activity Center and wandered off into the back parking lot during the four-hour event.

Among the activities inside the auditorium, Bay Area Heating set up a putting green, Bob Evans Hearing was doing ear screenings, LivMD was doing health checks, Walgreens was passing out gift bags and giving flu shots, and Fletcher Music Club provided organ music.

Outside, OTOW’s own Joshua Mostyn was rocking the crowd on guitar, there were several food vendors cooking up fresh delights, and many clubs and groups set up display tables.

“Activity clubs were able to sign up new club members and provide information about their clubs to interested residents,” Sharon said.

“We are thankful to have such enthusiastic employees, residents and vendors, who really made the event successful,” Dessa said. “Each year we learn and grow, and we look forward to seeing everyone for our 2016 event!”

Because of the large number of vendors and visitors, parking did become a little problem. Lack of nearby parking was noted and changes are already under consideration for the next show.

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# Republican Club switches meeting room for December

For the month of December, the Republican Club will be meeting in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We are serving party food and beverages starting at 5:30 p.m. December 15 (the third Tuesday). Feel free to bring your favorite dish to add to the holiday party.

There was a glitch, which caused this room change. Once found and corrected, starting in January we will be back in the Craft Room/Kitchen.

Our guest speaker for December is Bernie McCabe, state attorney. For those of you who have never heard Bernie speak – you are in for a real treat! For those who have heard him, we know you will attend again.

The Nov. 17 meeting had County Commissioner Dave Eggers speak. He gave us a very enlightening insight into the work that is done on our behalf. We thank you Commissioner for coming early and stay-



More than 40 people showed up for October's meeting.

ing late to answer all questions candidly as well as taking pictures with members.

Last month many of the board members and volunteers were mentioned. The one overlooked was Mary Jane Lofton our treasurer. She has done an outstanding job keeping expenses down and balancing the books.

The October meeting, while wonderful, became slightly askew. The room was dark as the lights were out due to work done in the Large Card Room.

Mike Twitty and Jim Frishe modified their debate. The Deputy Tax Collector spoke and there were other items on the agenda.

We had more than 50 members in attendance. The room was set up in reverse, so the speakers could be seen and the members sat in the darkened main room. Since this was the month of Halloween – it really seemed normal.

It is very important that each and every member check the OTOW Box Office page – go to the Republican Club and this is up to date news on speakers, meeting times and places, plus a few pictures. Our Facebook page gives all Republican information that is Ronald Reagan Republican Club of On Top of the World. Those without a computer can call 239-7585. Susan will assist you.

# Computer Club to host Open House

The On Top of the World Computer Club will host an Open House on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center kitchen/craft room.

We will be presenting information on computers, tablets, Androids, how to surf the Web, preparing for system updates and more.

There will also be demonstrations on Windows 10.

Got questions? Bring them. No question is too simple. No question is too hard.

All OTOW residents are welcome and you may bring a friend. There will be coffee, snacks and prizes. Drop by and meet your neighbors.

Computer Club leaders are in the East Activity Center first-floor lab, daily 8:30-10 a.m. if you need help.



## OTOW charter fishing trip

On Top of the World residents are getting together on Thursday, Dec. 10 for a fishing trip aboard the Double Eagle III.

Cost is \$62 for half day and includes rod, bait, plus a parking pass.

The boat leaves Clearwater at 8 a.m. and returns at noon.

For questions or to reserve a spot, call Joe Ventimiglia at 718- 909-0657.



## Stamp Club

### Meetings start again in January

Attention On Top of the World stamp collectors, come join the Stamp Club to learn more about our collections.

We'll be meeting Jan. 12, 2016, Feb. 9, 2016, and March 8, 2016, from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Sundberg at 847-951-2284.

Looking forward to seeing you next month.

## Fixers toys shop ready for deliveries

By Doug Erickson

With Christmas so near, a lot of young people are hoping for that something special. If it is toys, the On Top of the World toy shop, run by the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club, are happy to help fill their wishes.

Our chief elf, Earl Shettel, oversees the operations of the toy shop, which contributes hundreds of toys annually to local schools, churches and social agencies.

Earl began volunteering in the late '90s, and is one of the club's senior members. His wife, Janet, volunteers in Caring and Sharing, where they do the painting.

All the toys are made from patterns designed and created by shop staff. The parts and pieces of each toy are cut out, sanded, shaped and delivered to the members of Care and Share. They paint the parts, and then last-minute assembly (such as attachment of wheels) is done by FFF toy shop members. It's a well-oiled club collaboration that produces a lot of toys, a lot of happy kids, and a satisfied group of OTOW club members.

Some members start doing woodwork by helping in this program. Feel free to join them.

December is also a month when we reflect on what has been accomplished and what is next. As well, 2015 is a special year because



Earl and Janet Shettel preparing toys for underprivileged children.

(Photo by Doug Erickson)

of the club's 40th anniversary. We are proud of the progress we have made in the areas of health and safety along with updating equipment and developing a cooperative cohesive membership.

We will be reviewing some of our past accomplishments at our annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, scheduled to be held in the Large Card Room. If you are not a member, but would like to learn more about us please attend. New and renewal memberships are now available.

# Knitting Group sends 500 scarves to US troops

By Phyllis Butler

Wow!

We did it. We really did it.

Last August, Knitting Group began a project called "Scarves for Troops." We made scarves and sent them to California as part of "Operation Gratitude."

These scarves will be included in boxes sent to our troops all over the world who are stationed in cold climates.

We decided to take three months and make as many as we could, following the project's restrictions. We set our highly anticipatory goal at 500, not really expecting to meet it.

On Nov. 4, we mailed our last box, with a grand total of 510 scarves.

We want to thank all the people who helped with this project. Besides our own members, several residents, and friends of our members, contributed scarves, and other residents brought in yarn that they could no longer use.

Our friend, Dorothy Gallagher, sent us another box of yarn from Massachusetts, and a few people even contributed some cash to help pay the postage. We would also like to thank Cindy, an SCA employee, for helping



## Knitting

us in packing all those scarves.

Some of the contributed yarn was not suitable for scarves for our troops, but after we mailed off our last box, we continued to make scarves.

We used fun fur, wool and other yarn types and decided to send them to our friend in Massachusetts, where residents were predicting a very cold winter. To our surprise, we quickly produced more than 80 to send. These were sent before Thanksgiving.

We are now back to making our lap robes and shrugs, and preparing for the holidays. We have a lot less yarn in our cabinets and our treasury is considerably lower, but it is with a good feeling to begin the holidays.



From left to right, Pauline Segall, Anna Georgiadis, Donna Hall and Laverne Iorio display the latest scarves sent to troops.

We still meet every Wednesday morning from 9-11 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee

Corner. We really appreciate their help.

We both knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult patterns. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us.

# Family History sets winter agenda

By Anne B. Watkins

Family History's first meeting of the season is always fun, as we line up our programs for the next five months.

We don't have a program chair, like most of the other groups, because we operate more like a forum, where our members volunteer to give talks on whatever genealogical topic they choose.

Our meetings are from 1-3 p.m. the second Monday of the month, November through April.

The first hour is normally the program, followed by a break, then members typically want to discuss their own research findings or problems, and end with announcements of upcoming events of interest.

The program volunteers for this season are:

- Dec. 14, Don Leamy on "Interesting Researches" he has found;
- Jan. 11, Anne Watkins on "John Howland of the Mayflower";
- Feb. 8, a special invited speaker, Gerald Colen, on the "Civil War";
- March 14, Shirley Perry on "DNA";
- April 11, we'll have an "OTOW Family History Assistance Day," where we invite members of our OTOW



## Family History

community to come in and bring their family search questions. We did this last year with just our own group, but somehow lots of new people showed up that day, and it was so successful that we decided this year to widen our scope to include the whole community.

Look for announcements of this early next year.

As an added bonus, we will take a mini field trip in the spring, where we go out to lunch together and visit one of the many local historical societies in the area.

We look forward to another exciting year of discovery, and invite you to come join us in the Computer Room of the East Activity Center.

# Elementary school gives OTOW resident a big surprise

For eight years, On Top of the World resident Fran Glaros has organized a collection of gift boxes for US troops.

Since that first care box was mailed, Fran and friends have sent more than 2000 packages altogether.

Recently, Cyprus Woods Elementary School invited Fran to attend a special ceremony for veterans. She was guest of the school and sat on stage during the ceremony.

Then, at one point, Fran was called to the platform where 60 students handed her 60 more care boxes prepared by the kids themselves.

"It was such a touching service indeed," Fran said. "This is the sixth year they have done this for our troops. The most they ever did before was 35 or 40 boxes, so this was a big surprise and a wonderful tribute to our fighting men and women."

Fran said this is the best time of the year for our military to receive care packages, because it's the holiday season and they are so far from home.

"That school certainly deserves praise for teaching the young children about patriotism," she said.

Then, a couple days later, Fran's church donated another 12 boxes.

"I was a happy camper," Fran said. "You know what I will be doing for the next week or two. (Mailing care packages)."



Fran Glaros (right corner) shares the stage with students.



Members of the Press Association take notes during the annual Writers Workshop in early November.

(OTOW photo by Mary Lou Wall)

## More than 40 residents make commitment to improve their writing for this newspaper

When you read this month's On Top of the World newspaper, keep in mind, some of the stories were written by a resident, who voluntarily took the time to attend a one hour class just to improve their writing.

As you read this newspaper from cover to cover, see if you can tell who graduated with honors?

The annual Press Association Writer's Workshop took place on Nov. 5 and it was the most well-attended meeting of the year.

The purpose of the workshop isn't to turn residents into award-winning writers, but to simply refresh them on the dos and don'ts of writing newspaper articles.

"It is so easy in today's world to pick up bad writing habits," said editor Doug Kates. "This class is just a reminder to everyone that grammar rules still apply to this newspaper and their stories are being read carefully each month."



### Press Association

"We want everyone to be proud of their articles."

The theme of this year's Writers Workshop was helping a new reporter writer their first story. But in the case of this meeting, the new reporter was a penguin.

Chilly, a new reporter for the imaginary "Antarctica Building," was ready to start learning the basics and Doug asked everyone in attendance to help out.

Chilly, and everyone in the room, learned how to write a better first paragraph, how to write with good flow, and how not to be too wordy.

Doug provided expert analysis on the reason behind keeping newspaper articles short.

He also pointed out, while some people take shortcuts and use poor grammar on social media, those standards do not apply in OTOW News.

"I ask everyone to write the way they learned to write back in elementary school," Doug said. "It's simple. Grammar has never changed. The only thing that has changed today is what tools we use to write and how we deliver our messages."

With help from the entire staff, Chilly was able to write an A+ story.

### LUNCHEON

The annual Press Association Holiday Luncheon will take place 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, for anyone who has

contributed to OTOW News in the past 12 months.

Lunch will be served 1:30 p.m. at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor. In order to attend, staff had to prepay and pre-order by Nov. 20. No cash or orders will take place at the restaurant.

### DECEMBER DEADLINES

OTOW News writers must take note, deadline for submitting January stories is Friday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.

The deadline is four days early because one week of production time is lost during the holiday break.

The January newspaper will be distributed to residents on Dec. 31.

### NEXT MEETING

January's Press Association meeting will take place Thursday, Jan. 7, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

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the voting booth  
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For more information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.



## Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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



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## Happy Holidays



# OTOW residents get special treatment at Jimmy Carter's house and community



## Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

For the second time, On Top of the World residents received special treatment when a group from the Travel Club visited former president Jimmy Carter's home in Plains, Ga.

Pat Cassidy and Fran Zaloski made a presentation to club members during the November meeting and shared photos and stories from the trip.

The group was fortunate to connect with one of the president's former White House assistants, who was able to take our residents to places not normally on the tour.

First, the group was given the key to the city, where they physically opened the Billy Carter Garage and Museum.

The assistant arranged photos with the former president, residents had front row seats for the former president's Bible study class and our group stayed at a historical inn in Plains, Ga., where each of seven rooms was decorated by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and depicted a different period of time in Jimmy Carter's life.



Travel Club members get a guided tour of the Armed Forces History Museum in Largo.

The trip was highlighted by meeting the former president and having pictures taken with him.

Does this journey sound exciting?

The Travel Club prides itself on exciting journeys. You can learn more about upcoming trips by attending our next meeting on Friday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Tom Richarme will be making a presentation about a trip he recently

took to the New England states, where he observed the beautiful change of fall colors. His presentation will contain a photo show you won't want to miss.

You do not have to be a member of Travel Club to attend this meeting or any meeting, but you can join the club at this time and sign up for trips with us.

Residents are invited to our holiday dinner 4:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7

at the Island Way Grill. There are still a few openings available. You do not have to be a club member. Restaurant buses will pick us up 4 p.m. on the east and west sides and take us to the restaurant. Your last chance to sign up is our next meeting, Dec. 4.

Don't forget, you can learn more about our club by visiting our Web page on the Box Office and by watching OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 732.

Have a great holiday!

# Rehearsals officially begin Jan. 11 so be prepared to get busy after holidays

By Lilli Scheifen

Theater Workshop had its November meeting and 34 members attended.

New members introduced themselves and we welcomed them. The more the merrier.

President Wil Peterson created a poster for our show and it is very attractive. The theme is "Las Vegas - The Sands of Time Revue" and copies will be made available at our table on Mondays and Thursdays at the East Activity Center. Please feel free to take a peek.

Registration for our annual dinner at the Beachcomber is a success, so we



## Theater Workshop

will again be ensconced in the lovely large dining room.

The date, again, is Wednesday, Dec. 2 with cocktails at 4 p.m. and din-

ner at 5 p.m. You can choose our entrée at that time and the food is always delicious. We look forward to seeing you there, all dressed up in your finest holiday creations.

Happy Holidays to one and all.

The holidays follow our dinner so the next time we meet for club business is Jan. 7, 2016. This will signal the beginning of rehearsals for our show, which start Monday, Jan. 11, and will be scheduled each Monday and Wednesday.

Singers will meet on those days from noon-12:30 p.m. so everyone is encouraged to attend and get ready to

give your all.

We will be getting our roles, the acting, singing and dancing, and begin to practice in earnest.

There is much to do to put on a production, so try to make all the rehearsals.

Our board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and our regular session is 7:30 p.m.

We are also at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.. Remember, a club is only as good as the involvement of its members. Come on down.

# Library gets all 10 books from ‘Ladies of Covington’ series

By Katy Gerritt

Hard to believe it's December already!

We have cleaned out duplicates and older books, which will be brought to the Veteran's Hospital. A good book can provide distraction and relaxation to our injured soldiers. It's a small thing, but we have gotten feedback that the books are appreciated.

Once again, we added several new books in November. They include "Shadow Play" by Iris Johansen, "Orphan #8" by Kim Van Alkemade, "The Scam" by Janet Evanovich, "Double Down" by Fern Michaels and "Come Rain or Shine" by Jan Karon.

Also on the new shelf you will find "Foreign Affairs" by Stuart Woods, "Depraved Heart" by Patricia Cornwell, "See Me" by Nicholas

Sparks, "Make Me" by Lee Childs, "Corrupted" by Lisa Scottoline, "Murder House" by James Patterson and "Rogue Lawyer" by John Grisham.

For those who have enjoyed any of the "Ladies of Covington" series by Joan Medlicott, you will be happy to see that we have collected all 10 books in the series. You will find them on the top shelf on the left as you enter the library. We have numbered them inside the front cover of each book.

I'm sure, anyone who has started the series, will want to find out what unfolds next for "the ladies".

It's also time for membership renewal. The annual cost of membership is \$2, and this allows you to borrow up to six books at a time for a period of two weeks. It's a great way to read the latest fiction at a bargain price. All you

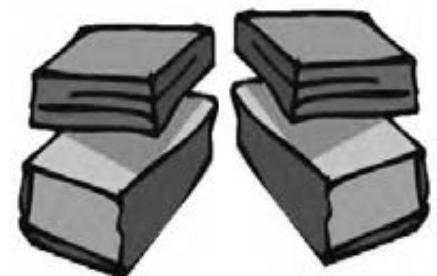
need to do is bring in your recreation card and \$2 to sign up.

We also continue to have plenty of sale books on hand, which are great to take on a trip and recycle to another reader when you're done.

And if you haven't seen our sale prices, you will be amazed! Paperbacks are 25 cents each and hardboards are 50 cents each. We also have First Friday Sales that give a free paperback with every four purchased and a free hardbound with every two books purchased.

We get lots of requests for recommendations, so we have started a small shelf of books that the library volunteers have loved and would suggest to other readers.

We love to talk books to all our visitors.



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# Christmas social one of many parties this month

By Dave Beaven

Christmas season already?

It's odd how it seems to roll around faster every year. Especially since some of us barely put away the decorations from 2014.

Oh well, it's back to the storage locker to pull out the lights, the garlands and the stockings once again for our Christmas Social on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Art Room.

Carols will be playing on our little boom box as you enter. Head over to the bar for the drink of the night: Jingle Bell Punch.

Sample some of the treats prepared by our member chefs. Chat up your old friends and make new ones.

Later on, there will be a gift ex-



**Lambda**

change. Bring a wrapped present to put under the Lambda tree. It is rumored that Santa will make an appearance to distribute the gifts. You don't want to miss him. Dress code: Fa-la-la-la-la.

Other activities this month will include a Holiday Potluck in the Sunrise Room on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. RSVP to the club what you're bringing.

This year, a number of Lambdans will be attending the New Year's Eve Ball in the auditorium. We have two tables reserved. Get those tiaras polished up. There will also doubtless be smaller parties here and there among the Lambda condos. Hope to see you often during this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit us on the Box Office or our own Webpage:

**Box Office:**  
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com  
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# New health club offers classes, activities, events and exercise videos on your OTOW-TV channel



## Healthy Living Club

By Kathleen Santossuoso  
& Valerie Martin

Our Healthy Living Club table at the On Top of the World Senior Expo was well attended and our volunteers enjoyed chatting with everyone about our new club.

Our club's second meeting was a full house, on Nov. 11, with 40 in attendance. Shannon Rozell, the produce manager at our local Publix, shared useful strategies for making wise shopping and meal choices. She said, shoppers need to include lots of nutrient-dense vegetables and fruits in what they choose to eat each day. She treated us to de-lightful honeycrisp apples. Those of us brave enough to try, had samples of pomegranate seeds. Shannon also told us about "superfoods" that have high nutritional, fiber and antioxidant value, such as kale, spinach and berries.

Our many questions were answered and we were all invited to stop in to see her.

Our Water Walking exercise is Tuesday and Thursday at the EAC pool 5–6 p.m.

Slow Spokes Biking is Fridays starting at the EAC pool steps at 9:30 a.m.

Group Walking is daily at 9 a.m.



Healthy Living Club volunteers answered questions about the new club at the Senior Expo in November.

We start at the West Activity Center entrance (rainy days the group heads to the mall). Come join us for our activities and meetings.

Our 14 week "Healthy Eating Every Day" course ended on Dec. 1. We had 20 people in the class, who learned a lot and made new friends. Some of us are now using the computer and Smartphone applications to help us balance our activities and calories.

Our club will be offering open enrollment for a variety of upcoming events. You can sign up online by visiting the Box Office Website. Attend our Dec. 9 meeting to get the password for the sign-up sheets.

Community Aging and Retirement Services (CARES) of Pinellas and Pasco Counties will teach no-charge

courses starting in January 2016 for Healthy Living Club members. We want to reach people who really need these courses the most. So please, consider whether you can make a commitment to take the full course and your level of need before you sign up. Please don't deny others by signing up for a course and then not following through, as seating is limited.

Subject matter includes active living every day, chronic pain self management, diabetes self management and better balance. Attend a club meeting for details.

Healthy Living Club is also teaming up with OTOW-TV and OTOW Ocala Adult Fitness Classes to air a series of exercise videos on your community TV channel.

These videos will begin appearing at noon, seven days a week, on Bright-house channels 96 and 732.

As of press time for this newspaper, the Saturday video was already on TV. Each day, there will be two videos separated by a two minute break. Residents may follow the exercises right in their own condos, but do so at their own risk. It is recommended you first ask your doctor if you are healthy enough to take part in this exercise program.

Our club focuses on healthy living through fun activities and awareness of good practices for nutrition, physical activity and aging well. The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room. Our next meeting will be on Dec. 9.

# TOPS opens new chapter at OTOW

TOPS has arrived at On Top of the World.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is a support group with more than 125,000 members nationwide and in Canada. The goal of the organization is to help members lose weight with support from other members.

Classes at OTOW will take place 10:30 a.m., every Thursday, in the East Activity Center Art Room. Each session is one hour. Prior to each session, members are required to weigh

in from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

This class is offered to OTOW residents only.

TOPS is nonprofit. There is an annual dues of \$32, which includes a subscription to its monthly magazine. Your first TOPS class at OTOW is free.

Weekly meetings include a private weigh-in and professionally prepared programs on nutrition, fitness and wellness. The programs provide motivation for sticking with food and exer-

cise programs.

TOPS leaders help members set a weight goal. When that goal is reached, members become "KOPS" for "Keep Off Pounds Sensibly." If someone loses 100 pounds or more, they receive a Century Award.

TOPS was founded in 1948. Today there are more than 500 field staff members who assist local chapters.

For more information, contact Marge at 754-7290 or Margo at 791-6972.



# Broadway tickets make wonderful holiday gifts



By Sue Calinski

December already?

Seems like it was just June and now it's the end of the year!

And do you know what very special event is coming up in February?

It's the Jesters original show, "Broadway: a Night to Remember."

Tickets are available at the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings for just \$5 per ticket. The tickets also make wonderful holiday gifts for your friends and family, as well as that "hard-to-buy-for" neighbor!

This year's show will feature some of the best-loved songs from (you guessed it!) Broadway shows.

Here's a little test for you: Do you know what single production received the most Tony Awards? If you know



In the photo are Phyllis Brooks, Donna Ryan, Sherry Ivey and Susan Carlson performing in last year's Jesters' performance.

the answer without googling it, then you should consider yourself an expert on Broadway musicals!

This should also be the time you decide to join the Jesters! The price for the year is \$5. The experiences and the friends you'll meet is priceless!

Even if you are not comfortable being on the stage, there are plenty of other things that need to happen to make the show a success. We can put your talents to good use!

The Jesters meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. All are welcome!

We wish you warm holiday cheer, and look forward to seeing you at "Broadway: A Night to Remember." We have a lot of surprises waiting for you in the show!

## Morning exercises, step classes and Fun Fitness



A huge thank you to The Association for offering us a table at this year's Senior Expo, which was held last month.

The Senior Expo gave us the opportunity to expose everyone to all the free fitness classes available in our community.

So Ladies! Come join us at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym. There are exercise, fitness and step classes for all levels.

The music will get you moving, it's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies interested in staying fit and active.

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

Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

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

Starting in 2016, when renovations to the Large Card Room in the EAC are completed, we will resume the co-ed Fun Fitness Workout at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

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

Vonnie Oto, Zumba and exercise instructor (left), and Barb Sundberg, exercise, fun fitness and step instructor (right), answer questions during the Senior Expo.

## Introducing a painting workshop with Sharon Evans

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# Oh, were we busy in November

## Good Neighbors



### President Jim Bjorgo

What words can describe Good Neighbors this holiday season?

Busy. Patriotic. Operatic. Exposure. Crafty.

How about flea infested - without the infested part.

We extend our thanks to all of you whom attended the Good Neighbors Thursday Salute to our Veterans in November.

Everyone who attended Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday sang all five military songs and then were treated to a performance by Opera Tampa.

We also helped organize the Senior Expo, the semi-annual Flea Market and the Craft Show.

All of these events played to "full



This was one of many craft show displays at the 2014 Craft Show.  
(File photo by George Swiderski)

house" crowds at the East Activity Center and we thank you all for your participation in these events.

We also want to thank those of you who stepped up to help the Good

Neighbors pull off these events.

If you are a resident of OTOW, be it owner or renter, you are automatically a member of Good Neighbors. There are no sign-ups, no dues and no

requirements other than to be a good neighbor.

As we are in the middle of the holiday season, we extend our best wishes to everyone for the season, Happy Hanukkah, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

May all of you enjoy this wonderful time of year.

In the November issue of OTOW News, we asked for persons who may be interested in joining the Board of Directors to come forward and fill two vacancies.

We are also looking for a bookkeeper for the Gift Shoppe.

To date we have not had anyone step up to fill these positions. Help is needed, please consider helping your community continue the services the Good Neighbors provides.

See Jim or Maureen Bjorgo at the Good Neighbors Association table outside the gift shoppe on Monday or Thursday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m.

See you all at the EAC, enjoy the Holiday Season, and most of all, be a good neighbor, get involved.

## NEWCOMERS

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### Danube Dreams

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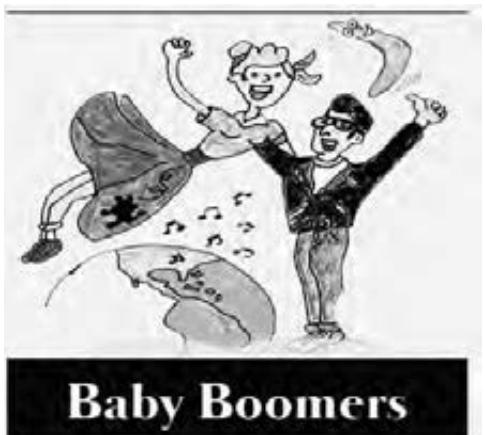
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# Baby Boomers love any activity that ends in ‘ing’



By Ron Clement

If you recently moved into On Top of the World ...

If you've returned for another winter season ...

Or, if you're reading the activities section of this newspaper in hopes of finding something interesting to get involved in this winter, well, this article is written especially for you.

It's an open invitation for you to check out the Baby Boomers Club.

If you want to meet people and make some new friends, we're just the group for you. We get together twice a month to share local events and ideas for group activities.

Afterwards, we head to a local pub for an evening of socializing and get-



Baby Boomers share a sunset happy hour together.

ting to know each other.

Members suggest and plan a variety of activities. If your goal is to stay active, we offer all the right “ings.”

We are involved in biking, bird watching, cruising, dancing, festival attending, food sampling, gaming, golfing, healthy living, jamming, kayaking, learning, movie going, mosaicing, parading, partying, picnicking, pot lucking, sailing, socializing, sun bathing,

sunset watching, swimming, walking, and wine tasting.

The Baby Boomers Club is an association of friends who are committed to remaining socially active. There is no age criteria or restrictions. To us the term Baby Boomer is more a mind set than an age group.

There are no dues or formal rules. We have no formal organization or membership. You don't join the

Boomers, you join in. Once you have decided to “join in” you can be added to our Baby Boomer email list and you will receive almost daily emails about lots of fun events and activities.

So, if this has sparked your interest, come to a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m., at the West Activity Center, Sunrise Room or Thursday, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

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# Jan and Duane Hinrichs' bridge to mental healthiness

As I sat across the room from Jan and Duane Hinrichs in their modern Rila Renaissance condo, I was struck by two things – how bright they seem and how completely in tune they are with each other.

I was eager to find out why.

Jan and Duane fell in love 34 years ago in Iowa. At the time they were both chief executive officers of different credit unions.

Their partnership has evolved since then, but one thing that has remained unchanged is their commitment to each other and their combined family.

Every fall, in Iowa, Jan and Duane gather as many of their burgeoning brood together as they can for a holiday banquet. It is combination of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrations rolled up into one happy gathering.

Their motive is transparent – it's all about family unity.

It's not always easy to organize, but it's always worthwhile.

It's also their last get-together before the couple head for sunny Clearwater.

When they are not hosting family, the Hinrichs enjoy volunteering their time for meaningful causes.

In those early days together, their financial expertise made them an obvious choice to teach monetary skills to kids in Junior Achievement class. They taught everything from basic bank account management to budgeting and basic investment strategy.

Who knows how many financial success stories were conceived during those days?

While they're here at On Top of the World, you can find Jan and Duane slugging behind the scenes at the Clearwater Jazz Holiday or right out front serving beer.

You might also find them at a Thanksgiving soup kitchen living out their thankfulness in a real and tangible way.

Jan and Duane were enticed to buy in OTOW by Jan's sister who was a full-time resident at the time. She had noticed a condo for sale and called the couple to alert them.

After dangling the free golf carrot in front of their noses, she convinced them to take the plunge, even though they had not yet retired.

The move to OTOW turned the duo into committed golfers during the Florida winter until Jan's back finally forced her to look elsewhere for entertainment and enrichment. That's when



Jan and Duane relax under the live oaks of their Florentine Way back yard

## Getting to Know You

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



by John Koning

she started playing bridge.

Duane, who had taken contract bridge as an elective in school, was right there with her. He had serious doubts about his ability to play bridge because he had always considered his memory to be sketchy.

Now, several years later, he credits bridge for improving his memory skills and enhancing his cognitive ability.

Jan and Duane began their progressive bridge adventure right here at OTOW and have many fond memories of games with the Canadian Club as well as others. Eventually though, their vigorous pursuit of improve-

ment as players drew them out of the community games and into the highly competitive world of the Clearwater Bridge Club and beyond.

These days, Jan spends about five days a week learning, evolving and teaching. Duane is right there with her, as a partner and also as a supporter.

Their combined thirst for personal growth and improvement has taken Jan and Duane from Daytona, Fl., to Omaha, Neb., and has earned them several Life Master titles by the American Contract Bridge League.

They have played in the same room as Warren Buffet and Bill Gates,

both of whom are duplicate bridge advocates and addicts.

While Jan and Duane remain ambivalent about their own mental prowess, they are convinced that bridge is a great way to improve cognitive ability and stave off neurological disease.

Besides, what's wrong with being surrounded by genuinely smart people?

If you are a bridge player already or if you are new to the game, you might benefit from the eight week course Jan teaches at the Clearwater Bridge Club. Perhaps it is just the thing you need to keep your cranium in tip top running order.





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# December meeting will be a holiday party

By Donna Lukas

Want to join like-minded friends for conversation and food?

Do the words "Holiday Happy Hour" sound good to you?

In lieu of our December meeting, we are having a party on Thursday, Dec 3 from 3-5 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Attendees are required to bring an appetizer to share. Some alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, but if you have a favorite party drink, please BYOB.

In order to estimate attendance, please RSVP to Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 if you plan to attend. Tell us.



## Democratic Club

her your name and the appetizer you will bring. Even if you aren't a club member yet, you are welcome to join us.

Club members are currently re-

newing their \$12 annual dues for 2016. This is also a good time for former members who have been absent for a while to rejoin us. Checks may be sent to OTOW Democratic Club, P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL 33758-5592.

If you can't attend our monthly meetings, but want to support our club financially, that's a good idea, too.

During our November meeting, club members were updated on numerous events, including the Florida Democratic State Convention recently held in Orlando, and contacts made to elected officials.

Member Mac McGuire gave us the results of a survey taken during our

September meeting. He explained the scoring, rank of importance, and rank of agreement for various topics.

Overall, the top items of concern were gun related violence and attempts at voter suppression policies.

In response to the question, "What is your most important political topic or pet political peeve?" answers included: election returns of minorities, reversing Citizen's United, dismantling of labor unions, outright lies on TV, immigrant bias, unsupervised lobbying and income inequality.

Best wishes for happy holidays and a successful political year in 2016!

# Snowbirds can still join us and make a difference

By Jane Lee

The Classroom Volunteers Club from On Top of the World has been volunteering at Skycrest Elementary School this school year.

A few of us have trained for the mentoring program and we visit with a student during his or her lunch time which is a half hour.

Some students thrive on the one-on-one attention and often this shows them that someone really cares for them. The idea is to listen to the child but also to encourage this child to do his or her best.

Box tops for education are always welcomed. If you have more than 100, call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 and she will pick them up from you. These labels help to buy equipment for physical education classes.

We are gaining many new members as the Snowbirds return. Call the numbers below or email Jane or Bar-



## Classroom Club

bara and we will make a special effort to meet with you at the EAC.

This club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 at the East Activity Center.

Come meet other volunteers and learn more about this club.

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

Check out our club on the Box Office under Classroom Volunteers.

# New York-New Jersey announces new officers

By Jane Lee

The New York/New Jersey Club nominated officers for the coming year.

The new officers will be President Pat Hayes, Vice President Richard Ciardullo, Secretary Jane Lee, Assistant Secretary Marge Sutton, and Treasurer Sue Fleming.

These officers will be inducted in January.

The next event we will celebrate will be on Dec. 4, a Friday night. There will be a dinner dance for only \$15. Felice's will cater and the menu will include ham and turkey and all of the fixings. BYOB and enjoy the music or dance to it.

The January meeting will be held



## NY / NJ Club

on Jan. 27. Come and play bingo for some interesting prizes.

The dues for the club are only \$5 a year. We encourage you to be part of us.

We will start building committees when our new president comes in next year. If you like to lead, tell us what you can do.

# Christmas Brunch set for Dec. 14 at Safety Harbor Spa

By Jerry Kaplan

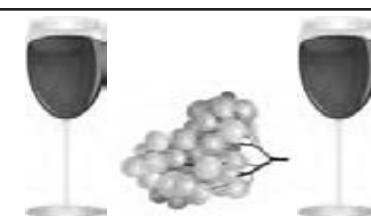
Everybody had a great meal at our Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner in November.

It was catered by A & N at the East Activity Center.

On Dec. 14, we will be having our Christmas Brunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Safety Harbor Spa.

On Jan. 21, 2016, we will be having hot roast beef sandwiches and entertainment in the EAC.

For further information, check our



## Italian American

booth at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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# Line Dancing now offers instruction at three levels



## Line Dancing

By Antoinette d'Oronzio

The On Top of the World Line Dancing Club elected officers recently: John Koning, president, Sheila Bonomo, vice president, Mary Becker, treasurer and Antoinette d'Oronzio, secretary.

The new officers and board are eager to make the club more accessible to both new and continuing dancers. To that end, there is a new level two session on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center gym led by Carol Babini.

The level two session is aimed at those who have been coming to line dancing for a while, but would like to review some of the more challenging dances before doing them in the general session.

The beginner session will remain from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays in the EAC Starlite



Line Dancing's new board from left to right are Mary Becker, Sheila Bonomo, John Koning and Antoinette d'Oronzio.

Room. It is meant for those with little or no previous experience in line dancing. Sheila Bolster leads the class and teaches the first three dances that are on the program for that day.

Our president, John Koning, has some advice for new dancers: "Wear comfortable non-stick shoes and if you are unfamiliar with a dance, put yourself in the middle of the group so when the dance turns, you will always have someone to follow."

The general sessions are held on Tuesdays from 1:30-3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

All sessions will continue uninterrupted throughout the holiday season.

For more information, including programs and step sheets for almost all the dances, go to the Line Dancing Club Website at sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing.

In addition, tune in to OTOW-

TV channels 96 and 732 to see our club members dancing to our favorite songs.

There are currently two dance-at-home videos on TV. One on Monday evenings and one on Wednesday evenings, both at 7 p.m.

This month look for a new show on Thursdays and by the end of the winter there should be a video for each day of the week, Monday through Friday.

# Thirty attend first Hoosier Club meeting of season

By Mary Beth Hufty

Hail, Hail, the gang's (nearly) all here.

With only a few stragglers left to arrive, the Hoosier Club kicked off its 2015-2016 season of hospitality Nov. 3 with 30 in attendance.

President Nancy House welcomed returning members and guests, among whom were Les and Marcia Stroller from New Haven, Ind., East of Ft. Wayne.



## Hoosier Club

Carolyn McLaughlin from Boswell joined us, along with former Bloomington residents Bill and Mattie Dodd.

Previous visitors from Terre Haute, Tom and Nikkie Seal, purchased a condo on Rhodesian Way and are now official Snowbirds and new members.

An activity schedule including dates for meetings, dinners, our annual golf scramble/chicken dinner and euchre tournaments were distributed.

Nominations for president, vice president and a board vacancy were made and accepted.

Those positions begin in January 2016. Dues of \$5 per person will be paid at that meeting.

After adjournments, members played rotation euchre, a card game popular in the Midwest, and the reason our club was formed nearly nine years ago by Bonnie and Jerry Rice.

Join us Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room at the East Activity Center.

# Irish Club holiday dinner dance set for Dec. 16

By Rose Mulhall

The Irish Club got off to a great start in November with an awesome concert.

Paul Duffy and Greg Holt provided a wide range of entertainment. Paul is a very gifted musician, singer and story teller, and was in top form. He got rave reviews all around, show-

## Irish Club

casing his great variety of songs and his unique rendition of Danny Boy, and he had everybody joining along with his Neil Diamond numbers. Greg Holt brought the house down with his rendition of The Devil goes down to Georgia. Everyone had a wonderful

night.

The annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m., music provided by Terry Connolly and dinner catered by Felice. Tickets are \$25.

Our next big event will be Cahal Dunne in concert Friday, Jan. 8, 2016. He plans to offer a variety of mate-

rial, including well-known Irish songs, some Broadway, Country, Christian and usually a rousing tribute to our veterans.

The goal of our club is to provide fun and entertainment, so please come and join us. Tickets are available Mondays and Thursdays 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in EAC.

# Snowbirds get a chance to reacquaint and feast as welcome mat rolled out in November

By John Koning

In the past, the Snowbirds Club's Welcome Back Party has been a signature event, eagerly anticipated and well attended.

This year's event, held on Nov. 22, was no exception.

Following a tried and true recipe, our small army of volunteers put together an evening of delicious food, good fun and great live entertainment by At Large.

Added to the mix was a lot of dancing and the rest, as they say, took care of itself.

It was an opportunity for northerners to celebrate their return and for the rest of us to resume friendships interrupted by summer.

Our community-wide Thanksgiving dinner, held four days later, was a feast for the belly and the funny bone. We filled our plates with gastronomical delights and then settled in for another delightful show from the hilarious cast of Fletcher's Early Bird dinner theater.

We have added some new events



## Snowbirds Club

to our program that look very exciting.

First, we are introducing a new show called Memories of Elvis, featuring one of the country's premier tribute artists, Bill Lindsey.

Another new event for this season is a day at the dog races. Those of you who have attended before can attest to the great seafood and prime rib buffet that is included in this event. It promises to be an evening of entertainment and fun.

An event we have held before, that bears repeating, is our charter bus trip to beautiful Savannah, Ga. This spectacular pedestrian city is filled with rich history and folklore.

We are heading back south to the



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Our next free members meeting will be Dec. 7. Don't forget to pick up

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# Plans set for holiday dinner, horse races, golf tournament and Blue Jays game



By Rick McLaughlin

November has come and gone and the Canadian Club has had a busy month.

Members renewed or obtained On Top of the World Recreation Cards from the Community Service Office from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

A valid card is a requirement to join the Canadian Club or share in other OTOW activities. Renters should make arrangements with their landlords. Carry it with you at all times. Occasional verification may be done by the Home Owners Association's representatives for our mutual benefit.

At Registration Night, we gathered to renew or obtain our first membership, obtain tickets for the Day at the Races on Jan. 22, our Golf Tournament on Feb. 14 and sign up for a Blue Jays game in March.

The plans for a Club Town Hall meeting on Jan. 15, 2016, were distributed and we encourage members to submit their suggestions and comments by Dec. 8 for Executive consid-



When the Canadian Club decorates for Christmas, members go all out. Above is a sample of the decoration from the 2014 holiday dinner.

eration.

Club membership paused to remember those who are no longer with us and then finished the evening with a wine and cheese social where past friendships were renewed and new ones were started.

Club members are congratulated for how they worked out a solution to the club storage situation.

Due to construction in the Large Card Room, the Social Games has been moved to the West Activity Center (WAC) Sunrise Room for Blackout and Cribbage, and the Rainbow Room for Bridge players. These start on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

The Canadian Club will kick off the Christmas season with our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec.

9 in the EAC Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be available until Dec. 3.

December is traditionally a month of family celebrations. As our members and our friends all over On Top of the World gather here or head home to celebrate, the Executive Board of the OTOW Canadian Club send our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. See you in 2016.

## Second Annual Any resident can compete in OTOW Open Golf Tournament set for Jan. 22-23

Plan now to sign up for the 2016 On Top of the World Open Golf Tournament set for Jan. 22 and 23, 2016.

Residents who belong to leagues or don't belong to leagues are all welcome. Play is limited to the first 80 who sign up.

Sign-up sheets are posted at the golf course office, the golf bulletin boards and league score shack. The deadline for entry into the tournament is Jan. 15, 2016.

Cost will be \$5 per person. Collection will begin on Jan. 7, 2016.

All players will be assigned to

a flight. Each flight will be played at gross score. Handicaps will be used only to position players into flights. USGA and/or any of the OTOW league handicaps will be used as the initial determination for flight assignment. If a player has multiple handicaps, the lowest handicap will be used for flight assignment. Players who do not have a handicap and want to play, will play in the A flight.

Flight designations are:

- A Flight = 6 handicap and under
- B Flight = 7 to 10 handicap
- C Flight = 11 to 14 handicap
- D Flight = 15 and over handicaps

Play will consist of 18 holes each day, for a total of 36 holes of play over the two days.

On day one of the competition, all men will play from the white tees at par 65 and all women will play from the red tees at par 65.

On day two of the competition, all men will play from the blue tees at par 67. All women will play from the white tees at par 67 (forward tees on 7 and 12).

Play format (tee times or shotgun start) will be determined based on the final number of people signed up to play.

Tee assignments will be posted in advance of the tournament on the golf course bulletin boards. Play will initiate at approximately 8 a.m. on both days.

Each of the four flights will have first, second and third place winners, divided 50/30/20.

USGA rules will apply except where modified by local rules. Rules sheets will be available prior to the tournament in the golf shop.

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# *When you say ‘thanks’ at holiday dinner, do you have to be sincere?*

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

A 7-year-old boy was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. Family members bowed their heads in expectation.

The boy began by thanking God for his mommy, daddy, brothers, sister, grandma, aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for all the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding and the cranberry sauce. Then he paused and everyone waited ... and waited.

After a long silence, the boy looked up at his mother and asked, “if I thank God for the Brussel sprouts, won’t he know I’m lying?”

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A father walks into a department store on Christmas Eve and spots a toy train.

“What a marvelous train set,” the man said. “I’ll buy it.”

The girl behind the counter looked

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pleased with the father’s decision and said, “Great. I’m sure your son will really love it.”

The father paused and thought for a moment, then replied, “you may be right. I better take two trains.”

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## RIDDLES

What do lions sing at Christmas?

(A) Jungle Bells.

When is a boat like a pile of snow?  
(A) When it is adrift.

How do snowmen get around?  
(A) On their icycles.

What do you call the fear of getting stuck in a chimney?  
(A) Santaclaustrophobic

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Santa was sitting in his chair at the shopping mall when a middle-aged woman walked up and sat in his lap.

“I’m sorry,” Santa said. “I only hear gift requests from children.”

“But I really want you to get something for my mother,” the woman said sweetly.

“Something for your mother?” Santa said back. “That is awfully loving and sweet of you. OK. What would you like me to bring her?”

“A son-in-law,” the woman said.

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Over the past couple of years, 5-year-old Alex had shown signs of sadness when opening presents at Christmas time. When it happened again this year, his mother and father asked, “Alex, what’s the matter?”

Alex replied, “I always get presents from Santa Claus. I never get presents from my own parents.”

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It was Christmas Day and the local magistrate was called into work because someone had been arrested.

“What are you charged with?” the magistrate asked the prisoner.

“Doing my Christmas shopping too early,” the prisoner said.

“But that’s no crime,” the magistrate said. “Just how early were you shopping?”

“Before the store opened,” the prisoner said.

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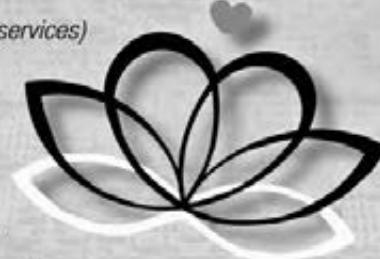
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## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

# Sing in the holidays with the Christmas Kaleidoscope on Dec. 3

By Marvin Flam

We open the holiday season on Thursday, Dec. 3 with a funtastic show, Christmas Kaleidoscope featuring the Entertainment Revue.

The show features young performers singing and dancing with colorful costumes and stage setting. We'll again feature lounge show table seating.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, we present the Hug-A-Bear-Dance featuring music by At Large. For both events, guests may bring refreshments of their choice and we provide ice and coffee.

All tickets may be purchased in advance and are reserved. So reserve a seat and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive from the North Pole at the East Activity Center auditorium. There will be caroling, gifts for the kids, photo ops and fun!

Free cookies and punch will be provided by the Good Neighbors Association.

We will welcome 2016 at our annual New Year's Eve Dance with music provided by Flashback. There will be hats, noisemakers and bubbly for the midnight toast along with ice and coffee provided by the EC. This event is sold out. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For 2016 we will present 12 Thursday Shows, 12 Saturday Dances and free Sundays In The Park, one each month, year round.

We are planning more entertainment surprises, fun and games for 2016! Check us out on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium, on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732; on the OTOW Box Office, ([OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com)); and on all the bulletin boards.

Call us direct at 727-797-1761.

All tickets for 2016 are available. In addition to single tickets, we have special money saving ticket packages for all the shows and dances.

At the annual meeting in November, the 2016 Executive Committee was elected and installed.

**New Year's  
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Santa and Mrs. Claus dropped by the East Activity last year and have already notified the Entertainment Committee they are coming back again this year. Plan on seeing the Claus family on Sunday, Dec. 20. (OTOW News file photo by George Swiderski)

They are Marvin Flam, president; Kirk Safee, vice president; Connie McDonald, treasurer; Marian Leamy, assistant treasurer; Sherry Ivey, secretary, Sue Watlington, assistant secretary, and Directors Evelyn Flam, Karen Safee, Brad Day and Lucille Greenhalgh.

As 2015 winds down, I thank YOU, the residents, for your support and encouragement during this wonderful and fun year. Thanks and appreciation to the Executive Committee for their great sup-

port and tireless effort to make it fun and exciting: MaryAnn O'Neil, John Fier, Marian Leamy, Sherry Ivey, Sue Watlington and Evelyn Flam.

Thanks and appreciation to the greatest group of volunteers without whom none of the fun could have happened.

And thanks to all the past chairs, board members and friends who helped along the way.

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all!

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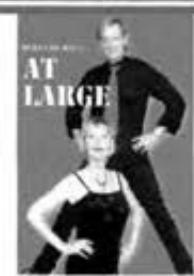
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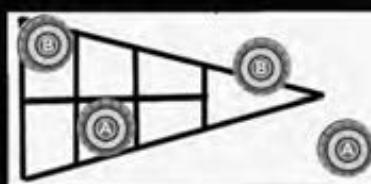
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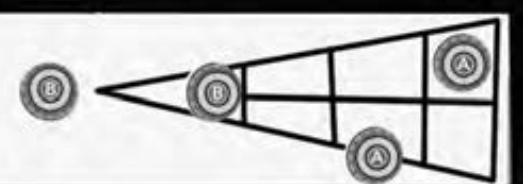
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YEAR'S END IS NEITHER AN END NOR A BEGINNING BUT A GOING ON,  
 WITH ALL THE WISDOM THAT EXPERIENCE CAN INSTILL IN US. -H.BORLAND



# SPORTS



## National champions getting their start at OTOW lawn bowl courts - even after retirement

By John Williams

Many years ago, Sidney Colon was persuaded by several Canadian residents that a lawn bowling court would be a worthwhile addition to the On Top of the World activities offered to residents.

Their suggestion and his vision have provided years of pleasurable leisure activity for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of lawn bowlers.

Because of the interest and skills perfected at the OTOW courts, several bowlers continued, during the summer, to hone their bowling skills by engaging in tournament play.

Jackie Bedard returned home to Canada last March and won the Gold Medal in the Ontario Provincial Women's Pairs Championship. This is not the first time Jackie has been to the Provincials and won. We hope that

### Lawn Bowling

she and Sandy Wall's dedication to the sport will be emulated by many more of our members.

To demonstrate gender equality in lawn bowling, Clarence Poirier also represented his club in the Canadian Nationals held at Willow Dale, Canada. His "Fours" team won the gold and the right to represent his province in the round robin playoffs for the National Championship at Willow Dale, Canada.

Last April, Sandy Wall won the United States Women's Single's Championship for the Southeast Division of the United States by winning the play-downs in Pinehurst, N.C.

She was undefeated in this compe-

tition.

In October, Sandy traveled to Long Beach, Ca., with four other Southeast champions to represent our club and play against the champions of the other six divisions from the United States. We are very proud of her accomplishments in the U.S. National C Championship Tournament. Sandy learned to lawn bowl just four years ago after moving to OTOW.

In October, John Williams played in the US Open held in Southern California. His Rinks, or Fours Team, placed third in the event and missed the playoffs by losing in the last end of the semifinals. He also entered in the pair's competition with an Australian Bowler, but lost in the fourth flight.

All four of the above mentioned bowlers learned to bowl at the OTOW lawn bowling courts at an age when

many others are putting up their feet to take a nap. Some never heard of the sport until they became residents of OTOW.

It can all begin for you by merely hanging on the fence surrounding the lawn bowl courts during a game. Shortly, you will be noticed and a player will step over to the fence to speak to you. Soon you will be playing on the other side of the fence and enticing people to come and try this wonderful sport just as you did.

Perhaps they, along with you, will play in future tournaments such as the US Open or the Canadian Provincial games or even the Nationals.

So come to our court and be an active retiree, meet new friends and most of all, enjoy yourselves. The OTOW Lawn Bowls Court is the perfect place to do all these things.

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## Try it! Our secret sauce makes shuffleboard disks slide easier

### Shuffleboard

You might think that shuffleboard is a spontaneous sport. But with a little preparation, the game goes a lot more smoothly.

Meet our longtime hosts, Marge Sivek and Bob Rittner (pictured). They arrive a half hour early, and with the help of several other early birds, the courts are prepared with a light coating of powdered wax. Also the bottom of each disc is rubbed with solid paraffin. The reduced friction makes the discs travel faster and further, so be careful not to wind up "in the kitchen."

That's a minus 10 points!

Over the past month, 16 players have won all three of their games in a single day. They were Joan Sopok, Elaine Ellis, Rick Champ, Debbie Champ (x2), Roger Nicoll, Jean Rogers (x2), Virginia Butler, Angela Helton, Rick Helton, Ray Willis, Maureen Diore, Bob Rittner (x4), Paul Santacroce (x2), Joey Ventimiglia, Debbie Welken, and Dave Williams (x4).

King Henry VIII of England prohibited commoners from playing shuffleboard, but fortunately, now anyone with an On Top of the World Recre-



Your long-time shuffleboard hosts are Marge Sivek and Bob Rittner.

ation Card can join us at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please call Marge (727) 797-0625 or Bob (727) 729-7970 with any questions. All skill levels are welcome. Join the fun!



# SPORTS

## Holiday brunch set for Dec. 2 and golf clinics coming up to improve your game

### 18-Hole Ladies Golf

By Pat Eastman

Congrats to Mary Beth Devine on her hole-in-one on Oct. 22 using a driver on the third hole.

It was witnessed by Arlene Hanson. This was Mary Beth's first hole-in-one. She said it looked like the ball was headed past the pin and off the green, but by some divine intervention it came right back into the hole. It was just a great shot by Mary Beth.

On Nov. 10, the Tuesday golfers, after playing their 18 holes, were treated to a delicious box lunch from Joe's Deli and Grill. The lunch was served by Jackie Woloszyn, Ellen Fier, and Elaine Stretavski with help from Trish Burch.

After lunch, Fran Zaloski answered some rules questions and pointed out that the ornamental grass is a free lift only if your ball is not in a hazard.

Fran also stated that you could take an unplayable lie anywhere, even



Jackie Woloszyn hands a box lunch to Betty Gerkin after 18 holes on Nov. 10.

in a sand trap.

Our Holiday Brunch is scheduled for Dec. 2, at 9:30 a.m., West Activity Center Sunrise Room. The committee of Marie Belliveau, Becky West, Billie Pineau and Gloria Sayer have been

working to make this a memorable event. At the brunch, our league will once again collect donations for Caring and Sharing. Over the past nine years, \$4,700 has been donated by our membership.

situation is in good shape.

Thanks Marc and Russ for your untiring service to our association.

We will continue shotgun starts for the near future. Please check our Web page and bulletin board for schedules and upcoming events. You can check the Web page by going to [www.OTOWMensGolf.com](http://www.OTOWMensGolf.com). You can check out schedules, scores, handicaps and if we know soon enough, league play cancellations.

Check it out before you come over on Wednesday mornings.

Remember to check in at least one half hour before your tee time to keep your spot, otherwise your spot will be reassigned.

Know what hole you are starting on so the person checking you in can do so in a timely manner. Don't forget to come to both windows.

Wishing you good golf and dry feet.

If interested in improving your game, Pat Cassidy has arranged for golf clinics on Dec. 7 and Jan. 4. Anyone interested call her at 725-2187.

Suncoast Hospice Charity Golf Outing will be Jan. 19, with dinner at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

The rain date is Jan. 26.

Last year's event was a huge success and raised more than \$7000 for Suncoast Hospice.

### Tuesday's First Place Winners

Nov. 10, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Terry Kuplen. Flight B - Thelma Jacobsen, Fran Zaloski. Flight C - Rose Mulhall, Jacqui Dolan.

Nov. 3, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Gloria Sayer, Kim Norried, Becky West. Flight B - Fran Zaloski, Betty McKay. Flight C - Elaine Stretavski, Jacqui Dolan.

Oct. 20, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Terry Kuplen. Flight B - Cindy Schell, Betty McKay. Flight C - Jackie Woloszyn, Rose Mulhall, Elaine Stretavski.

## Suncoast Hospice Golf Outing set for Jan. 19

The Suncoast Hospice Fun Golf Outing will take place Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016, at the On Top of the World 18-hole Golf Course.

The event is sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Assoc. to benefit Suncoast Hospice.

Rain date is Jan. 26.

The event is open to all On Top of the World residents.

The outing will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The field is limited to 144 golfers.

Cost to play is \$15. Cost for golf and dinner is \$30, BYOB. Fee must be paid at registration. Forms will be in the prop shop or you can register any Tuesday in December, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Green House.

If you know someone who wants to sponsor a hole, for business advertising or to remember a loved one, cost is \$300 per hole, or \$150 if the hole is shared.

For information call Fran Zaloski-796-0374. Any donations to Suncoast Hospice are welcome.

## Holiday party set for Dec. 9

By Pete Milner

According to preregistration figures, the Guys & Dolls Annual Golf Tournament looks to be a great day.

Hoping the weather holds out and there is no rainout, all should go well. Tournament Chairman Phil Smerz has worked tirelessly on putting together a great day.

Our numbers are increasing every day as our fellow golfers return to the roost from parts unknown.

Now is the time I usually start bragging to my Northern buddies how great the weather is for golf. It never gets old rubbing it in a bit.

Annual elections are quickly approaching. Elections will be held on Dec. 2. Candidates for president-elect who have tendered letters to our president are; Joe Girardi, Dave Combs and Frank Giarrizzi. Candidate for treasurer is Phil Smerz. Listen to the candi-

### Men's Golf

dates and vote your conscience for the leaders of your golf association for the 2016 golf year.

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9. After-golf festivities will include food, liquid refreshments and music to dance by and your listening pleasure.

Bring your wife or girl friend, but not a good idea to bring them both.

It's hard to believe, but the 2015 golf season is coming to an end. Thanks to the hard work of outgoing President Marcus Schell, it has been fun and productive.

Our treasurer of long standing, Russell Caughey will be retiring this year and thanks to him, our financial



## Odds are, this is the year Ingrid Durham scores her third ace

By Vayna Cormier

A new season has started, with a Low Putts Tournament on Oct 20 for the Ladies Nine-Hole Golf League.

We are all excited to be back in the game, very happy to see our Snowbird friends again and meet new players joining us for our 44th season.

Let me present you an amazing lady who is our longest member still active in our League.

We are grateful to have Ingrid Durhan with us since 1985.

Ingrid has occupied most of the positions on the Board, except president, during her 30 years. She knows how it works. She is one of the most friendly, sociable, wise and trustworthy persons I know.

### 9 Hole Golf

Ingrid will loan you a dollar for the draw if you forgot to bring one.

She has a principle: If you act friendly, it will always come back to you.

Ingrid had two holes-in-one in her career, which is not finished. One with the 9-Hole League and one with an OTOW game on the 18-hole course. That one cost her big money -- for the beers.

Ingrid used to brag to her late husband, who played golf for 60 years but never had one ace.

I think now it's time for her hat trick. We all wish you a very lucky year

to get your third one.

Ingrid visited her friends in Ontario during the summer. She also enjoys going on a cruise almost every year. She is proof that we are a very appealing group of nice ladies.

Next time you see her, if you don't talk to her, then she will talk to you -- don't worry...

Here are some of the interesting activities coming soon.

Dec. 3 is our Holiday Luncheon at Bon Appetit. On Dec. 15 dress for our Christmas theme and stay for snacks after the game.

Always check your booklet before a game. You don't want to carry all your clubs when it's a 3-Clubs-and-a-Putter tournament!



Ingrid Durhan posing proudly with her two trophies.

## John Maloof wins first title of new season

### Thursday Golf

A new season for the Thursday Golf League got off to a great start.

The turnout was large despite the fact that many of our Snowbird friends have yet to make the annual migration.

Several great scores were turned in, but when the dust cleared, John Maloof held on to take the first win of the season. Fred Schick narrowly edged out Gary Bronson for second place. Don Hunter, last year's league champion, proved to be in good form recording the low gross score. Bruce MacPherson captured two skins. Dave Pittenger and Paul Meyers collected one skin each.

There are still off-season competitions to be reported. Week 23 champion was Bill Cook. Dave Pittenger was second and Bruce MacPherson took third place and low gross honors. Dave Pittenger, Bruce MacPherson, Paul Meyers, Bill Higgins and Gary Bronson all collected one skin each. Long drive winners were Patti Cook, John Maloof and Clyde Hershberger. Clyde also had the closest to the pin shot.

Dan Hyden was the Week 24 winner. Paul Meyers finished second and recorded the low gross round. Bruce MacPherson was third. Clyde Hershberger collected two skins. Bill Higgins, Paul Farrell, Paul Meyers and Don Leamy had one skin each. The weekly competition was the cumula-

tive best score on four selected holes. Bill Higgins was the winner.

In the final week of the off-season, Clyde Hershberger collected the trifecta of first place, low gross and a skin. Patti Cook took second place and Don Leamy was third. Along with Clyde, Don Leamy and Paul Meyers each collected a skin. Long drive winners were Ada Culbertson, Ron Parham and Doug Oleksy. Jahn Lawson was the closest to the pin shot winner.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com

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## Ellen Frederick does not allow sudden pregnancy to hinder pool game during Que'T October tournament

By Reva Heymann

The tournament for October was, as usual, held during the last meeting of the month.

Since this was only a few days before Halloween, the club decided to have a little fun and come to the meeting in costume. It was great to see so many creative ideas. There were some terrific costumes.

Helen Crombie made a magnificent gypsy in black with a bright yellow shawl and headdress. Maureen Doire and Becky Balderson came as very convincing cats (including tails.) Ellen Frederick came as a very pregnant country person with a sign saying: "I made a big mistake."

People had lights that twinkled or could be turned on to twinkle.

Even our instructors got into the act. Denny Balderson wore a character half mask and Dave Williams came as Clark Kent (with the appropriate hat, glasses and starched white business shirt with the top buttons unbuttoned so the colorful Superman shirt with the S logo could peek through).



From left to right are Judy Garvey, Mary Spearman, Ellen Frederick, Beckie Balderson and Rashanee Turner.

Once the competition got going, however, everybody got serious. They took off the costume parts that got in the way or made them too hot (and Ellen became mysteriously unpregnant).

### Tournament Results

Ellen Frederick took first place. There was a four-way tie for second place. Since it was already late, we grouped all four ladies who shared second place with Ellen (first place) in

the middle to take the picture of the outcome of the tournament.

At the end, as we left, we were given "trick or treat" goody bags with chocolate candies and other things to take home.

## Season begins with as many great fielding plays as hits

By Bob Rittner

This month's contests demonstrate the claim that every softball game is unique and each may create new stars.

### Scott's 14 Cody's 10

Canadians returned to propel Scott's victory.

Shortstop Paul Fice recorded an amazing 17 total assists and putouts. Bob Stoddard's perfect four-hit day was a home run short of the cycle, and Rick Champ caught a towering fly ball in deep left field to preserve the victory.

Cody's was led by Chris Ferrugia, whose perfect five-hit day included two triples while Lenny Segall homered and doubled twice, driving in seven of his team's runs.

Roger Hebeler of Scott's had a perfect four-hit day, and rookie Don Sorensen's remarkable debut included two hits. Hugh Quirk helped preserve the victory with a brilliant backhand

catch in the outfield.

### Scott's 11 Cody's 6

In his first game back, Glenn Ohl pitched a masterful game and contributed a two-RBI double for Scott's victory.

Lenny Segall homered among his seven hits.

### Scott's Pharmacy 5 Cody's Roadhouse Grill 3

We discovered the answer to Paul Simon's question, "Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio?" He has reemerged in the person of Don Kutchinski, who played defense for both teams and saved many runs by channeling the graceful Yankee Clipper, gliding back to catch deep fly balls over his shoulder.

Scott's Pharmacy scored three

runs in the third inning, the only multiple run rally for either team, as Joe Maley, Ken Graham and Joe Farrell had the RBIs.

The hitting star of the day was Cody's Guy Bertuzzi with six hits..

### Cody's 6 Scott's 3

Roger Hebeler celebrated his return to OTOW with a booming two-run double deep to left field while Bill Lepping's triple in the gap plated the third run of the last inning to seal Cody's victory.

Sam Macaluso starred with four hits, including an RBI single.

### Scott's 10 Cody's 9

Two homers and two doubles by Lenny Segall drove Scott's to victory. Six more hits by Guy Bertuzzi extended his consecutive hit streak to 16 games.

Bill Lepping's two doubles and a

triple, and Bob Hazarossian's six hits drove in or set up eight of Cody's runs.

### Cody's 13 Scott's 3

Of the two featured defensive plays in the game, one came in the losing cause and the other did not lead to an out.

For Scott's, Joe Farrell reached high to grab a scorching line drive turning it into an unassisted double play.

For Cody's, three players contributed to a web gem. Joe Maley speared a wicked hop at third that turned him around. Unable to get off a throw to first, he alertly shoveled the ball to shortstop Lenny Segall who buzzed the ball to Bill Lepping at first whose stretch missed nabbing the hustling Guy Bertuzzi by half a step.

Cody's pitcher Bob Rittner relied on stellar fielding from the aforementioned and outfielder Bill Bennett to hold a shutout until the last inning, while the same four players used 18 hits to create all of Cody's runs.



# Oct. 27 was a good day for anyone named Joe to play pool in Billiards Club 10-ball tournament

## 10-BALL

During the summer and early fall, the Billiards Club was playing 10-ball on Tuesday evenings, but with the return of many of the Snowbirds, they have divided the playing field with the A Flight playing Monday evenings and the B Flight playing Tuesday evenings.

On Oct. 27, the last 10-ball tournament was held until the spring.

In A Flight, Joe Gora took first place, Denny Balderson claimed second and Gene Baranowski settled for third. In B Flight, Joe Ventimiglia edged out the field by capturing first place, Joe Wisinski wasn't far behind by claiming second place. There was no playoff for third place between new members, Henry Chapman and Phil Perez.

## 8-BALL

On Monday, Oct. 19, in A Flight, Dave Williams walked away with first place honors, Don Sorenson captured second place and Nick Sapienza claimed third. In B Flight, there was a playoff between Dennis Balling and Joe Ventimiglia. Joe was able to edge out Dennis for first place. After a playoff between Vinnie Martinez, Joe Wisinski and Terry Wittman, Joe won out taking third place.

On Oct. 26, in A Flight, Don Sorenson edged out the field by capturing first place. Joe Gora took second and Dave Williams settled for third. In B Flight, there was a playoff between Dennis Balling and Andy Suhar. Dennis captured first place. There was a playoff for third place between Mario Rodriguez, Joe Wisinski and Terry Wittman. Mario won out by claiming third place.

On Nov. 2, in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place and Don Sorenson captured second. No playoff was held between Tony Baker and Mario Rodriguez for third.

On Nov. 3, in B Flight, Gene Baranowski edged out the field by capturing first place and Andy Suhar claimed second place. No playoff was held between Eddie Ramirez and Ray Quirion for third.

On Nov. 9, in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place, Dave Williams second and Joe Doire settled for



## Billiards

third.

On Nov. 10, in B Flight, they split the room so their were two first place slots. Bill Robertson and Joe Wisinski edged out the field. Second places went to Ron Baltrunas and Gene Baranowski, and third places went to Bob Ellis and Garry Patrick.

## 9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 20, Bob Eads edged out the field claiming first place. After a playoff between Tony Baker, Ron Blaettner and Henry Chapman, Tony claimed the second place slot.

On Oct. 27, Ron Blaettner walked away with first place. Joe Ventimiglia took second place.

On Nov. 3, it was a close tournament. There was a playoff between Ron Blaettner and Joe Gora. The room was silent as these two competitors took to the table. Joe edged out Ron to claim first place with Ron settling for second.

On Nov. 10, Bob Eads had a hot stick again taking first place with Eddie Ramirez claiming second.

After this week's tournament, they celebrated Tony Baker's special day.

## SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Oct. 22, after a playoff between the teams of Tony Baker and Dave Williams, and Bob Ellis and Joe Wisinski, Bob and Joe edged out Tony and Dave for first place. The team of Joe Doire and Vinnie Martinez claimed third.

On Nov. 5, after a playoff between the team of Gene Baranowski and Eddie Ramirez, and the team of Joe Gora and Bill Robertson, Gene and Eddie took first place.



Pictured above are the three Joes. In the final 10-ball tournament of the season, Joe Gora was first in A Flight, Joe Ventimiglia was first in B Flight and Joe Wisinski was second in B Flight.

The Billiard Club's annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room starting at 6 p.m. The event will be catered, but BYOB.

There will be a \$4 charge for guests of members. Please let Joe Ventimiglia know if you will be attending and if you will be bringing a guest.

## Billiards Club this winter

### EIGHT-BALL

A Flight - Monday evenings  
B Flight - Tuesday evenings  
start time at 6:30 p.m.

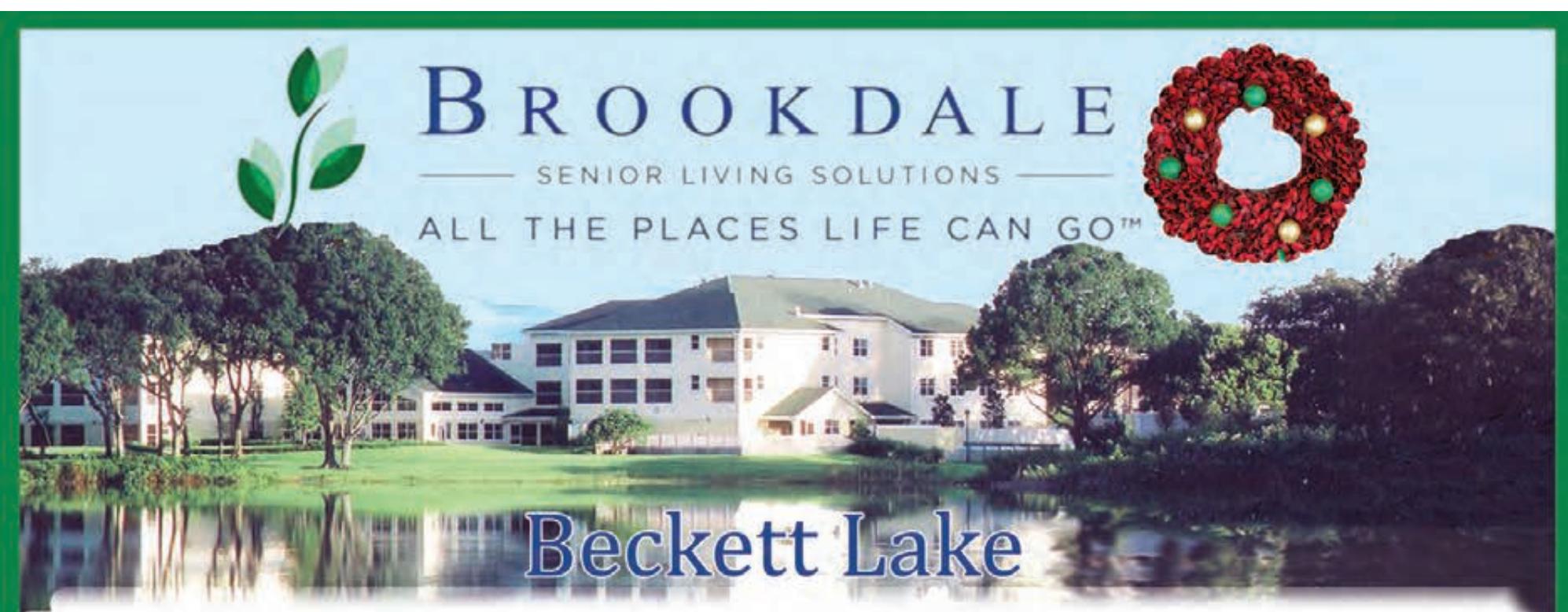
### SCOTCH DOUBLES

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### NINE-BALL

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Hi everybody. My name is Bootsie! I am a 4-year-old male Lhasa Apso. I am cute as a button - and I know it! That's why I get away with things I'm not supposed to do!

I live in Brittany Farmhouse and was adopted.

It's good thing my owner, Rosemary McCarthy, loves me or I'd be in trouble. Once I tried eating a whole box of Kleenex while she went shopping. When she came home the entire carpet was scattered with white tissue. For a couple of days, she was so mad and I decided to be good before I end up for adoption again.

I became a good loving pal to her. It is a good thing after all. Now she loves me again and I protect her. I'm a very good watch dog and I guess I love her too.

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

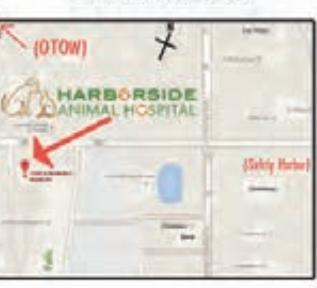


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# BUILDING REPORTS



Members of the OTOW Chorus stand ready to delight audiences during their performances on Dec. 12–13 at the East Activity Center. (OTOW Photo by Doug Kates )

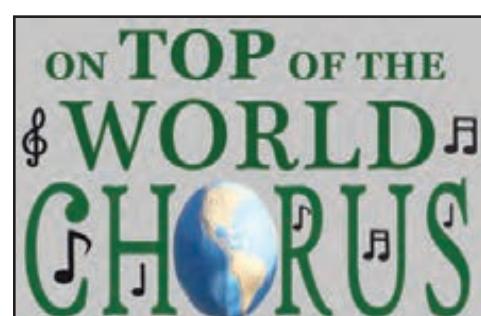
## 'Home for Christmas' is 2015 concert theme

By Ilene Bargerstock

Hats off to Christmas! Unless, of course, it's a Santa hat! Chorus members are ready and eager to present a holiday concert titled "Home for Christmas."

Can you imagine what it might be like if there was no Christmas music? It would be like taking away the backbone of the season; at least, as far as I am concerned.

It has been said that carols were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Of course, they were not Christmas carols. The word "carol" actually means dance along with a song of praise and joy! Carols were also written and sung for all four seasons but that tradition faded,



except for the winter songs when early Christians adopted this practice.

In 760AD, a Christmas carol was written by Comas, of Jerusalem, for the Greek Orthodox Church. Soon after, composers all over Europe started to write Christmas carols. Some of the songs from that era have withstood the test of time.

"In the Bleak Midwinter" was a poem written before 1872 by English poet Christina Rossetti. It was set to music

and became a Christmas carol in 1906. "The Birthday of a King" was the work of our own William Harold Neidlinger in 1890, and was first published in Brooklyn, NY in 1912.

On a lighter note, "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" was written by John F. Coots in 1934 and was thought to be a song just for children. However, Eddie Cantor sang it on his radio show in November and the next day 100,000 copies of the sheet music were sold. By Christmas the number had risen to 400,000, and it's still going strong!

Come to the concert and hear these and many more songs that make this season so special!

Performances are Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. and

Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any Chorus member, or in the EAC Mondays and Thursdays.

So, I'm happy to report that Christmas music is alive and well, even the really old stuff. I hope you will let us share our love of it with you at "Home for Christmas." I'll look for you there!

P.S. Did you know the Library of Congress has a website called "National Jukebox" where you can listen to very old radio recordings from Victor? I listened to one from 1920, scratches and all. Good memories!



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# Residents enjoy a delightful Smoky Mountains vacation

Our neighbors, Steve and Linda Yauk had a wonderful vacation in the Smoky Mountains (see photo).

They and their two dogs, Muffin and Bailey, had a vacation full of many fond memories, when they drove to the Smoky Mountains National Park.

One of the amazing features of the park, besides the scenery, was the many huge bears. The weather was beautiful — about 70 degrees during the day and about 40 at night. The last two days there was frost.

Steve and Linda then headed to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., home of Dollywood. They had a great time there. They stayed in a cabin while sightseeing. They also stopped at the Titanic Exhibit that had artifacts from the second dive, much more to show than the artifacts from the first dive.

Steve and Linda rode the Alpine Coaster 250 feet up a mountain. They were strapped into a harness going down the hill at 40 miles per hour. Linda was praying all the way down, and happily they made it to the bottom!



After all that, they drove to Memphis for a tour of Graceland. Next, was Tupelo, Miss., the birthplace of Elvis. In 1957, Elvis gave concerts and donated all the money to the town to restore the area and his birthplace.

Steve and Linda totally enjoyed their vacation and will definitely do it again.

Please keep Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. open on your calendar. This is for our Christmas dinner. It will be held in the East Activity Center Craft Room.



Rila Renaissance residents Steve and Linda Yauk pose with their dogs, Muffin and Bailey, at an overlook high in the mountains. Part of the Smoky Mountain range can be seen in the background with the city of Gatlinburg, Tenn., below.

Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin boards in the core. Many thanks to all who helped decorated the building. It looks beautiful!

We wish all our neighbors and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Don't forget, I need news!



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# New writer is newspaper, Navy veteran

Hello readers. I am a new writer for On Top of the World News.

I've been in the newspaper business for many years, but alas, I never did any actual writing for any of them, so I've been given this unique opportunity to bring you news on behalf of Building 23 — Swedish Traditional.

I've always wanted to write, so this is my chance.

Let me tell you a little about myself and my family.

I'm a relatively new resident here, and my wife, Christine, and I come from York, Pa. We're both retired.

For 25 years, I have worked in the newspaper industry for newspapers in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Most of that time, I was in the circulation department. I was also a district sales manager for several newspapers.

I spent 10 years in the United States Navy, six and a half of which were at sea.

I was first aboard the U.S.S. America, an attack aircraft carrier, working on the flight deck as an Aviation Boatswains Mate.

In 1968, we did a world tour and we were in the Gulf of Tonkin Vietnam for about nine months.

As anyone, who has worked on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier knows,



it is a very dangerous place to be during flight operations.

When we returned to the states, I changed rates and became an Aerographers Mate, or what is referred to as an AG. I first went to 'A' school in Lakehurst, N.J., for 12 weeks and went back to the America for another two years working as a weather observer.

I eventually became a weather forecaster while I spent time at Naval Air Station Willow Grove in south eastern Pennsylvania for several years. I briefed pilots about the weather they would encounter at different altitudes during their missions from that base to wherever they would be landing.

I extended, then re-enlisted, while I was there and wound up aboard the U.S.S. Lexington CVA-16 ported in Pensacola Bay. I was one of two

aviation weather forecasters aboard that wrote the daily and nightly forecasts.

We briefed the ship's captain twice a day before flight operations. It was a big responsibility for us because those new pilots were putting their lives on the line training to take off and land on the flight deck both day and night in any type of weather.

My hobbies include hunting, fishing, cruising and playing my guitar. I was in a number of bands. Maybe I'll write about that in another article in the future.

I've had a lot of interesting things happen in my life and have few regrets.

I retired to become a stay-at-home-dad to raise our daughter, whom we adopted from China. She wants to become a master chef and is currently at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

My wife retired as a Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN). She worked in the Coronary Critical Care Unit at Wellspan Health York Hospital for more than 40 years.

I look forward to writing for the OTOW newspaper in the future. If anyone in Swedish Traditional has a story idea, please knock on my door.



## ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

**CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO DIRECTLY RENT THEIR UNIT** must request necessary forms for securing Condominium Association approval and Recreation Cards for their tenants.

Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail.

Mail requests to:

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**NEW!** Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate office receptionist.

This application can ONLY be sent to, or picked up, by OWNERS of On Top of the World apartments and only the OWNER shall process applications for renter Recreation Cards.



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



**Class is 9-Noon, Jan. 28 & 29 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room**

**(Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by Jan. 21.)**

**Your name:**

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**Telephone:**

**You must bring a check for \$15 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.**



## A look back at the OTOW News (December, 1990)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- The Entertainment Committee was presenting a show entitled "A Tribute to Louie Prima" starring Russ Marlo. Playing Keeley Smith was Clearwater resident Stella Suttle.
- The new OTOW telephone directories went on sale at the Coffee Corner for \$1.
- The photos of 26 new residents were featured under the title of "Welcome New Neighbors." They had attended the Good Neighbors get-together on the second Thursday of December.
- The Press Association Appreciation Luncheon was to be held at the new Crescent Oaks Country Club. Map and directions were printed on the back of the invitations.
- The Great Lakes Club held its annual meeting Nov. 17. A free appreciation dinner was served to all members. President Newton True presented a review of the club's 1990 activities.

## Hawaiian Towers residents can enjoy two holiday parties

It's time again to party — so get out of that chair, turn off the TV and get ready to have a good time!

Our first building holiday party will be at Rumba's on Tampa Road Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 5 p.m. You may order off the menu or enjoy one of their early-bird specials.

Our second holiday party will be a luncheon at the Sunset Grill on Sunset Point Road Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. Again, you may order off the menu or select one of their early-bird specials. This is our first holiday luncheon. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy both parties if you like. Sign-up sheets for both parties are on the bulletin board.

Of course, there will be many enjoyable activities going on during this



season, so be sure to get out and take part in them.

Many of you will have family or friends coming to visit and many of you will be traveling out of the area. Just be sure to have a merry, merry time!

*Merry Christmas!*



Linda and Bart Gooch and their visiting grandsons.

(Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

## Grandson was in town for robotics competition

Bart and Linda Gooch's youngest grandson (see photo above) would like to work in cyber security in the future.

He lives in Orlando, but recently visited with his grandparents. One of the reasons for his visit was to compete at USF in St. Petersburg for a robotic competition. There is no age limit for the contest and there are always multiple winners.

The teacher at his high school organized and sponsored a group at his school. With a great deal of hard work ahead of him, we hope he achieves his dream.

The Gooch's have a time-share in Cocoa Beach. Their northern son and granddaughter joined them there for a week last month. Their granddaughter is studying to be a nurse and goes to college in Minnesota. She was able to



continue taking on line classes during the visit with her grandparents.

Rainy weather wasn't the best for a vacation. The family made the best of it playing board games, cards, going to the movies and cooking.

"Till We Meet Again"

## BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

On the second Monday of each month from September through April, blood pressure testing will be available at the East Activity Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Special thanks go to our nurses for volunteering to take blood pressures. Remember, all are welcome.

## New reporter toasts Fritz Kocka at potluck

I have volunteered to be your building reporter starting with this article, and with all your help and support I will try to make each additional piece as interesting and relevant as possible.

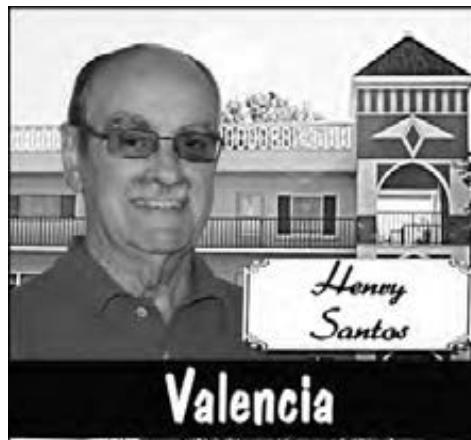
My wife Pauline and I moved here a little over two and a half years ago and we think we were lucky to have ended up in a building that enjoys social activities and get-togethers.

We were both born in Massachusetts, and were childhood sweethearts (7th grade). We lived in Rhode Island while raising our son, and eventually moved to Ohio because of my job.

We enjoy sailing, biking and long walks. We also enjoy live theater. Our son and grandchildren live in Ohio and it is always a treat to go back for visits.

I'm counting on you, the Valencia residents to keep me posted on what exciting things are happening in your lives so we can all share in your happiness.

At our potluck supper, hosted



by Lois Dworkin and Judy Grath last month, our residents had a chance to personally thank Fritz Kocka for the fine job he had done over the years as our building reporter.

Building Captain Valerie Martin recognized Fritz's commitment and dedication as reporter and also his leadership and organization of the flag crew volunteers.

Valerie then presented Fritz with a small gift to show our appreciation. After the accolades, Fritz made a toast

to all, wishing us all good health and longevity (his the longest of course).

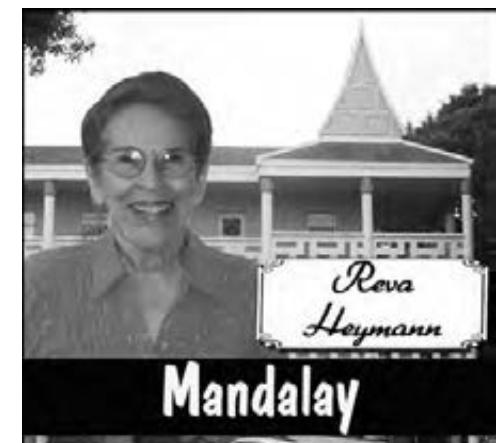
Fritz had been doing these activities for many years and the highlight of his news reports was always the "Mama Sez" section which included a bit of common sense logic imbued with a bit of humor.

Many residents may not realize this but Fritz volunteered at Ruth Eckerd Hall for more than 24 years and at Francis Wilson Playhouse for more than 10 years. He also volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 20-plus years. Many of these were concurrent and before his retirement. Fritz is one of the good guys, no doubt about it.

The potluck supper was well attended, considering that most of the Snowbirds have not migrated yet.

The food was delicious and very little of it made it back home. Everybody talked about the cake that Lois Dworkin baked. Yummm — that lady can bake!

So let's all enjoy a very happy holiday season and prepare for an exciting and healthy new year.



## Facebook is key to distant family contact

Shirley Finestein and her daughter were visited by her nephew and his wife and had a really good time seeing them.

Her nephew lives in Arizona and loves an opportunity for a water view. They took their company to lunch at Bon Appetit and enjoyed the ambiance and the scenery.

Shirley had just reactivated her Facebook page and, in the process, has been contacted by relatives she hadn't seen for years. Furthermore, now-grown children of those relatives have also been happy that her presence here has been brought to their attention.

Consequently the initial contact has grown. She is very happy about this and is hoping to arrange a get-together with ones in the local area.

The pace of life at On Top of the World has quickened since our Snowbirds are returning.

After a hiatus during the summer, our social committee set up a lunch at Grillsmith. People were happy to get a chance to get together again and the sign-up sheet quickly drew a number of names.

## Building holiday dinner will be Dec. 7



a matching doll blanket for her older sister, who is two.

Sue-Mei and Winston Chow attended Sue-Mei's college class reunion in September. A highlight was that about 60 members of her department of the National Taiwan University toured the Canadian Rockies.

Winston said they entered a world of wonders, breathtaking pristine wilderness scenery, soaring mountain peaks, and vivid lakes. The lakes are the

jewels of the Rockies. Most lakes reflect the massive mountains behind them making for unbelievable scenes.

They rode an Ice Explorer vehicle to the Columbia Icefield and actually walked on the glaciers, an unforgettable jaunt. Melted water from the ice fields and glaciers flow to many winding rivers. The steep canyons and thundering waterfalls are truly awe-inspiring.

They also saw some animals, Winston said, but no grizzly bears.

I hope you are signed up to attend the building holiday dinner. It is again at Kally-K's in Dunedin on Monday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 p.m. Linda Myers says, "Go to the Dollar Tree and buy a gift for a man or woman for a dollar or less. Be creative. We'll be playing a fun gift-passing game." She also reminds you to pay the building dues, only \$10.

You were going to come to help decorate the core on Wednesday, Dec. 9, weren't you? Come at 10 a.m. for snacks, coffee, and fellowship as we make the core look "holiday-ish." New word, huh?

## ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

- As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.
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# Dec. 10 is the date for the Azores annual Christmas party

November, the gratitude month.

As we reviewed our list of the good things in our lives and the freedoms we enjoy, we remembered those who served to protect those freedoms. On Veterans Day we extended a special thank you to all who served.

I have a leftover from our Oktoberfest outing. First is a picture of part of our group enjoying the music and the great food at the German Restaurant in Holiday. Second is a picture of Peggy Longfellow who tied with Dolores Parham in the "spoon-on-nose" contest that occurred later as the festivities progressed. Congratulations!

On Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., the Azores Activity Club held its fall business meeting in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center. Our building Captain, Katy Gerritt, opened the meeting, and then we pledged allegiance to our flag. That was followed by a moment of silence honoring those lost to us this past year.

Katy introduced new members and explained how the dues are used. Doris O'Meara read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were accepted. Peggy Longfellow gave the financial report, and it was accepted.

Marie Pirrello announced that the Christmas party will be at Alfonso's on



Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Katy closed the meeting after reminding us that the day at the track will be April 2.

After the meeting, coffee and treats were served, and visiting was encouraged as a way of promoting a sense of community.

On Nov. 17, we had our Azores Thanksgiving luncheon at Marguerite's Restaurant in Dunedin. Twenty-four of us enjoyed a great meal specially prepared for us by Marguerite. The food and service were superb, a perfect way to prepare for Thanksgiving. Marie Pirrello made arrangements for this terrific culinary experience. Thank you, Marie.

Carmel Tomich returned from Pennsylvania with her daughter, who visited for two weeks and helped



Above, the Azores Oktoberfest outing in Holiday was attended by many residents. Below, Peggy Longfellow tied with Delores Parham in the "spoon-on-nose" contest.

Carmel in many areas. It is good to have Carmel home and I'm hoping she prepares her special stuffed cabbage dish for the core party.

Carol Kilgore, Peggy Longfellow, and Marie Pirrello will organize volunteers to dress the core areas for the Christmas season.

Please keep a close watch on the bulletin board for announcements about the core party, the St. Pat's party, the spring cookout and the building food drive. If you get a chance, drop a news item into my in-box. Thanks.



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Bob Reis, President

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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.

## New reporter hails from the Buckeye State

In case some of my neighbors do not realize it, I am Angela Patrick, a transplant from Ohio, and happy to announce I am your new writer for the Southern Georgian Building.

I have been a resident of Southern Georgian since 2013. I am excited and looking forward to bringing our community the latest news articles and events regarding the residents of our Building.

After one of our building parties last year, Charles St. Maurice came forward to be our new building coordinator. Our treasurer remains Jack Austin. We all are working on how to get the whole building involved in future activities.

Recently, Charles and Nicole St. Maurice completed the "72 Hours to Key West Charity Bike Ride," which was held Nov. 13–15. Charles and Nicole are year-round residents and avid cyclists (see photo). The charity ride was held for the Heart Gallery of Tampa, which provides for the adoption of children, and the Tiny Hands Foundation of Clearwater and Sarasota. This foundation supports



single parent households with 1,500 backpacks for school supplies and delivers beautifully decorated holiday meal baskets.

A total of 62 cyclists left from Fort Myers and rode 280 miles to Key West. Charles and Nicole had been training since mid-July, averaging 125 miles per week. This is a great cause for the kids and they were happy to be involved in the ride.

A Happy Birthday to Mary Lokey who will turn 98 in early December.

We will have a "Welcome Back" party on Sunday, Dec. 13, from

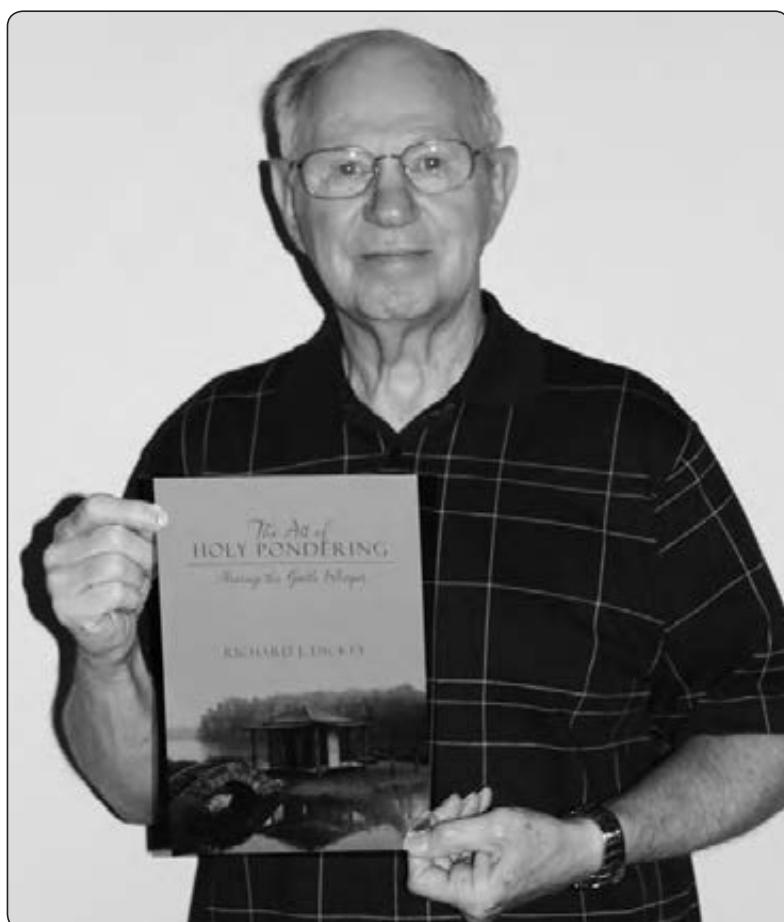


Charles and Nicole St. Maurice recently cycled to Key West as part of a charity bicycle ride. Some 62 riders rode 280 miles from Fort Myers to raise money for several groups.

2:30–4:30 p.m. behind unit 24. This will be an opportunity to get together with friends and for our new owners and renters to meet their neighbors and make new friends.

Those of you who have news can drop it into the Southern Georgian news box in the core, or call me at 330-750-1247.

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Williamsburg building resident Rich Dickey holds a copy of his recently-published book

## Published author is also OTOW seasonal resident

By Rich Dickey

Have you heard the gentle whisper?

"And it came to pass in the beguiling land of publishing that the long-awaited book, 'The Art of Holy Pondering: Hearing the Gentle Whisper,' was born to Rich Dickey in June, 2015."

Now retired, he and his wife, Myrtie, are Snowbirds who summer on Lake Champlain in Vermont and winter here at On Top of the World in the Williamsburg building.

A United Methodist minister, Rich served as a church pastor, Air Force chaplain, teacher, retreat leader and spiritual director. His interest in "holy pondering" began in earnest when he was invited to teach in a school of theology. The experience taught him about the value of pondering as a pathway to Holy insight. It is this

that drew him to make the fruit of his learnings available to a broader audience.

Speaking to both seekers and seasoned pilgrims, the book shines light on a tested path that opens to Divine Encounter.

Eight stepping-stones assist the reader to recognize how the Holy uncovers attitudes and behaviors that hamper our efforts to bring the gift of the Eternal Now to bear on our experiences and relationships.

This distinctive approach to pondering marks it an essential practice in our quest for self-understanding and a Spirit-informed life.

A copy of the book is available in the OTOW Library. Personal copies can be obtained from the author at 727-400-6534. Also, check out Rich's Website: [www.holypondering.com](http://www.holypondering.com).



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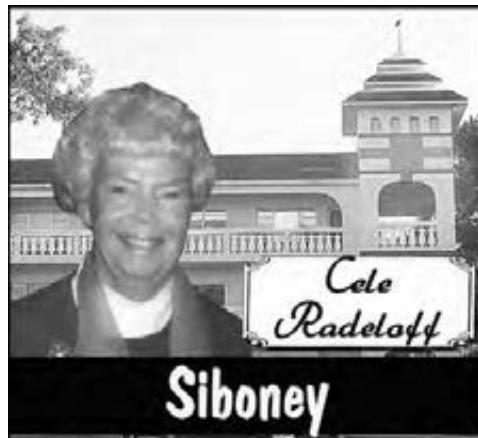
The Sunrise Room was decorated in autumn colors, with "Happy Anniversary" signs and pictures of our residents and their many activities lining the walls.

Our affair was chaired by Rita Tombari, with assistants Sue Watlington, Audrey Jones, Barbara Stone, Audrey Decker, Sue Rausch, Peg Dugan and this reporter.

Skip Heller, our Siboney Club president, had Googled "1985" and shared many interesting facts with us. He thanked the committee and the men who set up the tables.

He then introduced the last four original owners still in the Siboney: Ethyle Lee, Rita Tombari, Cele Radeloff and Violet Orr, who is 97 years of age and still sharp.

Former Siboney residents Cathy and Bill Rosenbaum, Paula and Craig Ergang, and Fran Peck and daughter Bonnie Kelley joined in the celebration.



Bob Stone's photograph album was a big hit, too.

We thank Rita and all the volunteers who served us dinner, coffee and cake, and who also cleaned up afterward. That's what makes our building unique — we all work together so nicely!

Let's introduce the new Siboney Board of Officers: president, Lillian Foy; vice-president, Peg Dugan; secretary, Sue Watlington; and treasurer, Rita Tombari. Congratulations to all, and many thanks to our outgoing officers.

Our church group, Arla Gossiaux,



A birthday bash to honor Audrey Decker was held recently at Papa's New York Diner. From L-R: are Audrey Decker (the birthday girl), Cele Radeloff, Rita Tombari, Arla Gossiaux, Carol Gossiaux and Danny Gossiaux.

Carol Gossiaux, Rita Tombari and this reporter all celebrated Audrey Decker's birthday at Papa's New York Diner. Again, we were treated like royalty. We were so happy that Arla's son was able to join us. The food was delicious and plentiful. We heartily recommend the establishment. The waitresses were very pleasant and everyone came over and sang "Happy Birthday" to Audrey. We all enjoyed your birthday, Audrey!

To our neighbors: Be kind and

watch over each other. If you see your neighbor's newspaper has not been picked up, call or knock to investigate. We have to take care of one another.

The November core decorations were made by Rita Tombari. Thanks!

Our building Christmas party is Thursday, Dec. 10 at Kally-K's. Please sign up soon. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, in the Sunrise Room.

Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and a happy, healthy New Year to all!

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## Writers's Ink submissions focus on birds, Florida insects

### Mitch Greenman

A quiet man married into our noisy family. It was easy to miss his gifts if you didn't look closely. Gloria, my niece saw what the rest of the family didn't even think to look for. She told me that one day they were driving somewhere together in silence for hours and neither of them felt uncomfortable. That was when she knew he was "The One."

We visited them in their home in Colorado recently when the subject of hummingbirds came up. He told us this story.

"In late September or early October most hummingbirds have left for warmer climates. One cool September morning I heard the dull thunk against our clear glass patio door which usually meant something had bumped into it. I looked out and saw a tiny bird in a puddle of cold water."

Hummingbirds can live up to 12 years, but every year many of the young inexperienced birds, or older ones who can't make the long trip to warmer climates, or even some who just get off track, die from lack of nourishment or cold when they don't leave their northern homes in time.

I picked up the lifeless body and held it in my hand to warm it. After a few minutes one eye flickered open and then the other. Then he shook himself and stared around in bewilderment. Staggering to the tip of my finger, he stood on his shaky legs for a few moments.

Then in a flurry of wings, he took off and disappeared into the surrounding trees. I sat for a while enjoying that feeling of privilege you get after interacting with a truly wild thing. Suddenly a soft buzz by my left ear told me my new friend had returned.

Our feeder has no perches, so the birds hover and feed on the wing. I put my finger out and felt his tiny feet wrap around it. He finished his meal standing. Then, in a whirr of wings, he was gone.

Hummingbirds often return to the same areas and even the same feeders year after year. I often wonder if he made it all the way down south, and if he might come back here to feed again next year?

That would be so cool."

### Jan Schueszler

Back home in northern Ohio the most insect life I had experienced was grasshoppers jumping out of the dry dust of a hot summer's stroll or flies congregating on the outside of the screen door when a summer rain was imminent.

We moved to Florida in the early 60's long before Johnson and Johnson had developed a sophisticated bug spray and repellent that could annihilate the most aggressive of Florida's livestock. There was a spray on the market that was

supposed to kill offending insects and every household dutifully had a can on the shelf in the garage.

I always kept spices in a drawer in the kitchen for easy access while concocting our food so imagine the horror I experienced when the day after we moved into our new home, I opened the spice drawer for a dash of cinnamon and there was a foot-long palmetto bug grinning up at me. I screamed at the top of my lungs and

kept screaming as I ran to the garage for that can of bug spray. Back in the kitchen, still screaming, bug spray in hand, finger on the button, I sprayed the drawer and all those spices till both were awash in ineffectual liquid.

When I picture the scene now, that foot-long bug was frantically doing the back stroke, with his feelers over his ears to shut out my screaming and keep from drowning but alas he lost the race for I was the larger of us and all that liquid from the spray and the vibrations from my screaming was too much for him to survive.

All the spices and the drawer had to be replaced for I could not bear to touch them and the stench from that ineffectual spray had soaked into the drawer wood.

The good of all this is the wonderful neighbors I met when they heard me screaming and came to rescue me.

All this took place some 50 years ago and many of those neighbors became lifelong dear friends. We laugh about how we met, thanks to that horrible foot-long palmetto bug.



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# Autumn was spent productively on son's Italian farm

Talk about timing — just when I thought I was going to have to pass on the column for the December issue, Cecile Sangiamo, your previous reporter, came through with news on her recent trip to Italy.

Her story follows:

"As I have done in the past, I recently visited my son's acreage in the Ligurian Alps, a mile above the shores of the Italian Riviera, but too cold to swim in the Mediterranean! I was there at a very important time in the life of Bluebird Farm — olive harvesting time. David and his wife Muriel have 45 olive trees which yield about 65 gallons of the precious liquid which they use for just about everything."

"David showed how he uses old olive oil to remove paint from his hands. I even helped with the "whacking" to help the olives drop to the netting they spread under trees to gather the olives (see photo at far right).

"The farm is dedicated to only organic growing. They do not use pesticides and if there is an unwelcome bug, they control it with natural defenses.

"On one occasion I was taken to see the mansion built by Alfred Nobel, the founder of the Nobel Peace Prize, a magnificent villa by the sea.



"We also took time out to drive east to Imperia for a visit to the Museum of the Olive Tree. It showed the history of the crop, which originated in the Middle East 6,000 years ago.

"Through trade and migration, cultivation spread throughout Europe.

"Another excursion took us to Nice, France, to see a museum of the works of Henri Matisse. After eight years of home-schooling, my grandchildren now attend school in neighboring Vallecrosia, so we dropped them off each day for their classes.

"Their daily chores include the opening of the gate to the pen so the chickens can run around the farm.

"The lone turkey, Tiki, has a dozen feathered companions, a few chickens



Cecile Sangiamo "whacking" one of the 45 olive trees on her son's farm in Italy.

and two ducks. My favorite was the black duck, Lucky. He runs and jumps and is followed wherever he goes by a beautiful white duck they call Melissa.

"My quiet days were spent sitting in the strong Italian sunshine."

Thanks for your news, Cecile. Glad to have you back!

This is the last issue for 2015. May it end on a good note with family and friends getting together to see the New Year begin.

  
 Our celebrity  
Jordan Haller, age 14

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## Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

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

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of children or grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

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## The annual Holiday Lights Contest returns this month.

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## County safety panel seminar set for Jan. 27

On Jan. 27, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium, the Community Service Office will be hosting a repeat of the Personal Safety and Consumer Information seminar that was given in September.

This event will be conducted by the Pinellas County Consumer Protection, as well

as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept.

They will provide important information on topics such as how to avoid being the victim of a scam, identity theft, assistance with consumer issues and how to keep yourself and the community safe.

Registration will be required and signup sheets will be made available in the Community

Service Office or in the OTOW News (see below). Please submit all completed forms to the CSO during normal business hours. The final day for registration is Friday, Jan. 22.

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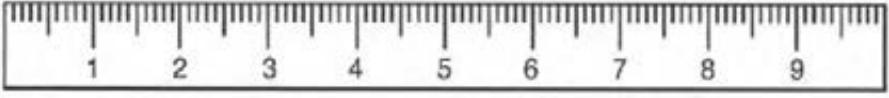
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She was especially thrilled to get to dance with instructors and choreographers whose dances she has been teaching to students in both Minnesota and Florida for 30

Linda Bouley surprised her father, Bill Pallait, with a party in their condo to celebrate his 102nd birthday. Thirty-five attended and shared four birthday cakes and



other refreshments. Plans are now being made for this original owner to celebrate his 103rd birthday next year!

Johnny's Italian Restaurant has long been a favorite place for our residents to enjoy a group dinner. We are headed there for dinner on Jan. 14, when most of our Snowbirds should be back in town. All residents are encouraged to attend and spend some social time with friends and neighbors while enjoying the food.



OTOW Line dance instructor Dolly Foland with Frank Trace, a widely-known and respected line dance choreographer and teacher. Ed and Dolly Foland were attending the recent Tampa Bay Line Dance Classic with hundreds of dancers from the area. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Our residents are doing a good job of keeping our storage rooms neat and clean and keeping their items between the lines of assigned 12 square foot areas. Annual clean-

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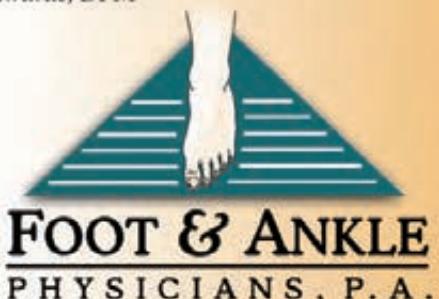
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## Brittany costumes star in 'Halloween for grown-ups'



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Brittany Farmhouse residents celebrated Halloween with a lunch having hot dogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, sauerkraut and delicious desserts. A group of 19 people enjoyed the outdoors and the company.

The same day Diane Magie was invited to a Halloween party. She greeted her guests at 7 p.m. dressed like a French noble with a tricorn (see photo). She looked beautiful.

Earl Baker came as a released or escaped convict, Anthea Hirsch was a Daisy clown, Bob Anderson transformed into Dr. Death, Emily Contrada showed up as a soccer player and Beth Dentinne looked pretty in her "roaring twenties" dress.

We had altogether a lot of fun, plenty of food and punch.



Diane Magie all dressed up for the Brittany Farmhouse Halloween party.

Everybody left with a trick-or-treat goody bag. Thank you Diane for a wonderful night at your house. You did a very good job as a host!

### Attention Dog Walkers

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



Bohemia featured residents Iris and Max Freitas recently came to OTOW from Boston.

## Bohemian fall festival was enjoyed by all who attended

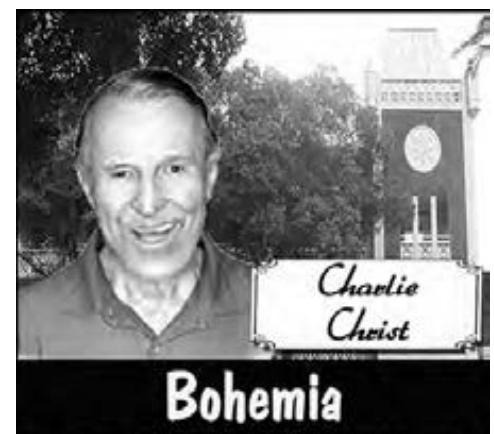
We had 27 Bohemians who enjoyed our Bohemian fall festival with a chicken dinner and a "white elephant" sale, hosted by Paula and friends.

Betty France returned and enjoyed the meal and visited with her many friends. Walt Von Fricken brought his son from California. He also treated him to a night out at The Mystic Fish in Palm Harbor. Then his daughter arrived from Massachusetts and treated him to a home-cooked dinner of meat loaf with mushroom gravy and Brussels sprouts. He treated her to a dinner at Ozona Blue.

First place for pumpkin drawing went to Iris Freitas. Barbara Christ won first for pumpkin carving. More about our Snowbirds returning in our next issue.

Mike and Juta returned from Germany with their great-granddaughter.

Paula celebrated her birthday with teacher friends in Ft. Myers and dining with family at Bellini's. The Walking Club visited the Military Museum in Largo and was really impressed



with how realistic the exhibits were. It's definitely something you won't want to miss.

I met Max and Iris Freitas from Boston recently (see photo at top). They picked On Top Of The World because it's located between Odessa where their daughter lives and Texas where their son is.

Max retired from sales and Iris worked in accounting. He enjoys football and baseball and she likes working in the hospital and making shawls. We hope to see them often at our future events.

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## Dec. 5 is Viennese Villa decorating day

Bill Carey, our building captain, piloted the welcome back cocktail party for snowbirds in mid-November.

It was well-attended. We met new neighbors as well as old and traded stories of how we spent our summers. Everyone agrees it's grand to be back in our corner of paradise.

Bill asked that we be in the core Dec. 5 to decorate for Christmas, so bring along the nog and join the elves.

In addition to the cocktail party we celebrated Dom Bucella's Birthday complete with a delightful cake.

Rosalie Borselli was there and announced she became a great-great-grandmother recently with the arrival of fifth generation to the family, a baby girl named for Rosalie.

Elaine Power's grandson recently returned from a wonderful trip to Italy with his father. Venice was of particular interest with the mode of transportation being boats. The grandson is used to hopping in his Mustang to get around — not a gondola!



Our Snowbirds have noticed the much-improved interior of the elevator. The rubbish room also looks in better condition. We had occasion to use the recycling center on Hercules Ave. recently. Makes discarding unwanted items not suitable for trash much easier and it's free.

Our son plans on joining us for Christmas before heading off to Hawaii. Mike again will be doing a photography program at the

Sea Bird Sanctuary at Indian Rocks Beach Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27. If you want tips on taking better photographs or you found a new camera in your Christmas stocking, here's your chance to learn everything you need to know to take good pictures.

His last program had attendees from far and wide. The fee is \$15 for single, \$25 for family. All funds are donated to the sanctuary for their care of injured birds.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Once again it's time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah. Safe travels to you and yours.

Building Christmas party is planned for the Sunrise Room. Please see bulletin board for details. Seating might be limited, so please sign up early if you plan to attend.

Any news fit to print, just e-mail [fresca@maine.rr.com](mailto:fresca@maine.rr.com).



## New board members are announced

Our Snowbirds certainly made the right choice by choosing the Granada Building for active, lively winter season events.

We owe thanks to Trish Burch and Peg Talak for keeping the activities going during this past summer for our year-round residents..

Barbara Humphreys hosted a plenary meeting in November to get things going for the coming season.

Our new building board members are: Coordinators Barbara Humphreys and Peg Talak, Secretary-Treasurer Trish Burch, Hospitality Karen Johnson, Reporter Arlene M. Berger and Sunshine Lady Peg Talak.

In addition, building wing captains were appointed, activities were discussed and dates were set.

We had a lovely turnout for our November luncheon at Ozone Blue. The food was excellent, the company was lively and the setting could not have been prettier. We were delighted to welcome newcomers Tom and Barb Jamrozy. Mark and Marsha Dupont are also welcome newcomers to our building.

Dec. 5 is the day set aside for holiday building decorating. Then on Dec. 11, we will attend the Beachcomber at noon for our holiday festivities.

Please make use of our beautiful sign-up sheet as there are always new activities listed.

Until next month, happy holidays and stay happy!

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## Events in Large Card Room have been relocated for December For Everyone

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Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 pm, East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 am, Veranda Room



## Classes and Crafts

### ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays, Art Room  
Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays, Art Room  
Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays, Art Room  
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### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room  
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10 am, Classroom, with Antoinette d'Oronzo, free

### COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 am, Computer Room  
Saturdays 8:30 a.m. Kitchen/Craft Room

### DANCING

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)  
Snowbirds Salsasize, 9 am, Tuesdays, Sunrise Room

### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

### SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Starlite Room

### WRITERS INK

Thursdays, 12:30 pm, Computer Room



## Exercises



### AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

### BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Art Room

### CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 am, East Gym

### FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

### HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

Morning Walkers, Daily, 9 am, Start at WAC  
Water Walking, Tue & Thu, 5 pm, EAC Pool  
Slow Spokes (bike riders), 9:30 am, Fridays, Meet at EAC Pool

### LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

### LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

Saturdays 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

### SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

### SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 8 am, Sunrise Room

### STEP EXERCISES

Fridays, 11 am, East Gym

### TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

### TOPS

Thursdays, 9 am, Art Room

### YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

### ZUMBA

Wed, 9:30 am, Auditorium

Mon, 9 am, Craft Room

Fri, 9 a.m., Yellow Room



## Traditional Games



### BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight A  
Tuesdays & Fridays, 12 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight B  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

### CANASTA

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Small Card Room  
Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

### CHESS

Tuesdays, 3 pm, Rainbow Room  
Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

Mon, 11 am, Kitchen/Craft Room  
Mon, Wed, Sat, 11 am, Yellow Room  
Saturdays, 11 am, Small Card Room

### EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room (no games Dec. 1)

### PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room  
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room  
Wed & Fri, 1 pm, Rainbow Room  
Thursdays, 1 pm, Small Card Room

### PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)  
Tuesdays, 11 am, Sunrise Room  
Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room  
Fridays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

### RAMUCKU

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Veranda Room

### SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda

### SHUFFLEBOARD

Mon & Thu, 1:30 pm, Shuffleboard Courts

### SCOPA

Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

### TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)  
Fri & Wed, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Carol)  
Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

We have revised the schedule above to reflect winter activities.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.

Certain activities will return in the spring and we need one month's notice to get it back on this page.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the Community Service Office. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

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## George Schmidtke celebrates 100th birthday in style

By Dana Garlick

"Friday the Thirteenth" was a lucky day for George Schmidtke, who celebrated his 100th birthday with friends and neighbors at his home in the French Renaissance Building I on Nov. 13 (see photos).

George was born and raised in Chicago and lived there until he moved to St. Petersburg in 1963 when his wife's parents needed help.

As a boy he worked as a caddy, sometimes carrying clubs for 27 to 36 holes a day. There he started his life-long love of golf.

His carpentry work continued when he came to Florida. In 1985, George and Hilda came to On Top of the World.

George met his wife Hildegarde (Hilda) at Chicago's Aragon Ballroom. She said, "I saw these brown and white shoes and looked up and this very handsome man asked me to dance."

"Six months later we were married," George chimed in. That was 67 years ago.



French Renaissance I resident George Schmidtke was honored on Nov. 13 in observance of his 100th birthday.

They have two lovely daughters who both graduated from St. Petersburg High School. Susan still lives in Florida in Kissimmee, and Sandy lives in Colorado Springs.

A gathering of friends and



George Schmidtke expresses surprise as he is presented with a lovely cake at his 100th birthday celebration held recently with family and friends.

neighbors was held in their home on Franciscan Drive to celebrate George's 100 years.

"They have been good years," says George, "especially because of the love of my good wife."

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# Featured residents ready to serve people of Dorado

Cheryl and Peter Milner have lived in the Dorado building for just 10 years and have become in that short time very important members of our community.

They have held office in the Dorado social committee and taken leadership in some of our initiatives in the building and have basically gotten to know almost everyone.

Affable and very easy to talk to, they were soon asked to take a more active role in the social part of the building.

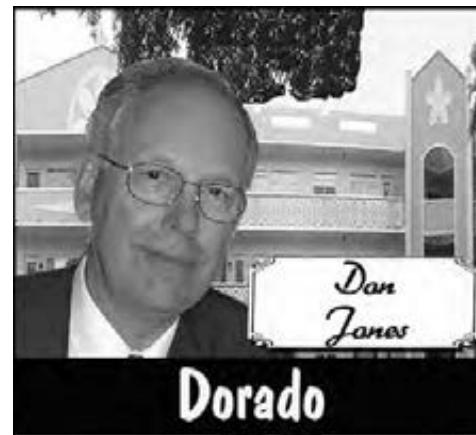
Peter served as president for a two-year term and Cheryl has been our social coordinator for almost the whole time that she has been living here.

She organizes Dorado luncheons and many parties such as Halloween, the holiday party, the annual meeting meal, and the farewell Snowbirds party.

As persons who are here all year, they help the Snowbirds by keeping an eye on the apartments that are vacant. The only reward they ask is the occasional parking spot privilege.

The story about their meeting and getting married is very interesting. They were sweethearts early in their high school years in Manchester By the Sea, Mass., and would have probably tied the marriage knot shortly after that, but Cheryl and her family felt it important for Cheryl to go to school to become a teacher.

It should be noted that Cheryl's father was the principal of the high school they attended. They went their own different ways after graduation from high school.



Much later in life their paths crossed again in an appliance store. Cheryl was attempting to convince the sales person to send her new, just purchased, washer and dryer COD because she did not have a credit card with her.

Peter then offered to put the purchase on his credit card. Peter, always a favorite with Cheryl's mother, was invited to visit and as they say: the rest is history.

Cheryl finished her education and became a teacher. She worked for a full 35 years. She taught grade one for most of the time, but for one year she moved on with the children and taught them again in grade two where she stayed for the balance of her career.

Cheryl's hobbies include cooking, needle work, and folk painting.

Peter played many sports starting with baseball at the age of 10 and playing league ball until he was 26 years old. He played and coached hockey for the little league as well.

Peter put in many years in the



Dorado Building featured residents Cheryl and Peter Milner. (Photo by Don Jones)

postal services and rose to the position of postmaster. After retiring from the post office, he took a position in the Sheriff's office as a police officer.

His previous position as a postmaster made him ideal to take the leadership in our Dorado building replacement mailbox project a few years ago.

Since coming to Florida he has done security work at Target and now works as an assistant at a local funeral home.

Peter is the secretary of the Men's Golf Club and writes the men's golf articles that we read each month in the OTOW News.

Peter and Cheryl moved to On Top of the World without any hesitation or even looking around. Cheryl's mother

and father had been living here for many years and they felt it natural to purchase a place near them.

They say the neighbors, who are friendly, the convenience of the apartments, and the location make it an ideal spot to live. If you ask what is important to them, they will say their church, the neighbors, and activities in the community such as the Canadian Club and golfing.

Peter and Cheryl collectively have three children and two grandchildren, who all live within one hour of each other in the Salem N.H. and Beverly, Mass., area.

Cheryl and Peter Milner are ideal neighbors who are caring, thoughtful, friendly and reliable. They are both great assets to our OTOW community.

## Building meeting results in election of some new officers

The Welcome Back Snowbirds party was a huge success, with about 40 attending.

The second floor core looked like a cafe with the new chairs and bridge tables. Thanks to building captain Paul Bruyere and his wife Claire for the organization, the decorations and the delicious chicken.

The side dishes and desserts were outstanding, too. It was so good to see all the neighbors and former neighbors. Former Chetniks Mary Kearney, Peg Lumsden, Murray Zolkower and Leon Turner from Mease Manor, and Muriel Landau from Regency Oaks joyfully joined us.

Much was accomplished at the building's business meeting on Oct. 29, including the election of building officers. John Koning was elected building secretary, and Bill Jacobs treasurer. Paul Bruyere will serve another year as building captain. There



will be no dues collected this year.

Upcoming dates to remember are 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, to-decorate cores, and 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15, for a cocktail party with canapes in the core for the holidays.

Vi Donato is a retired pharmacist. Her daughter (also a pharmacist) and husband visited with Vi in October. They did a lot of home-cooking together.

Judy O'Laughlin retired from her job as Assistant Manager of First Bank. In the fall she attended her 50-year class reunion in Somers Point, N.J. (near Atlantic City). Six alumni were from Florida. They will return in two years to celebrate their mutual 70th birthdays. Judy also plans to do some cruising in 2016.

Jean Gaines had a dear friend visit from Ohio. She stayed at Jean's with her big red dog. Since the friend is formally from Dunedin, she did lots of visiting there.

My daughter and son-in-law from North Carolina visited for a long weekend of Halloween.

On Thanksgiving, we had a family reunion with our daughter and her four children, who were here from Texas for five days.

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, John and I had a surprisingly wonderful time at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.

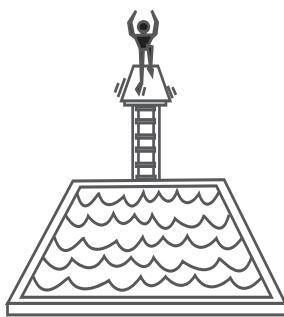
John wore his Korean War Veteran's cap and likes to play the 7's slots.

One of the hosts informed us that all veterans would receive \$10 free comps added to their player's card. We promptly went to the player's club kiosk to claim the free comps.

Later we were headed to the restaurant and another host informed us that all veterans were receiving a free meal up to \$20 that day (my meal wasn't included). After being seated, the waitress informed us that a younger man a few tables away informed her that he would pay the balance of our bill. We waved our thank you to him.

He finished his meal before us and abruptly left, so we were unable to thank him again and inform him that it was also John's birthday. The slots were also kind to John and he arrived home \$50 richer!

John and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Blessed New Year!



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## Reporter shares memories of Christmas in her youth

In order to "Christmatize" this column, I decided to roam around our building with the hopes of interviewing any available inhabitants about Christmas customs from their youth.

As I approached the core, I heard raucous laughter and found four Emerald Islanders about to depart for the golf course. Since they were all in obvious good humor, I began my questioning.

"How did you find out there was no Santa Claus?" I asked. One person just shrugged his shoulders, another thought a moment and answered, "...From some kid." Another shouted back as they departed, "I didn't find out until I was 45, from my kids!"

This methodology wasn't getting me anywhere. It was then I began to ponder my own Christmases of yore, and as the memories came flooding back, I felt really amused by my own recollections.

At about age 4, I was planning on putting out milk and cookies for Santa when my father intervened to tell me he was sure Santa would prefer beer. When I exclaimed that I didn't have any beer, my father, Otto, generously offered me one of his favorite beers to leave on the table.



It is now another year later and, as usual, I am the first one up. After finally rousing everyone else, I soon discovered to my chagrin that our stockings hadn't been filled.

My mother (the one with the eyes in the back of her head and ever on her toes), did not flinch. She ran to the cupboard and began taking out bags of goodies and small toys, and placing them in our lonely stockings.

"Now wait a minute," I thought out loud, "Why did Santa leave everything in there?" "Because he was in a hurry."

This sounded a bit fishy to me but I soldiered on with the opening of my presents. Since all the cards on my gifts said, "To Sue from Santa" I finally asked my parents, "Why don't you ever give us anything?" Embarrassed silence.

Several days after Christmas that year, I was, again, the only one up early. For some unknown reason, I decided to stick the end of my new metal rake into an empty socket where one of the Christmas lights had been.

And yes, the lights were all lit, but not for long. With a mighty puff of smoke and a flash they all went out. I ran to my parents' bedroom shouting, "The Christmas tree is on fire!"

I've never seen them move so fast. Happily they didn't find any fire, but wanted to know what made me think that. When I told them what I had done, they were incredulous. "Why did you do that?" How should I know? I guess I just wanted to see if it fit. It did. It was also my first lesson in electric circuitry, never to be repeated.

When I was six, my second brother, Bill, who was four years older, had had enough of this Santa Claus nonsense, so decided to inform me that there was no Santa Claus. Of course, I did not believe him, but when he subsequently led me to my brothers' closet, there indeed was the football I'd asked for plus a myriad of other items which I've since forgotten.

I was disappointed in two ways: the football was way too small to be authentic, and now my little dream



Stocking confusion reigned during one of Sue Naylor's early Christmas mornings. And that beer bottle? It's in the story.

world was also shattered. My mother was not happy, either!

My father, Otto, always rang in the New Year by eating a tin full of Bismarck herring, an old German custom that supposedly brought you bounty and luck. To the three of us kids it was so disgusting that we figured if you were lucky enough to live through it, you'd probably have a good year.

No matter what your beliefs, or lack thereof, the denizens of Emerald Isle hope you always have the wind at your back.

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Rural French reporter Gloria Clifford, right, had an enjoyable visit recently from some long-time friends from Long Island, N.Y.

## Visitors and reporter take in some unusual Fla. spots

I had a wonderful week recently with my friends from Long Island.

It was nice cooking for someone again. I went from seven of us to just me. Pat Summers and her married daughter took me to places I hadn't been to although many had.

One was Florida Orange Groves and Winery, which was very interesting. I wondered why I felt OK going in, but coming out, wow! Tropical Banana (not breakfast) was quite a different drink — only used two bananas for cereal.

Another day we visited a beautiful Christmas shop. What a delightful experience. I loved to see the expressions on the little people's faces when they heard about this after dinner at my condo. And we re-visited the Sunset Grill.

Pat and Karen and I were members of an antique car club. My hubby had a 1931 Ford; I had a 1954 Bel Air, saddle shoes and poodle skirt to match.

I was club editor for years, the hard way. Crank up the darn machine,



**Rural French**

get the stamps ready to mail newsletters to the members. Then I served as secretary for a good 10 years. Pat was bookkeeper.

Our pool party and fashion show was held on Oct. 20 at the Dunedin Country Club to benefit Hospice. The models were from our aerobic swim club. I've modeled a few times myself. It's a lot of fun for a great cause.

Regards to one another. God Bless.

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## Holiday core decorating set for Dec. 2

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly ..." — that's what you'll hear as you pass through our building core on Dec. 2 as a group of resident volunteers decorate the core and trim our Christmas tree.

Calling all Melbourne residents to join in the festivities, while feasting on plates of cookies, snacks and some good old fashioned eggnog and punch.

Later in the week, we will enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner at Kally-K's. Check our bulletin board for the specifics. Attendees are asked to bring a \$5 white elephant gift and join in on the fun and surprises.

Val Kastner's family, including her



**Melbourne**

in-law, who have moved to Clearwater, had Thanksgiving with Carol. Her granddaughter, a sophomore at Ohio State, also came for Thanksgiving and will be back for Christmas.

Last but not least, we would like to welcome our newest neighbors, Jack and Diane Ward. Jack and Diane are originally from Pennsylvania, and Jack told me they are happy to be here.

Enjoy all of the holidays that December has to offer, and most of all, be kind to one another.

I wish you all good health and happiness in this busy season. Have a joyous Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas!

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granddaughter, husband and 11-month-old great-granddaughter were here for Thanksgiving.

Carol Futej's daughter and son-

# Some history of holiday lighting at the España building

Once again it is time for the December holidays and already the visitors are arriving.

At the last España Building meeting it was brought up that residents should park in their assigned parking space. That information was also posted on the bulletin board. Each side of our building has 27 apartments and four or five visitor parking spaces.

We have residents who have two cars and one assigned parking space. If you have two cars, please park your second car on the street and leave the visitor spaces for the visitors.

Also, please do not block the areas where the sidewalk comes down to the street for the convenience of handicapped people.

Nancy and Dick Kronawetter have returned from a cruise to the Bahamas. They sailed with a group of seven couples who were all friends.



They had a marvelous time attending the shows and visiting the various island sights.

There have been many comments in regard to the fantastic Halloween decorations and Thanksgiving decorations that we had this year. Les Meneilly did it all so tell him how much you appreciated it.

For those new residents, the España has a history of the Christmas lights in the arches. The first year that any arches were lit was in 1993 when my son taped strings of lights to the three arches in front of my condo. He did it with duct tape and every morning, I had to go out with the broom and push the center sections of the lights back up since the tape let the top lights sag.

Several years later a new resident liked the lights and he did the same thing but he didn't appreciate having to push the lights back up every morning.

The next year, another resident put the screws into the building and that method of lighting the arches continued for about 19 years.

This year, thanks to John Fier, he found a new, safer method to install the lights in the arches and I understand that On Top of the World has given their permission for us to once again

have the arches lit for Christmas. Thank you John and thanks to the men installing the lights.

I have a hint for Christmas. Sometime in our life, we have all had a spectacular Christmas holiday. What event in your past can you never forget? When you and your guests are all sitting at the Christmas dinner table, ask others to share that special event with you all.

I had a special event that took place when I spent Christmas in another country in 1959. I will never forget that Christmas. There were no gifts, no decorations, and when someone said "Merry Christmas" you knew that they truly meant it.

Now, with no gifts or decorations attached to this article, I personally wish you all a happy, healthy, Merry Christmas!

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## 'Yankee gift swap' will again be featured at holiday dinner

We have a lot of new faces here at the Bavarian Chalet, most of whom I have not had the pleasure to meet yet.

We extend a warm welcome to all of our newcomers!

We're excited about our upcoming holiday potluck dinner, which will be held in the kitchen craft room (downstairs) at the East Activity Center on Friday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.

The announcement and sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board in the core, so please sign up and include what dish you will be bringing. There's always a wonderful assortment of delicious entrees and desserts!

Last year, for the first time at our party, we held a "yankee gift swap." We had such a great time with it, we're going to do it again this year! If you'd like to participate, you can stop at a dollar store and pick up a little gift for a couple of dollars. Wrap it up and bring it along. It's not required, or expected, but as the saying goes, the more the merrier!

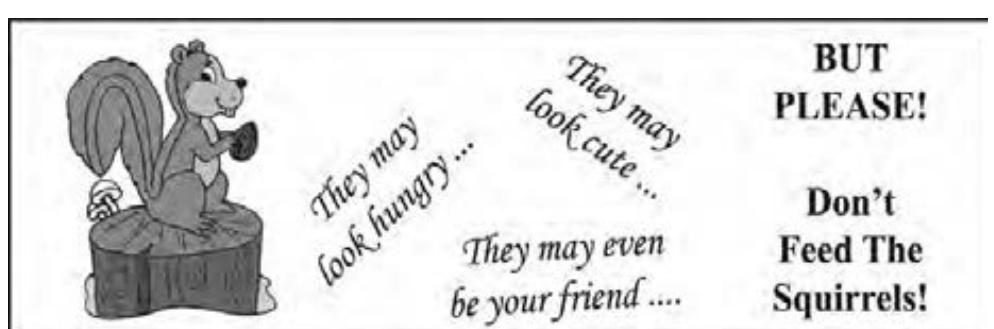
All of our residents are welcome and we look forward to greeting many of our new neighbors, as well as catching up with those we've missed



during the summer! So please, come on out and join us for a fun-filled night with great company and a few good laughs! Good food, good friends, don't miss it!

A big "thank you!" to those who helped decorate and make our core festive for the holidays. If you have time to volunteer in taking down after the New Year, we welcome anyone who will offer a helping hand. We'll post a date and time on the bulletin board.

The residents of the Bavarian Chalet wish all of our neighbors and their families a very happy holiday season! Good health, happiness, peace and prosperity to all in 2016!



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**Tuesday Afternoon**

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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**

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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**Thursday Afternoon**

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**Friday Morning**

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**Friday Afternoon**

Super Walmart

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East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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- 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.
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# Newcomers, Snowbirds jump into OTOW activities

Merry Christmas — we are coming close to the end of the year and for the life of me I am not sure where it went.

I am pretty sure that the weather here has a lot to do with the perception of seasonal change, and since it is fairly constant, the time of year seems an elusive conception. Our summer was exceptionally warm and the cooler weather is much appreciated.

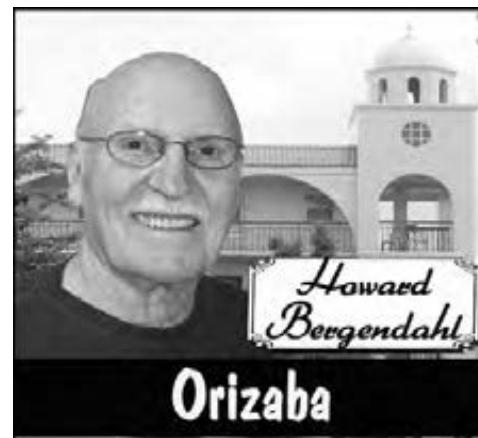
Building birthdays for the month also are elusive, so let me just wish anyone due to celebrate their birthday this month a very happy and healthy birthday.

We continue to have new residents moving into the building and it is time to welcome Jeff and Valerie Harris (see photo) to the Orizaba group. The pair is well-traveled, having lived in various parts of the world. They are veterans of England, Central Africa and Israel.

Valerie is making the most of our facilities and Jeff has joined the Wednesday breakfast club. They are active lawn bowlers and really getting a feel for the warm days we have been having. We expect to see more of this interesting couple at various functions.

The luncheon last month at "Daddy's" in Oldsmar was well-attended and enjoyed by all. The food was plentiful and tasty. New residents Dan and Shirley Haran were in attendance and were welcomed by all. Thanks to our hostess Linda Ledesma, who has graciously agreed to host this year's holiday party. Watch the bulletin board for details and sign up early.

Welcome to Justin and Jeff the newest members of the Wednesday



Valerie and Jeff Harris are new Orizaba residents and are discovering the many OTOW activities in which they can participate.

breakfast group. They join the Snowbirds who have returned, including Joan and Andy McEvoy, Joe and Josephine Gonzales, Walt and Helen Sutkowi, and Norbert Mercier.

It seems that every conversation amongst our residents includes some discussion about sleeping patterns. Somebody wrote in Readers Digest that they would enjoy getting out of bed more if they had to do it only three times a week. This "every day" thing is overkill. How do you feel?

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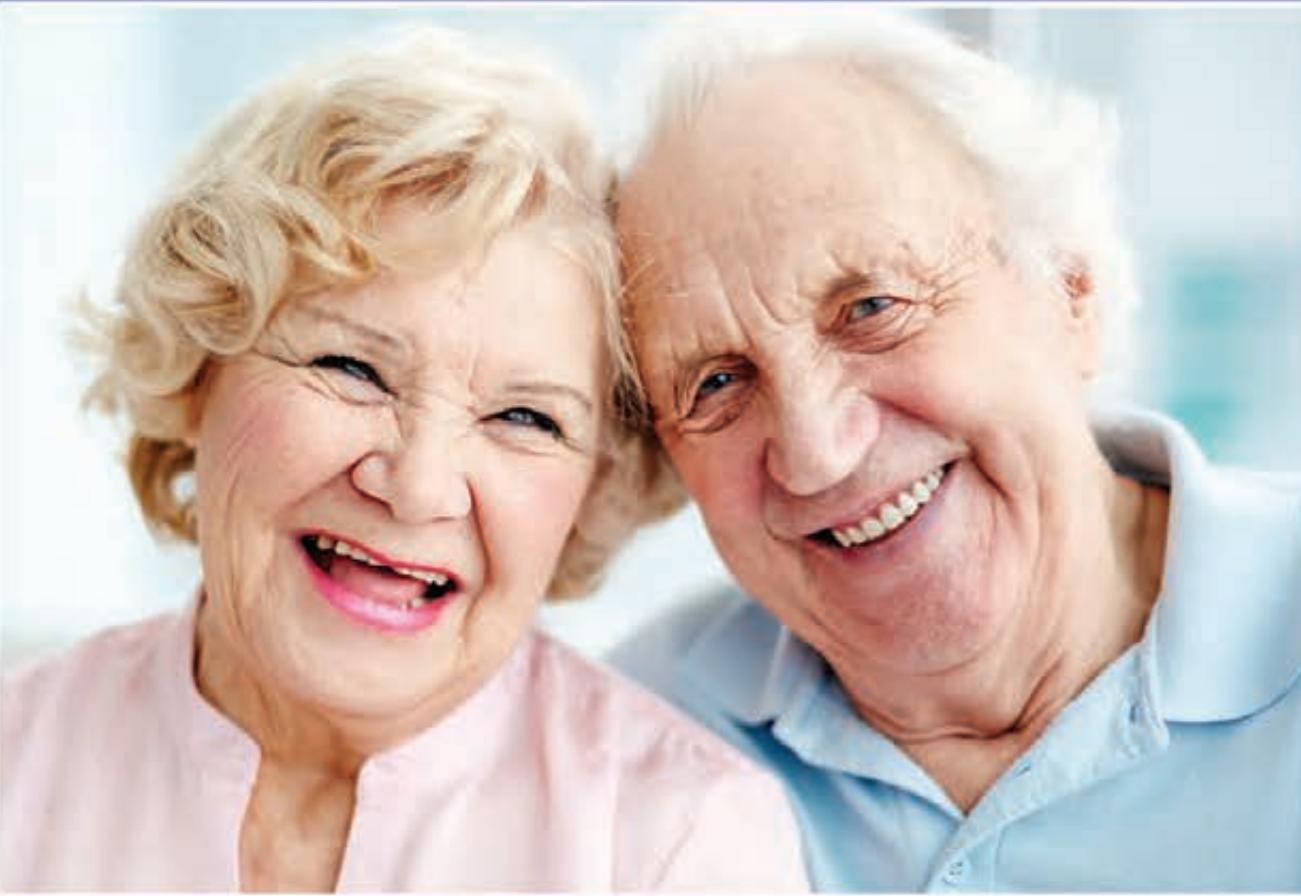
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