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Santa baby bonnets from OTOW

By Cheryl Butcher

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group is very fortunate to have many talented and dedicated members. And with Christmas rapidly approaching, our minds naturally turn to thoughts of what we can make to bring the holidays to the people we like to serve.

All year long, Anna Georgiadis has been knitting baby bonnets in addition to lap robes and shrugs. But her most recent creations have been Christmas-themed baby bonnets in red and white yarn with white tassels added to the top.

The bonnets were developed out of her own imagination. Anna originally made them for her daughter's neighborhood children, but then realized she could downsize them and make them in various sizes to accommodate all of the nursery babies.

Anna has been making them for the last five years for both the On Top of the World knitters club and other like-groups she belongs to.

So far this year, she has made 30 of these darling caps.

Mease Countryside Hospital nursery is the recipient of the hats, and Anna has been told that because they are so special, the nurses fight over who gets them for their babies.



Anna Georgiadis holds up one of many mini baby bonnets she has knitted for children in a local hospital.

Safe to say, Anna's hat will always be the first hat a particular child owns, so the parents will take it home and save it as a keepsake.

Other Knitting Club members make lap robes in holiday colors. Recently, a resident donated crocheted strips in red and green, and Theresa

Mayne finished them into a beautiful lap robe that will go to a nursing home and hopefully brighten someone's Christmas.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them, as well as from the

Coffee Corner.

The group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us. While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems.

What a wonderful,

I really love long walks and On Top of the World is a really great place to take one.

The community is safe, well-lit at night and has wide streets.

It also has an amazing range of urban wildlife. All you need to do is walk around and look.

Arbor Lake offers an interesting array of blooming aquatic plants and the bird life is very diverse. Just look out (and not up) for the gulls.

On one recent early morning stroll, I noticed a maintenance employee and a resident “fussing” over the bed of a work vehicle. Never one to miss a good show, I walked over to enquire. Seems the resident was greatly concerned about a very large snapping turtle she found walking a few hundred feet upland from the lake. Both individuals, being do-gooders, managed to wrangle the poor critter into the back of the utility vehicle and hustle back toward the pond. Turns out that was the easy part.

Neither could figure out how to get this very enraged 15 pound turtle back on the ground. Angry snapping turtles are very agile when cornered, that neck has quite a reach and the jaws can easily remove an adult’s finger in the blink of an eye.

With the help of a towel over its head and one well-placed quick shove, we landed the turtle back on shore.

The sad part in all this, the reason the turtle was upland was to lay her eggs. Well-meaning though it all was, the action to “save” her may have proven to be very detrimental.

On another walk along Arbor Lake, I observed a soft shell turtle laying her eggs. I observed this from a safe distance so as not to disturb.

Turns out, not only do turtles move slowly on land, they take a really long time to lay eggs. She had more patience with the task than I did.

The point in writing this is to remind residents to respect the local wildlife and resist the impulse to interfere with them in any way.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

Buildings 40, 41 and 43 are scheduled to have new waterproofing coatings applied to the rear of the structure in December.

Please be aware the painting contractor may require residents to temporarily relocate their personal vehicles in



order to reach all areas of the building. All start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The building walkway light fixture renovation project is anticipated to start at Buildings 94 and 95 in December.

These installation teams will be performing this work in the walkways and around unit entryways, so please use caution in and around these work areas.

This project will conclude after the completion of these two buildings, which is anticipated to take place right around the New Year.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

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. 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



A walk around Arbor Lake will unveil nature’s beauty in a variety of ways. Above is an Arrowroot bloom.

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.

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.

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, 2069 World Parkway Blvd.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt water softeners, are permissible in the community.

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scenic place we live

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2016/2017 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied. If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

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

Decorative Stones

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 has 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 stones at the earliest convenience.

Awnings

The Inspection Services Department 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.

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

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top Of the World, however, 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.

Insurance

It cannot be stressed 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, ad-



Pictured at left are a pair of mating Giant moths and below is a Florida Cooter turtle.

Photos by Kenneth Colen



equate 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.

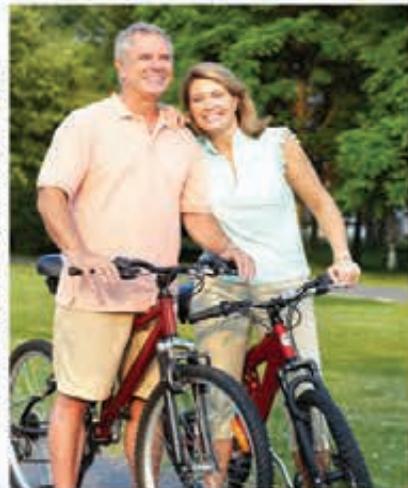
If you are an owner that rents your unit, make sure you have business (rental) interruption coverage. In the unlikely event the renter would need to vacate the unit for a period of time due to some unforeseen catastrophe, you would be compensated by the carrier. Interrupted rent is not something the 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!



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This time of year can be very busy, but there is always time to share a smile with a neighbor

Random acts of kindness

The other day, while passing through the Community Service Office, I was taken back by a resident who, while having an obviously bad day, managed to maintain a smile and friendly manner in their exchange with one of our Community Service Office coordinators.

This surprised me a little because just a few seconds prior to that exchange was an equally upset resident, who did not match smile for smile but scowled at them instead.

While both received the same good quality service, it reminded me that not everyone remembers to be kind and patient to one another.

Everyone has, from time to time, things that happen in their life that cause us to pause and struggle. What is important is the way in which every individual projects that to others they come into contact with. I think everyone should try to perform a random act of kindness to brighten another's day, particularly when working with the wonderful staff at the Community Service Office.

That smile you give just may come back to you.

Senior Expo

This year's Senior Expo was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the East Activity Center. We had more than 90 vendors, both inside and outside, and more than 800 residents in attendance.

Inside we offered many "mini" seminars throughout the day, which were very popular.

Outside, we had live Caribbean-style music, several food choices and a lot of tables set up for everyone's use and enjoyment.

We continue to receive very positive feedback from residents and many that particularly enjoyed the atmosphere outside. Each year we plan to add additional activities and vendors and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the vendors and residents in attendance that day and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

St. Petersburg Opera

On Thursday, Nov. 10, the St. Petersburg Opera performed in the East Activity Center auditorium at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee.

The second Thursday of each month, Good Neighbors, in conjunction with the Community Service Of-



ice, coordinates wonderful entertainment that appeals to a wide variety of residents. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee, mark your calendar and make plans to do so. Each month they host an informative and entertaining morning event.

Fraud Prevention

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the Community Service Office hosted Pinellas County Sheriff's Detectives and the Pinellas County Department of Consumer Protection for Fraud Awareness Week.

On Top of the World was very lucky to be one of only five senior communities across the county which was extended the invitation to have such an important event scheduled here.

Future Plans

We would like to thank everyone who came out to any of our past events. The Community Service Office has many more planned in the future so stay tuned and watch for notices to be posted.

Hooray For Hollywood

On Dec. 7, the Community Service Office is pleased to present "Hooray for Hollywood" in the East Activity Center auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more than 100 years, some of the most interesting scandals we've heard about have involved Hollywood and its stars and starlets. Scandals that seemed to be tinged with murder and intrigue seem to pop up so often that it's hard to keep up with the goings on in Tinsel town.

Attorney Jerry Colen will regale you with intrigue, scandal, and murder. Hooray for Hollywood is a look at some of the scandals that make Hollywood such a fascinating subject.

Lost and Found

Lost and found is located in the Community Service Office and at this time we have boxes full of unclaimed

items that have been turned in over the last several months.

In December we will begin the process of pulling out those older items and discarding them. If you have lost any item(s) recently, please stop down and see if yours was turned in.

Angel Tree

This year the Community Service Office is hosting the angel tree once again.

Tags have been placed on Christmas trees located in the lobbies of each Activity Center. Please stop in and pick up your tag(s) and show your support for children in need.

Activity Cards

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

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time 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. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Emergency Phone

The OTOW 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 OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981.

Please call this number to submit a work order such as general building issues in the common area only.

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request 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.

Holiday Closings

As a reminder, the East and West

Activity Centers will close on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. and will be closed Sunday, Dec. 25 all day.

The Activity Centers will reopen on Monday, Dec. 26 at 7 a.m. The Community Service Office and the Good Karma Café will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Please call the after-hours emergency phone number 727-799-1115 for any emergencies during these dates.

The Community Service Office and the Good Karma Café will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, but the Activity Centers will be open.

Recycling

As a reminder, please wash out any cans and glassware before tossing into the recycle bins as this will aid in reducing insects and odors.

Fitness Center

As a reminder, please adhere to all fitness center rules. We have noticed that many residents are wearing open toe shoes or other footwear not designed for physical fitness use. You must wear the appropriate athletic attire, including shoes, to access and utilize the Fitness Center. We ask that no food or drinks, outside of water, be brought into the center.

Also, note that cleaning stations are located throughout the center for your convenience in cleaning the equipment after each use. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the center neat and clean. The center is open to all On Top of the World residents and approved tenants, no guests allowed.

Smoking is Prohibited

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. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

The SCA staff would like to take the opportunity to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

AAA Driving Class

The next AAA Driver Safety Classes will take place Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9 and 10 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. You must attend both days. Times are 9 a.m.-noon.

Bring a check for \$15 to the first class. The registration form is on page 60 in this newspaper. Deadline to register is Feb. 2. Bring your completed



**From the On Top of the World News staff
to all of our readers**

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

You will notice our last page in this newspaper is marked as page 944 - that's because in 2016 our staff produced 944 pages of news.

Below is a list of the 115 people who contributed this year.

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Visit to Holy Land enhances faith this holiday season

By Doug Kates

The holiday season is very important to Christians, who, at this time of year, show their faith, by attending timely religious services, singing religious songs and praying to their spiritual leaders.

For On Top of the World residents Dr. Roger and Evelyn Guzman, no show of faith could be more prominent than from a trip they recently returned home from.

Not only did Roger and Evelyn visit the Holy Land (Israel) to renew their wedding vows in a special, sacred ceremony, but Roger had his baptism vows renewed in the Jordan River – the place where Jesus was reported to be baptized in approximately 34 AD.

“It was always on our bucket list to visit the Holy Land,” Roger said. “We tell people it took two years to plan, but actually it was more like decades of planning.”

“Our fascination with the Holy Land started all the way back in childhood. But when my sister-in-law died before getting a chance to realize her dream to go there, Evelyn and I decided to go. We wanted to set foot on the land where Jesus was born, where He walked, worked, taught, lived and performed miracles.”

So while Christians all over the world attend church services this month to try to get as close to their savior as possible, Roger and Evelyn can look at each other knowing they got as close as anyone can get while still being on this planet.

“Seeing pictures of the places where we visited, both in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, does not compare to actually being there,” Roger said. “It was simply amazing to watch scenes from the Bible come to life.”

“It meant so much for us to walk where He walked,” Roger continued. “We were there where Jesus ate the bread and fish He multiplied. In fact, I went fishing where the apostles went



Dr. Roger Guzman, center, an On Top of the World resident, is about to be baptized in the sacred Jordan River during a ceremony earlier this year. Joining him are two other visitors. There were about 20 people in all. Roger is on the Israel side of the river. The divider in the water marks the Jordan side of the river. No one was allowed to cross the middle of the river into Jordan.

fishing with Him.

“In Bethlehem, we went down to the nativity where Jesus was born and we saw the field where the shepherds came to visit.”

The greatest story Roger will share is renewing his baptism vows in the Jordan River, which appears to be an ordinary stream with muddy water, but to Christians it is a body of water glorified in the Bible.

At first, it was emotionally overwhelming just to arrive at the place

where Jesus was baptized.

“What an awesome feeling when I first saw the Jordan River,” Roger said. “The actual ceremony I will never forget the rest of my life.”

And of course there was the wedding - the fourth for the Guzmans.

Roger and Evelyn were originally married May 18, 1961, in a community near Manila in the Philippines. They celebrated their 25th anniversary and 50th anniversary by renewing their vows at two different locations in Canada.

But it will be their 55th anniversary that overshadows all the rest.

Roger and Evelyn renewed their vows in Galilee, where the Bible says Jesus turned water into wine during a wedding ceremony He attended.

Roger says wine has never been served at any of the wedding ceremonies he and Evelyn have shared, but during the exchange of vows, he could sense the same wine that was flowing 2000 years ago, was still flowing that same afternoon.



There are alternatives to lighting candles this holiday season. Many decorations look like candles and come with beautiful electric bulbs. If you have to light a candle, never leave it unattended. Don't let it burn too long. Make sure you extinguish the flame before leaving your condo or going to bed.

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Ingredients

SHRIMP BUNDLES

- 1 tube Crescent Rolls
- 1 pound 21-25 uncooked shrimp
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

HOLIDAY EGG NOG

- 6 Eggs, separated
- 1 pint Milk
- 1/2 cup sugar (egg yolks)
- 1/2 pint Bourbon (optional)
- 1/4 cup sugar (egg whites)
- 1 ounce Rum (optional)
- 1 pint Heavy Cream
- 1/2 gallon Vanilla Ice Cream

Shrimp Bundles

Directions

COOKING DIRECTIONS

The Holidays are approaching and that means Holiday Parties. If you are wondering what you can serve to your guests which is different from the usual cheese ball or chips and dips, this is the perfect appetizer. It is both delicious and easy to prepare.

Open the Crescent Roll tube, separate each crescent, and cut each one into three equal triangles so that you have 24 pieces total. Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the spices, stir together.

Peel shrimp and devein. Place one shrimp in the middle of each triangle, fold the ends over the shrimp to envelope it. Place on a cookie sheet. Brush butter mixture generously on each piece. Bake at 350 degrees till the shrimp is cooked and the dough is browned, about 15 minutes. Brush the bundles with the remaining butter and serve.

HOMEMADE EGG NOG

Of course, Egg Nog is the traditional holiday beverage. This recipe is also easy to make and is delicious with or without the booze. It was traditionally made every year by my father-in-law. It wasn't Christmas if this was not on the table.

Beat separately the egg yolks and egg whites. Add 1/2 cup of sugar to the egg yolks while beating. Add 1/4 cup of sugar to the egg whites while beating to stiff peaks. Fold the yolks into the whites. Stir in the heavy cream and milk. Add the bourbon and rum if desired. Pour the egg nog into a punch bowl and float scoops of the vanilla ice cream on top to chill.

Tip Of The Month

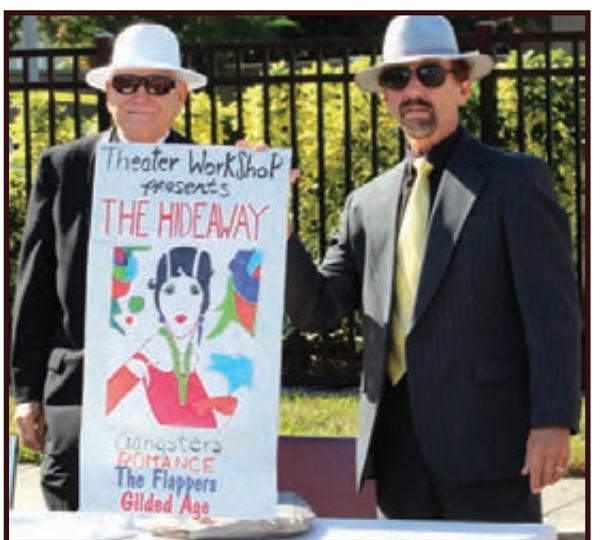
When using dried herbs or spices, rub them together in the palms of your hands. That releases all of the oils and aromas and will enhance your dish even more.

The Perfect Beverage - Holiday Egg Nog



2016 Senior Expo

Photos by Doug Kates



The 2016 On Top of the World Senior Expo took place in November and featured indoor and outdoor activities. There were commercial vendors, food vendors, OTOW clubs, groups and sports, raffles, gifts and more. There was 'Caribbean-style' music outdoors with room to dance. There was organ and piano music indoors. Hungry participants could seek out burgers, tacos, sausages, hot dogs and bakery goods. You could get information to improve your health, improve your home or learn about an organization in the county. There were also seminars throughout the day for people who really wanted to learn something new. Some of the Expo's action can be seen on this page.



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Sunday, Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec. 31, 6:00
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DECEMBER

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

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

ART/CRAFTS

CARING AND SHARING
Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room
CERAMICS
Tuesdays, 12 pm, Craft Room
Fridays, 9 am, Craft Room
CHINESE PAINT BRUSH
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
DRAWING CLASS
Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room
PAINTING PALS
Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room
PAINTING WORKSHOP
Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room
GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS
Wednesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

BILLIARDS

EIGHT BALL - A FLIGHT
Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
EIGHT BALL - B FLIGHT
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
NINE BALL
Tuesdays, 1 pm, Billiards Room
Fridays, 1 pm, Billiards Room
SCOTCH DOUBLES
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
QUE'T LADIES
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room
BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS
Thursdays, 4 pm, Yellow Room
CONTRACT BRIDGE
Mondays, Thursdays, Yellow Room, 11 am
CRIBBAGE
Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room
DOUBLE PINOCHLE
Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room
DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11 am, Yellow Room
HAND & FOOT CANASTA
Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room
MAHJONGG
M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room
Mondays, 4:45, Rainbow Rm
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm
PINOCHLE
Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room
PINOCHLE LESSONS
Thursdays, 3 pm, Yellow Room
SAMBA
Mondays, 12 pm, Small Card Room
Thursdays, 6 pm, Craft Room
SCOPA
Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

ATHLETICS

PING PONG
M,T,W 10 am, Sunrise Room
BOARD GAMES
DOMINOES
Tuesdays 5:30 pm, Small Card Room
CLASSES/LESSONS/EDUCATION
CANADIAN CLUB ENGLISH CLASSES
Wednesdays, Fridays, 4:30 p.m., Yellow Room
COMPUTER CLASS
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Kitchen
COMPUTER CLUB
M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Computer Room
COMPUTER CLUB WINDOWS 10 WORKSHOP
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Craft Room

DANCING

DANCING WITH NOLAND
Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room
SNOWBIRDS SALSASIZE
Tuesdays, 8:30 am, Sunrise Room
SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS
Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS
M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room
STEP EXERCISES CO-ED
Fridays, 11 am, East Gym
FUN FITNESS CO-ED
Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room
EXERCISES CO-ED
M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room
LADIES EXERCISES
M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, Exercise Room
SLIMNASTICS
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room
TAI CHI
U,M,W,S, 2 pm, Exercise Room
U,M,W,S, 3 pm, Beginners, Exercise Room
T, H 6 pm, Intermediate. Exercise Room
WATER AEROBICS
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, East Pool
YOGA
Tuesdays, Thursdays 11 am, Exercise Room
Wednesdays, 11 am, East Gym (Sun Moon)
ZUMBA
Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen

TEXAS CARD GAMES

Texas Card Club, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room
Jim: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow Rm
Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Tom: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Don: Wednesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm
Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Rm
Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Yellow Rm
LIBRARY HOURS
Mondays: 9 am - 12 pm
Wednesdays & Fridays: 1-3 pm
WOODSHOP HOURS
Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm

SUNDAY MONDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY
Chorus Holiday Concert Dec 3&4 EAC	Holiday Show Dec 7:30 EAC
Chorus Concert 3:00 PM - Auditorium	Ent. Committee & 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo Party 6:00 PM - Sunrise
Karaoke Singing 6:00 PM - Auditorium	Ent. Committee & 8:30 AM - Auditorium German Interest G 2:00 PM - Sunrise Family History Me 12:30 PM - Compu
	Ent. Committee & 8:30 AM - Auditorium Health Screenings 9:30 AM - Auditorium
	Ent. Committee & 8:30 AM - Auditorium

MONDAY TUESDAYS WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Friday Now Dec 8 10 pm EAC</p>	<p>Santa Arrives Dec 22 2 pm EAC</p>		<p>01 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Irish Club Dinner 5:30 PM - Auditorium AAA Driver Course Driving Course 9:00 AM - Starlite Room Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Art Guild Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room Art Guild Paint & Sip 7:00 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>02 NY-NJ Club Party 5:00 PM - Auditorium AAA Driver Course Driving Course 9:00 AM - Starlite Room Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room No.45 French Ren. II Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room Healthy Living Club Balance Class 10:15 AM - Art Room Healthy Living Club Balance and Motion Class 11:15 AM - Art Room</p>	<p>03 Chorus Concert 7:30 PM - Auditorium Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium No.84 Malaguena Party 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
<p>Clubs Ticket Sales m Room</p>	<p>06 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room Hoosier Club Dinner 6:00 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>07 OTOW Special Event Hooray for Hollywood 10:00 AM - Auditorium Ladies 18 Hole Golf Luncheon 9:00 AM - Sunrise Room Theater Workshop Party 3:00 PM - Sunrise Room Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Healthy Living Club Balance Class 10:15 AM - Art Room Healthy Living Club Balance and Motion Class 11:15 AM - Art Room</p>	<p>08 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium Democratic Club Party 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p>	<p>09 Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 10:00 AM - Sunrise Room No.39 Mallorca Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room Healthy Living Club Balance Class 10:15 AM - Art Room Healthy Living Club Balance and Motion Class 11:15 AM - Art Room</p>	<p>10 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
<p>Clubs Ticket Sales m Group Meeting Room Meeting ter Room</p>	<p>11 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Canadian Club Dinner/Dance 5:00 PM - Auditorium Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room No.55 Saratoga Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room</p>	<p>14 Jesters Party 3:00 PM - Auditorium Billiards Party 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda</p>	<p>15 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room Procrastinating Quilters Meeting 6:30 PM - Crafts Room Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room</p>	<p>16 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>	
<p>Clubs Ticket Sales m Eye & Ear Testing m</p>	<p>20 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Republican Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Crafts Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room</p>	<p>21 Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Hoosier Club Meeting 6:30 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>22 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Santa Arrives 2:00 PM - Auditorium Classroom Volunteers Meeting 9:30 AM - Starlite Room Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room Baby Boomers Party 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p>	<p>23 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room Lambda Club Dinner 4:00 PM - Art Room</p>	
<p>Clubs Ticket Sales m</p>	<p>27 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room</p>	<p>28 Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda</p>	<p>29 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Jewelry Making 9:00 AM - Jewelry Making Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p>	<p>30 Lambda Club Social 4:00 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>31 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Party 9:00 PM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>



Let the World see your holiday lights

For the first time in five years, On Top of the World News is not organizing a Holiday Lights Contest.

We're going to try a different approach to making the season beautiful.

Rather than have residents compete against each other during the festive holiday season, the newspaper staff is simply asking the community to share your lights for everyone to see.

From Monday, Dec. 5, through Friday, Dec. 16, an OTOW News photographer will be stopping by buildings and taking pictures of outdoor holiday light decorations. Those pictures will then be put on OTOW-TV, channels 96 and 732, for everyone to see. The photos will remain on our community TV station right through the holiday season.

No winners. No losers. For people who can't get out to see the lights, all they have to do is turn on their Brighthouse TV.

Would you like to help make this a special event?

First thing we ask is for you to join the rest of the community in decorating this season. This doesn't mean you have to spend hundreds of dol-



lars on lights and decorations. Your display could be as simple as a single, colorful light in your main window.

For those who put a little more effort into it, we want your picture. The minimum requirement is at least one window completely covered or outlined in lights. Any holiday decorations in your living room, visible from the outside, such as a tree, will be visible in the photograph, so when you plan your indoor decorations, make sure we can see them through your windows.

When your decorations are up and you like what you did, call the newsroom at 799-3216. A photographer will come out between 6-8 p.m. on a random day and take your condo's picture from

the outside. You do not have to be home for pictures. We will not promise a specific day and time for photos, but please make sure your lights are on until at least 8 p.m. You will not be notified in advance. Any prior winners from past contests are eligible and also encouraged to show off the decorations again.

Photos will be placed on OTOW-TV shortly after they are taken. So watch OTOW-TV on a regular basis to see when new photos are taken.

Questions, call the newsroom.

And remember, On Top of the World has several guidelines to properly putting up your decorations. This includes, no nails or screws. No lights on railings or around hallway signs. No decorations on lawns. No decorations on walkway floors.

If you have never viewed OTOW-TV, and are having a problem finding either channel, keep this in mind. You must have a Brighthouse analog or digital converter TV. When changing channels, use your up and down arrows instead of typing in 96 or 732. Your automatic channel changer may skip these two channels.

For those of you with more sophisticated TV system, try channel 98.1.

For the month of December, purchase one Good Karma Café dinner and get one package of Grandma's cookies and a soft drink free!

While supplies last. Expires 12/31/16

Holiday Party
KARAOKE CLUB w/Lenny and Kathy
Sunday
Dec. 11, 6-9 pm
EAC Auditorium
 3,500 songs and holiday songs
 free refreshments
 Santa will make an appearance

Eckerd College bringing interactive classes to On Top of the World

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is one of the most well-respected names in lifelong learning.

With 119 institutes located at colleges and universities around the country, their reputation for quality programming for an over-50 audience is unrivaled.

We are thrilled to announce that, beginning in January, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College will offer a new lecture series of 10 exciting classes exclusively for On Top of the World residents.

The series begins on Jan. 17 and extends through April 11 with each class lasting one hour.

Enjoy an individual program at \$10 per person or purchase a series pass for \$90 – a savings of 10 percent.

Join some of the most popular OLLI instructors, who will explore topics in the arts and theatre, biography, current events, Florida studies, history, social challenges and travel.

Keep your mind sharp, enjoy ca-



On Top of the World adult students will enjoy taking any of 10 courses offered by Eckerd College next year.

maraderie with fellow residents, and enjoy the pleasure of learning (with no tests or homework!)

To register visit: eckerd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld or call (727) 864-

7600. Make sure to mention that you are an On Top of the World resident!

OLLI at Eckerd College is a non-profit education program designed for people age 50+ and open to all

adult learners in Pinellas County. It provides each year more than 350 affordable and intellectually stimulating non-credit classes, interest groups, local and international trips and special events at multiple locations for its 1,600 members.

“On Top of the World and our Community Service Office are excited to bring new opportunities into our community for the benefit of the residents who live here,” said Dessa Barabba. “We are very pleased we can work with Eckerd College and provide these 10 new classes to residents over the first four months of next year.”

The OLLI North County program is located at the Centre of Palm Harbor, providing more than 40 course offerings in the January-April 2017 Winter Term.

For more information about OLLI, visit its Website at eckerd.edu/olli or call 727-864-7600 to receive a course catalog by mail.



AN OFFERING OF OLLI

A LECTURE SERIES PRESENTED BY THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT ECKERD COLLEGE

EXCLUSIVELY FOR ON TOP OF THE WORLD RESIDENTS

Join some of the most popular instructors from OLLI at Eckerd College for enlightenment and entertainment during this ten-part lecture series. Each session lasts one hour, including time for Q&A. Enjoy individual programs at \$10 per person or purchase the season pass for \$90, a savings of 10%.

Register online at eckerd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld or call 727.864.7600 to register by phone using the registration numbers found in each lecture description.

Paris 1,2,3

JANUARY 17, 1:30 P.M.
INSTRUCTOR: JOHN SCHLODER

Registration Number: 8000 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

Bob Hope: America's Entertainer

JANUARY 26, 10:30 A.M.
INSTRUCTOR: JASON FORTNER

Registration Number: 8001 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

Caring for Caregivers: Strategies and Support for the Heroes of Our Times

FEBRUARY 7, 1:30 P.M.
INSTRUCTOR: MERYL BLACKMON

Registration Number: 8002 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

Founding Mothers: The Women Who Helped Shape America

FEBRUARY 16, 10:30 A.M.
INSTRUCTOR: RICK KISTNER

Registration Number: 8003 OT Art Room, East Activity Center

Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams – A Social History of Modern Florida

FEBRUARY 23, 6:30 P.M.
INSTRUCTOR: GARY MORMINO

Registration Number: 8004 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

Recreating the Great Florida Road Trip

MARCH 9, 1:30 P.M.
INSTRUCTOR: CATHY SALUSTRI

Registration Number: 8005 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

The Birth of Rock and Roll

MARCH 14, 10:30 A.M.
INSTRUCTOR: JOSHUA TAYLOR

Registration Number: 8006 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

The Supreme Court, So What's Next?

MARCH 23, 6:30 P.M.
INSTRUCTOR: MICHAEL ALLEN

Registration Number: 8007 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

Skyway: The True Story of Tampa Bay's Signature Bridge and the Man Who Brought it Down

APRIL 6, 1:30 P.M.
BILL DEYOUNG

Registration Number: 8008 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

Memorable Music from Tony Award Winning Musicals

APRIL 11, 10:30 A.M.
INSTRUCTOR: JOY KATZEN-GUTHRIE

Registration Number: 8009 OT Sunrise Room, West Activity Center

INTERESTED IN OTHER OLLI CLASSES?

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Plans already include more food vendors and more entertainment for 2017 Senior Expo



Thank you for attending this year's Senior Expo.

It was such a beautiful day and we had such a great turnout!

We appreciate all your compliments and suggestions. We learned that you loved the food trucks and Glenn Edmead, the musician who played live Caribbean-style music outside.

We have invited Glenn to come back in 2017 and he said, "Yes!"

We also plan to add more food choices and arts and crafts vendors next year.

The mini-seminars will take place again, but only in the morning. In the afternoon we are planning an exciting stage performance.

A large number of On Top of the World clubs were in attendance this year and many were successful in securing new members. So, please consider reserving a table in 2017. The date for next year's Senior Expo has been set for Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned.

In case you missed the 2016 Senior Expo picture page, go back to page 14.

Registration Forms

Reminder to all clubs and activities: New Registration Forms are due



Glen Edmead 'spun' Caribbean-style music during the Senior Expo and will be back again next year.

by Dec. 16.

All forms must be completed in their entirety. Any club or activity making room reservations will be required to complete these new packets and no reservations for 2017 can be placed on the calendar until your packet is received and has been approved.

As a reminder, you must be an approved club or activity to make room reservations and to advertise your event or meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation and are available to assist you in an-

swering any questions you may have about the new forms.

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Please see OLLI's lecture series schedule on page 15 of this newspaper.



**No Bingo in December.
Bingo returns 6:15 pm,
Monday, Jan. 2, 2017,
EAC Auditorium**

Writers Workshop aims to identify poor writing habits encouraged by social media

When writing a story for On Top of the World News, it is very important for writers to use the basic grammar skills they all learned way back in elementary school.

This was the message Editor Doug Kates shared with more than 50 people, who attended the 2016 Press Association Writers Workshop in November.

“Computers, emails, text messages and tweets have really played a negative role on how people write today,” Doug said. “Social media has created a way to abuse grammar without consequences. No one is going to say “you spelled a word wrong” in an email letter.

The annual class is a chance for veteran writers, current writers and



new writers to get reacquainted with using good writing skills, understanding their bad habits and reviewing OTOW News guidelines.

Highlighted points included, not uppercasing words that should not be

uppercase. Not uppercasing every letter in any word. Never using symbols to replace words. And not using nicknames in stories.

Newspaper guidelines include waiting for people to return home before writing about their trips. We only report good news. We always use full names on first reference.

There was also a brief lesson on writing first paragraphs and how reporters can make their pictures better.

Overall, reaction to the class was very positive.

“When a reader picks up our newspaper, we want to present a quality product,” Doug said. “We can’t have 100 reporters writing with 100 different styles. We have to be somewhat

consistent in the way we all write.

“It is also important we all write smooth sentences, short paragraphs and informative stories. A reader should be able to go from start to finish without any distractions. If a reader has to pause midway through a sentence, to try to figure out what is being said, then the story is spoiled.”

The next Press Association meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 1, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. There will be a holiday theme, but this is not a holiday party. Instead, the Press Association will take a road trip to a local restaurant in January and hold a “kick off the new year” party.

A decision where to go will be made at the Dec. 1 meeting.

Every Friday night on OTOW-TV in December Chorus Holiday Concerts from the past.

Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23 about 8 pm

**Now Open In The Evening
8 am -8 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays**

Good Karma Café
Giving Back With Every Snack

Don't assume every Website is safe for online holiday shopping

Hi everybody.

I am Rachel Wagoner, Jerry Colen's partner in our law office, Colen and Wagoner, PA.

I'm taking my turn at giving you some scam alerts. I hope you will find these significant, will pay attention to them and pass them on to neighbors or friends, who might not be aware of all the scams going around.

So here goes:

Rachel's scam alert No. 1: Credit Card Fraud.

Fraudsters are quite able to create a phony Website for the purpose of purchasing merchandise. If you like what they are offering, you give them your credit card for the purchase. Then, you never get the merchandise and you find fraudulent charges on your credit card.

You can protect yourself by ensuring that the site from which you want to purchase something is from a reputable source.

Never assume that a site is secure just because it says so.

Always make sure that the Website is an HTTPS site and not an HTTP site.

It is not safe to send a credit card number over a connection that is not secure and HTTPS is secured, but HTTP is not.

There are two reasons to avoid unsafe sites: The first is that you cannot know whether the path between you and the server is safe. A path can change from one day to the next and even from minute to minute.

The more important reason is the merchant, who fails to secure his/her Web transactions, may have other bad habits. I don't mean to imply they are dishonest - only that they either do not understand security or they don't care about it.

I don't know which is worse.

Always and promptly reconcile your credit card statements to avoid unauthorized charges. And of course,



do not provide credit card information when requested by unsolicited letters, emails, phone calls, faxes and even when someone comes right to your front door.

Rachel's scam alert No. 2: Debt Elimination Fraud.

Always get the name, address and phone number from any individual or company promising debt relief. Always contact the Better Business Bureau to check on the legitimacy of the company. Do not do business with any company or persons who operate from post office boxes instead of from a real address. Get the names of other persons who've dealt with that company and then check with them.

There's never a reason to pay in advance or "up front" fee.

Rachel's scam alert No. 3. Nigerian scam:

If someone sends you a letter or any email and states that they and the Lord loves you and they've got money they need you to handle - it's a scam!

Rachel's scam alert No. 4. Lottery scam. In one form or another, this scam works by getting you to pay money for a chance to win a large sum. Once you start paying, they keep coming back seeking more and more from you. The tease is always the same. The scammers say, "you are this close to hitting the big payoff."

This is a scam and one of the

worst kinds because it plays on your emotions and your hope to finally win the "big one."

Rachel's scam alert No. 5. Dear friends:

If any offer appears too good to be true - it almost always is not true.

Now let me give you some questions and answers (using Jerry's Q and A format). These all come from questions posed to me at one time or another.

Q. My husband and I are worried about being sued over an auto accident that he had before we were married. What's the best way to protect the money we have?

A. Since the accident happened before the two of you were married, one thing you should make sure to do is keep yours and his money totally separated.

Keep your car in your name and his name, and as much as possible, you should drive your car and not his car. Also, keep in mind, IRAs, 401Ks, life insurance and annuities, so long as the proceeds are not payable to your husband's estate, are protected.

There are other methods, but in a column such as this, it's really not possible to get into them because they would require learning all the facts.

Hopefully, of course, your husband had auto insurance.

Q. My husband and I were married for 20 years before he passed on. We had an unconnected relationship with his two children and a close one with my son and daughter in law.

My husband's daughter called and left a message that I have to give her half of his estate and that's what her lawyer said.

Every asset we had was either in both of our names, as husband and wife, or 100 percent in my name, including life insurance, annuities and

his pension with me as the beneficiary.

I need your or Mr. Colen's ideas.

A. I seriously doubt that the woman's lawyer told her she deserved half of the benefits, but if he did he's wrong.

Based on what you told me, you as the joint owner of the accounts, or as beneficiary of life insurance, annuities, and pension, owns those assets and you can do whatever you want with them.

If you haven't already done so, you should see your attorney to draw up your Will.

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The On Top of the World newsroom will be closed Dec. 26-29, but will reopen on Friday, Dec. 30 at 9 a.m.

Good Neighbors celebrates a very active November

November is gone, but what a month it was.

Our participation with the Community Service Office in the Senior Expo was everything we wanted it to be and more.

Hundreds of residents and their friends came to the East Activity Center on Nov. 5 for this event, visiting with more than 80 vendors, inside and outside.

Guests took advantage of outside food booths and the fabulous Hot Dawg Meal Deal.

Others waited for their ticket number to be called for one of two 50/50 raffles.

There were 59 gift card raffles and two of the cash prizes were \$100 and \$250, respectively.

With so many giveaways, we were busy non-stop for four hours.

All in all, a fantastic time was made available to all here at On Top of the World.

November continued on with our annual sold out Fall Flea Market and Craft Show, with the crafters being so numerous the Starlite Room could not contain them all. It became necessary to provide space for eight additional crafter tables at the west end of the main hall.

Once again, the 50/50 raffle was successful and the now famous Hot

Good Neighbors



President Jim Bjorgo

Dawg Meal continued to win accolades from those who purchased the meals. What a bargain for \$2.50

We hope that all of our residents enjoyed their Thanksgiving. With all we have to be thankful for in the Good Old USA, we trust this day was a memorable one.

At this time we would like to wish a Happy Hanukkah, wonderful Kwanza and Merry Christmas to all. Please take time to wish the best of the season to all of your friends and neighbors.

The Good Neighbors Veranda Gift Shoppe is ready for the holidays with just the right gift for most everyone.

Our tree is up, the decorations are out, and the ladies staffing the shoppe are ready and willing to help.

The Good Neighbors Association is nearing the time for elections to the Board of Directors and we are eagerly seeking residents who wish to become part of this wonderful group. If you wish to have your name considered,



How Dawg Meals were very popular at the Senior Expo.

please submit it to any one of our current officers; Jim Bjorgo, president, Maureen Bjorgo, vice president, Roger Nicolls, treasurer or Susan Salmieri, secretary.

We need to add four additional members to the Board of Directors if possible.

Finally, the Good Neighbors Association has traditionally wanted to reach out to all the other clubs and organizations here at OTOW, to provide a financial helping hand for their equipment needs and to further their programs. We are once again accept-

ing requests from our clubs and organizations to this purpose. Please submit any request for funding in writing to the Good Neighbors Association. Please cite the needs and costs involved therein. Bring your requests to the Good Neighbors table at the Veranda Gift Shoppe any Monday or Thursday morning between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. and we will consider these requests at the next scheduled board meeting.

In closing, put Scrooge in the trash can and heed the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us One and All."



NEWCOMERS

Photos by Doug Kates



At left are Frank and Maureen Honore of Virginia. In the middle is Rose Marie Walter of New Jersey. At right is Gerri Fuller of New Jersey. All four were introduced as new residents during the Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee in November.

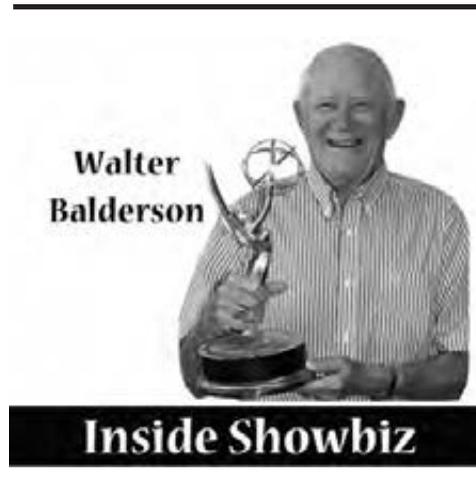
This popular '30s and '40s band started out with only one instrument

Four young boys, with one guitar, began their singing career as "The Four Kings of Harmony," but you will remember them as "The Mills Brothers."

They began singing in front of their barbershop, on street corners and in churches.

I first heard them when I was in the Navy, walking down Broadway. I passed a little club where they were performing. I was too young to go inside, so I stood outside in the cold and listened until they stopped singing.

Their early recordings used only a guitar. They vocally imitated sounds from orchestras. Harry, a baritone, imitated a trumpet, John a bass, would do the second trumpet. Donald imitated



the trombone.

They got their major break when Duke Ellington heard them on the radio. He immediately called Tommy Rockwell of Okeh Records, who

signed them to a recording contract.

When Bill Paley, broadcast executive at CBS, heard them, he very quickly signed them to a three-year contract and they became the first African-Americans to have a network show on radio.

Their radio show was so popular that it attracted some of the largest advertisers in early radio, including Standard Oil, Proctor & Gamble, Crisco and Crosley Radio.

In 1934, The Mills Brothers traveled to England to give a command performance for the British Royalty. While there, John Jr. became ill with pneumonia. He died in early 1936.

After John's death, the brothers considered breaking up, but their father, John Sr., joined the boys as a

baritone. Norman Brown joined the brothers as their guitar player.

Returning to the states, they recorded "I'll be around" in 1943 and chose "Paper Doll" as the B-side of the record. Both songs became smash hits. Six million copies were sold.

The rise of Rock and Roll in the early '50s did little to decrease the Mills Brothers popularity. They continued to roll out the hits, "Glow Worm," "You're Nobody til Somebody loves You," "The Jones Boy," "Yellow Bird" and "Standing on the Corner."

Their last hit was "Cab Driver."

Dean Martin booked the Brothers on his TV Show many times. Dean said that Harry Mills was his greatest musical influence. A great tribute to The Mills Brothers.

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.



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Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee

Performers with the St. Petersburg Opera Company visited On Top of the World in November and sang for residents during the monthly Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee.

Music included songs by W. A. Mozart, Gioachino Rossini, Giacomo Puccini and Giuseppe Verdi.

Entertainers included singers Micah Callahan, Christina Franco and Susan Spatafora; pianist Teresa Anzaya and conductor Mark Sforzini.

According to the company's Website, the mission of the St. Petersburg Opera Company is to enrich cultural lives of residents and visitors to the Tampa Bay area by presenting fully staged professional opera productions of the highest quality.

The company was founded in 2007 and today has its own home in downtown St. Petersburg. The facility houses offices, set and costume construction and storage space, a large rehearsal hall and a small rehearsal hall which doubles as an art gallery.

You can learn more about the St. Petersburg Opera Company by visiting their Website at the following link: <http://stpeteopera.org/>

Pictured at right, Susan Hellman Spatafora, left, Christina Franco perform a scene from the opera "Le nozze di Figaro."



The Athenian Academy singers, pictured at left, will return to On Top of the World for the second time this year, but this time for a special Christmas concert for residents. The singers will be on the East Activity Center stage during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Dec. 8. The afternoon begins with free coffee and donuts at 9 a.m., followed by community announcements and recognition of vendors. Athenian Academy will be on stage at about 9:30 a.m. for about an hour. Raffle drawings will follow. The morning is free to residents.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Local produce manager tells residents to avoid temptation this holiday season



By Kathleen Santosuosso

Holiday parties are coming and soon everyone will be surrounded by high-calorie, sugar-infested snacks and dinner treats, which will tempt even the most devout person into poor eating decisions.

What is a person to do?

On Nov. 14, Publix Produce Manager Shannon Rozell talked to members and guests from the Healthy Living Club about the benefits of fruits and vegetables in our diet.

Shannon discussed ways to add crunch and flavor to a salad or snack, and not add fat and sugar.

The audience asked questions about in-season Florida fruits and vegetables, and the sources of the produce.

Valerie Martin, from the Healthy Living Club, made fresh, healthy, holiday snacks, along with recipes and samples.

After Shannon's presentation, information was shared about courses the club will offer in 2017. These courses will be posted in December on our Box Office Web page, in an email to members, and in this newspaper next month.

These courses are at no cost to our residents and are provided through the Pinellas County Area Agency on Aging. Two trained coaches guide us in the classes.



Starting on Jan. 4, A Matter of Balance will meet from 10:15-11 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday in the East Activity Center (EAC) Art Room. Participants will learn to view falls and falling as preventable. They will also learn low-impact exercises to increase strength and balance.

Also starting on Jan. 4, Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance will meet from 11:15-noon every Wednesday and Friday in the Art Room. Participants will learn movements that help develop strength and confidence. Participants learn at their own pace and employ gentle motions, including Tai Chi. This class is more advanced than A Matter of Balance.

Starting on Jan. 9, Healthy Eating Every Day (HEED) will meet from 10:15-11 a.m., for 14 weeks in the EAC Small Card Room. This evidence-based



Shannon Rozell shows residents what to eat and what not to eat this holiday season.

course helps people improve the quality of their diets and includes a pattern approach to build cognitive and behavioral skills around healthy eating. HEED is based on current nutrition recommendations and helps people learn to use lifestyle-management skills and develop and maintain healthy eating habits.

Also starting on Jan. 9, Chronic Pain Self-Management will meet from 11:15-noon for six weeks in the EAC

Small Card Room. This evidence-based program is designed for people who have a primary or secondary diagnosis of chronic pain.

On Nov. 5, Healthy Living Club members greeted On Top of the World residents as they stopped by our table at the Senior Expo. Club members explained we focus on health and wellness through activities, courses, events, awareness and mutual support.

Water Aerobics club holds fashion show to raise money for local hospice



The On Top of the World Water Exercise Class recently held their annual fashion show and luncheon to raise money for local Hospice.

The event took place at the Clearwater Country Club and more than 100 guests attended.

Nancy McMullon was chairperson for the year's event. Her committee included Charlotte Smedly and Terry McPherson.

During the event, five residents were honored for their service as instructors. They were Claire Bruyere, Sheila Bolster, Janice Wisinski, Irene Pappas and Elsie Jane Anderson.

Many local restaurants donated gift cards to the show and because of their generosity, each person in attendance received a gift certificate as a door prize.

The restaurants participating were B.J. Restaurant and Brew House, Benedict's Restaurant, BonAppetite, Broken Egg Cafe, Bonefish Grill, Cafe Alfresco, Chopsticks, Clearwater Country Club, Greek Town Grille,

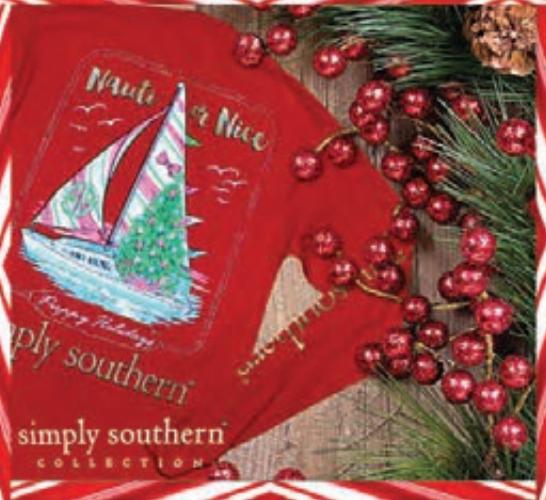


Elsie Jane Anderson, left, was one of many models during the fashion show. Above, Lillian Foy is another model, as the crowd checks out the merchandise.

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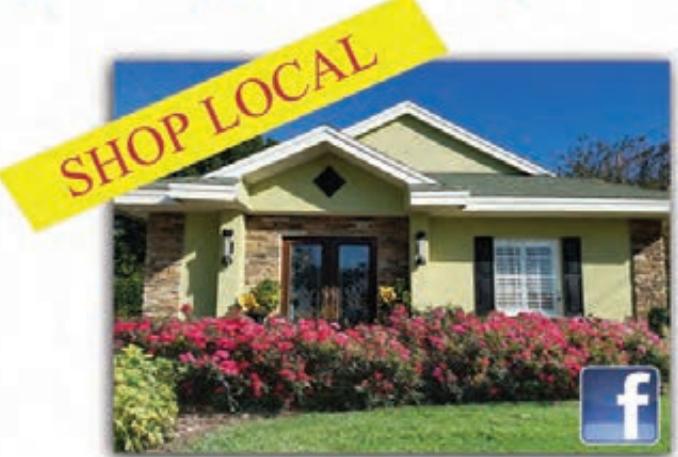
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Art Guild

By Judy Mills

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Art Guild!

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to an equally great Christmas season!

Our first meeting of the season was very well attended. We saw a lot of familiar faces and a few new ones too, which is always nice to see. A huge welcome to our new members!

We had our general meeting, a great presentation on card stamping and enjoyed a beautiful spread of refreshments. We also celebrated one of our original members who just turned 100 years old - Happy Birthday, Svea Anderson!

At our next meeting, which will be Dec. 9, we will be enjoying a demonstration from Jim Throne. He is a very talented portrait artist and we're all excited to see his work.

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

On Mondays, Sharon Evans will be giving oil and acrylic workshops for beginner and experienced painters at 9:30 a.m. in the Art Room.

Sharon attended the University of Maryland and is a graduate of Eckerd College. She has been teaching since 1980 in the Clearwater area and since 1984 at On Top of the World. She has



The Art Guild helped celebrate Svea Anderson's 100th birthday. She is an original member of the club.

won many art shows in the area. Call her at 442-6404 for more information.

On Tuesdays, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Wendy Colquhoun will continue teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. Call her at 723-7504 for more information and to sign up for her class.

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. Please bring your own paper and pencils.

Membership is \$15 per 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 Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of

the East Activity Center. New and old members are encouraged to share your ideas for future activities.

At our meetings, we have a short business discussion, light refreshments, a demonstration from an artist and vote 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!



Coming in your January newspaper ...

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Watch for a complete list of

2016 Pet of the Month candidates

in next month's issue. Voting is done online.

Start December with a concert to get you in the holiday spirit

By Ilene Bargerstock

It's almost here!

Just two more days until "The Magic of Christmas" unfolds in the East Activity Center!

Performances will be Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, 3 p.m. If you have not already secured a ticket, you may do so at the door for a \$5 donation.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the On Top of the World Chorus singing the songs of the season.

You will enjoy music that is familiar, joyful, reflective, reverent, and sometimes whimsical – all the elements of Christmas rolled into one uplifting experience!

There will be soloists and the traditional, fun-filled, sing-along, directed by Nancy Wright. This is your chance to belt out some of your favorite holiday tunes.

From where the Chorus sits, it's wonderful to listen and watch as you enjoy your moment to lift your voice in song.

If you attended previous concerts, you are familiar with our exuberant director, Beth Kendall and our enthusiastic drummer, Bill Bledsoe. We are delighted to introduce our new piano accompanist, Jody Carr.

Jody is a community theater veteran, as well as a classically-trained pianist. She enjoys working as a

ON TOP OF THE WORLD CHORUS

music director at a church in Tampa, accompanying and directing the choir.

She also gives piano instruction.

Jody says she is grateful to be here and is having a great time working with the "fun people" of the OTOW Chorus.

Our greatest delight is to see the smiles of our audience and to know we have shared the fun, the joy and the goodwill that is always an important part of this special season.

We hope to see your smile at one of our performances.

And, if you enjoy singing and would like to join us on the stage for our spring concert, we invite you to come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium.

A warm welcome awaits you.



Jody Carr practices some piano notes while Chorus Director Beth Kendall watches the song book.

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Club members encourage to participate in 'Best Wrapped Present' contest

By Bruce Lovett

What makes for a successful Sunday Brunch?

Is it the food?

The restaurant?

The ambiance?

Members of the Lambda Club have been trying to answer that question for the last couple of months.

Most Sundays, 15 to 20 members have been meeting at various restaurants around town in search of answers. They have tried pancake joints, roadhouse fare and even went Greek one week.

But it was the back to a nature Sunday Brunch/Picnic that proved the most successful.

More than 30 people showed up at John Chesnut Park in Palm Harbor on Nov. 6 to share hamburgers, mac and cheese, various salads and too many desserts to count.



Lambda

A good time was had by all and the question was answered.

What makes for a successful Brunch?

It's the people.

And Lambda attracts some of the friendliest and warmest people here at On Top of the World.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. It is an informal group that meets for monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. We are open to all LGBT residents as well as

those who would like to meet their diverse neighbors. OTOW is made up of people from every geographical area and walk of life and Lambda Club is just an extension of that fact.

As mentioned, we have a pot luck monthly social every 30 days or so (normally the second Friday of the month) where everybody participating brings something yummy to share and each event has a theme.

For November, the theme was a Bohemian café motif. There was a lot of black clothing and sandals in evidence, as well as artwork, poetry and folk music.

A '60s vibe had taken over the room and most of those attending remembered the decade of love and peace with warmth.

This month, being December, Christmas is in the air. Put on your reindeer antlers and bring something

festive to share for the buffet table as well as a small present (not to exceed \$9.99) for a gift exchange.

And remember, if you want Santa to be good to you, you have to be good to Santa.

Be sure to present your gift with style and panache as there will be a prize for the best wrapped present.

The social will be on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room, second floor.

We will also be in that same room again on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. for a Christmas Eve turkey dinner. The bird will be flown in on Santa's sleigh, but we need elves to supply the side dishes and dessert.

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Jesters show is loaded with costumes and scene changes

By Sue Calinski

The 2017 Jesters Show is really coming together and it will be a wow-za!

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Be sure to get your tickets early either from one of your Jester friends, or at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings. Tickets are still a fabulous value at the low, low price of only \$5.

While it is too late for new members to be on stage for the show, we are always looking for people who are willing to work behind the scenes. If you are interested, please contact someone you know who is already a Jester, and they can put you in touch with the appropriate person.

What goes on backstage?

During the performances, there are props that need to be given to the person using them and there are scene changes for almost every act.

There is no heavy lifting involved, but you will need to move quickly.

Before the show is ready to present, there is a myriad of jobs that need to be done. We will have lots of props and costumes for this show, so if you



are inclined to be creative on a budget, you would be well suited to help us in this capacity.

To join the Jesters, all you need is \$5 and some ambition.

The 2017 show is "Thanks for the Memories," and is being directed by President Lee Catalfomo. We have so much packed into this show that you may want to see it more than once. It is a fast-paced spectacle full of songs, humor and dancing that you are sure to enjoy.

Think of things associated with times gone by and rev up your memory!

And for only \$5, you'll have a chance to relive some of those memories, so don't forget to buy your tickets. The tickets also make great gifts for that neighbor who has helped you out this year! We are sure you will enjoy this performance!

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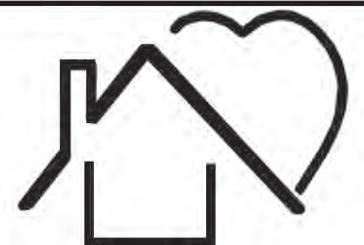
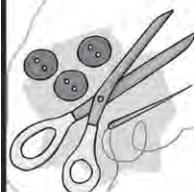
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Line dancers don't just learn the steps - sometimes we create our own

By Antoinette D'Oronzio

Have you ever wondered how a dance gets added to the program of the On Top of the World Line Dancing Club?

Sometimes someone in the club leadership has been introduced to a line dance at a line dance conference or a workshop, or even an outside club.

The Internet is another source for line dance choreography.

Once we find a dance we might like to use at our OTOW club, it is presented to the small group of persons who demonstrate and cue on stage. This group votes on whether to incorporate the dance in our repertoire.

The person who suggested the dance learns it and teaches it to the instructors and demonstrators. Finally, it is added to the list of dances and taught at the regular sessions on Tuesday and Saturday.

Some recent dances that have been added to our program in this way are "American Kids," "Emergency," and "Mustang Sally."

Sometimes, one of the instructors or demonstrators loves a song, but doesn't find choreography to go with it or doesn't like the choreography available. Lynn Anzalone first heard, "Like I'm Gonna Lose You" on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and then on Dancing with the Stars. The song is



by Meaghan Trainor and features John Legend.

Lynn thought it would make a good line dance, so she started to put steps to the music.

"The first part, beginning with the swaying to the music, came to me immediately," says Lynn.

Then she collaborated with our OTOW Line Dancing Club President John Koning for the rest of the song.

John has choreographed a number of songs we use, including "On Top of the World," "Someone Like You," and "Mambo Gelato."

Look for the step sheet and a video of Lynn and John doing a demo of their dance on our club Website (sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing). You'll find the dance listed as "I'm Gonna Love You."

For more information about the



Lynn Anzalone and John Koning create their own line dance for a song. The dance will be used on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

OTOW Line Dancing Club, visit our Website or call Mary Becker at (727) 253-4874. You can also dance along to line dance videos in the privacy of your home on the OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 at about 7 p.m.

The general line dance sessions meet in the East Activity Center audi-

torium at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Come a half-hour early for a beginner class that teaches you the first three dances on the program that day. On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., there is also a level two class in the downstairs exercise room at the EAC.

Library has romance, drama, history and mystery

By Katy Gerritt

Are you looking for romance?

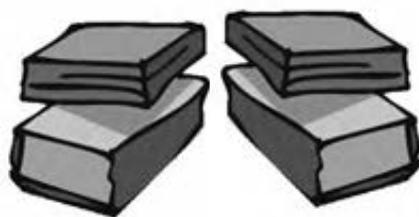
That could be thrilling!

But the mystery is up to you to solve.

This month we have added a little of everything to our new book collection. Romance can be found in "The Matchmakers of Minnow Bay" by Kelly Harm, or "The Wedding Shop" by Rachel Hauck.

The first has an attempt to annul a Las Vegas wedding of a decade ago and the second is a story of two women learning about love and life over the 80-year history of a wedding shop in Tennessee.

Or maybe some of you are looking for history? There's "The Hamilton Affair" by Elizabeth Cobbs, which tells the story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler during the



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Library News

American Revolution.

You can travel to post-Civil War Galveston, Texas, for "The Loyal Heart" by Shelley Gray, which involves a wartime promise that may be very

difficult to keep.

Susan Wiggs' new release, "Family Tree," is a novel of loss that forces a woman to return to her childhood home to regroup.

Debbie Macomber has "12 Days of Christmas," when a blog writer hopes to breakdown the facade of a standoffish man.

Mystery and thrills come from "Body on the Bayou," by Ellen Byron. A pending wedding opens a can of worms and murder in Pelican, Louisiana.

Harlem Coben's new thriller "Home" is a story of a decade-old kidnapping of two young boys from wealthy families. Now one boy has been found. But what does he know about his friend?

And Janet Evanovich's "Curious Minds" revolves around a missing

man, missing bank funds and gold, and a pursuit across the entire country.

Novel "The Dollhouse" by Fiona Davis is a flashback to the 1950s at the Barbizon Hotel in New York City. It looks back on a deadly interaction involving Darby McLaughlin, who has lived in the building for over 50 years.

And "The Nest" by Cynthia Sweeney is also set in New York. A family inheritance is in jeopardy after one sibling makes a bad judgement that will affect all the potential recipients.

New library cards are available. Renewal or new membership is \$2 and is good through 2017. Just bring in your On Top of the World Activity Card and we will sign you up. It's a great way to access lots of recent best-sellers. We are open Monday mornings 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 p.m.

We win some ... we lose some But now is the time we all come together

By Donna Lukas

Are you ready for some good food, drinks and conversation with friends?

Then join us on Thursday, Dec 8, from 4-6 p.m. for a Holiday Potluck Dinner in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Each person should bring a food item to share.

Dinnerware and beverages (alcoholic and other) will be provided. If you haven't already signed up, please RSVP to Betty Ingham at 727-474-5311. Leave your name, phone number and the food item you will bring. We need this information to plan for the number of people attending and to coordinate the food items.

A common phrase is "You win some, you lose some." Regarding the November election, we lost a major



Democratic Club

battle for President. But local success came through seeing the defeat of Amendment 1, which was intended to limit solar energy in Florida, the re-election of Commissioner Charlie Justice and the election of Joanne Lentino to Pinellas County School Board.

Florida gained new Democratic representation in the U.S. Congress through the election of Charlie Crist

from St. Petersburg, Val Demings from Orlando and Stephanie Murphy from Winter Park.

Regarding the future, I'd like to quote some post-election words from Hillary Clinton, who was quoted in the media as saying, "Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead. Our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transfer of power, and we don't just respect that, we cherish it ... Our constitutional democracy demands our participation, not just every four years, but all the time."

As this year closes, there is a lot to be thankful for. Thanks to all the people who made this a great year for our club. Thanks to the club officers and board members who participated every month.

Thanks to those who supported the Irish Club St. Patrick's Parade. Thanks to meeting attendees who came to hear guest speakers such as Rae Claire Johnson from "Move to Amend," Josh Gillin of PolitiFact, County Commissioners Janet Long and Charlie Justice, as well as judicial, legislative and school board candidates for the August and November elections.

For more information about our club, contact Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123, or visit our club Webpage on the Box Office. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click "Enter," Click "Club Pages" and then the Democratic donkey.

Also check your building bulletin boards and OTOW-TV 96 or 732.

Happy Holidays to all!

In 2017, challenge yourself - build something in the woodshop or jewelry-making room

By Les Stoller

Is this the year you spread your wings and challenge yourself by taking an active part in one of the clubs?

There are a couple of clubs that offer an opportunity to develop a skill or hobby.

For example, the Fixers Club and the Jewelry Making Club.

The Fixers Club consists of two separate wood working areas.

The larger area has wood working equipment capable of cutting and finishing large pieces of wood, as well as smaller dimensional pieces. Books and plans for projects are available.

The smaller area is known as the toy shop. For years, toys have been made here and donated to charitable causes. This area has smaller equip-



Fixers Club

ment better suited for craft-type projects.

One popular craft is turning pens on the lathe. There are club reps present most days to help with working on the lathe.

Located between the wood working areas is the Lapidary - or jewelry making room. Here you can learn to do intricate cutting, polishing and en-



Jewelry Making

graving of glass and stones.

You can make pieces for mounting in a ring, a necklace or display piece. There are instructors there to work with you to teach the craft.

These areas are located in the low-

er level of the East Activity Center, accessible from the outside, next to the swimming pool.

There are fees for both clubs. Stop by Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for information or to view the facilities.

Attention to all Fixers Club members! Our annual meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2017, at 9 a.m. in the Crafts Room.

We will hold the election of board members during this meeting.

Anyone interested in serving on the board is welcome to submit his or her name to one of the club representatives at the wood shop.

Lets do our best to make this a joyous and blessed holiday season.

Show off your condo's holiday lights on OTOW-TV.

Call the newsroom between Dec. 5-16. A photographer will take a photo of your outside lights and place the image on OTOW-TV with pictures from the rest of the community. See page 10 for details.

Be an expert swing dancer in 12 weeks

A 12-week Progressive Swing Dance Class will start at On Top of the World on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Progressive means that each lesson is built upon the lesson taught the previous week, so it is important to catch each class.

On Dec. 8, we will start right at the beginning - learning basic swing skills. From there, we will add

a new lesson each week.

By the end of the 12-week cycle, anyone who completes all the classes should have quite a repertoire.

Swing is the most prevalent dance used in a social dance situation. Anytime a song is upbeat and the tempo is peppy, odds are that the music is

suitable for a swing dance.

This social dance class is free, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We highly encourage men to join us, even if you already know how to swing dance. It is a lot more fun to have men and ladies dance together.



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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Co-Ed exercises resume on East Side

The Co-Ed Exercise Class in the East Activity Center Exercise Room has restarted after a summer break. Sessions are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-10:45 a.m.

Classes are free for residents with a valid Activity Card and are led by Lee Catalfomo.

Co-Ed Exercises in the West Activity Center gym have been discontinued. Residents from the West Side are encouraged to join Lee on the East Side.

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Exercise and fitness classes staying in exercise room

Calling all Baby Boomers, Healthy Living Club members and all On Top of the World residents who are looking for a fun way to stay fit.

Come on over and join us at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center exercise room.

There are exercise, fitness and step classes for all levels.

The music will get you moving. It's a great way to start your day and meet other residents also 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 challenge your body and keep you motivated.

We also meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the Yellow Room for a co-ed Fun Fitness workout.

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

As always, our classes are free.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

Shuffleboard provides fresh air



Are you getting a little tired of your afternoon TV friends?

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After a hurricane-filled vacation on Clearwater Beach, she gladly settled into higher ground on the east side of

Shuffleboard

Belcher. Donna is an avid golfer who is applying her skills to shuffleboard, with fortuitous results so far, in her first season with us.

Shuffleboard is a low impact activity that anyone can enjoy. If you can walk, then you can shuffle. We provide all the equipment. All you have to do is show up at 1:30 p.m., Monday and/or Thursday.

Winners of all three daily games over the past month include: Maureen Doire, Paul Santacrose, Rick Champ, Rick Helton, Bob Rittner, Joe Periera, Kasy Linkevich, Dave Purcell, Shirley Gibson, Gerry Gibson, Phil Henne, Ken Beckman and Dave Williams.

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Paul Duffy returns on January 3

Welcome back to all the Snowbirds, members of our Irish Club and friends. We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

We are having our annual Christmas Dinner Dance on Thursday, Dec 1 at 5:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Terry Connolly and dinner (turkey, ham and all the trimmings) catered by Felice. Tickets are \$20 per person.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, we are having Paul Duffy back by popular demand.

Paul is a gifted musician, plays seven different instruments, singer and storyteller.

Tickets for members are \$12 and guests \$15.

The purpose of our club is to provide fellowship and entertainment and to preserve Irish tradition and culture. So please come join us.

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Irish Club

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Snowbirds line dance instructors gain experience from professional workshop



By Ed Foland

There was a nice turnout for The Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner organized by the Snowbirds Line Dance Club.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner was followed by a live production of "A Nice Family Gathering."

The setting was in a Minnesota home on Thanksgiving Day. One critic described the show as a mixture of "A Christmas Carol," "Prairie Home Companion" and "Fargo."



Santa stopped by in November to learn how to line dance. This group of residents didn't hesitate to help out.

The On Top of the World Community Dance Party in November was enjoyed by many in the dance community. Our disc jockey prepared an extensive list of danceable songs for both line dancers and couples, which

kept the dancers on their feet all evening.

Our Midwinter Community Dance Party is scheduled for Jan. 15 at the East Activity Center.

Line dance instructor and chore-

ographer, Dolly Foland, along with instructor, Ed Foland, attended the Tampa Bay Classic Line Dance Workshop from Nov. 3-6.

Dolly will be teaching some of the new dances at her line dance classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays in the West Activity Center.

Ed teaches two classes. An 8:30 a.m. class is a practice class and an 11:30 a.m. class is for first-time dancers with two left feet.

Cruising season is here and the best time for Snowbirds to cruise is during January and February while you are on your winter vacation at OTOW.

Take a Snowbirds Line Dance Club cruise with a group escorted by Ed and Dolly Foland. We are now taking reservations. The Bahamas Casino Cruise departs on Jan. 9. A Jolly Line Dance Cruise and the Valentines Cruise both depart on Feb. 11.

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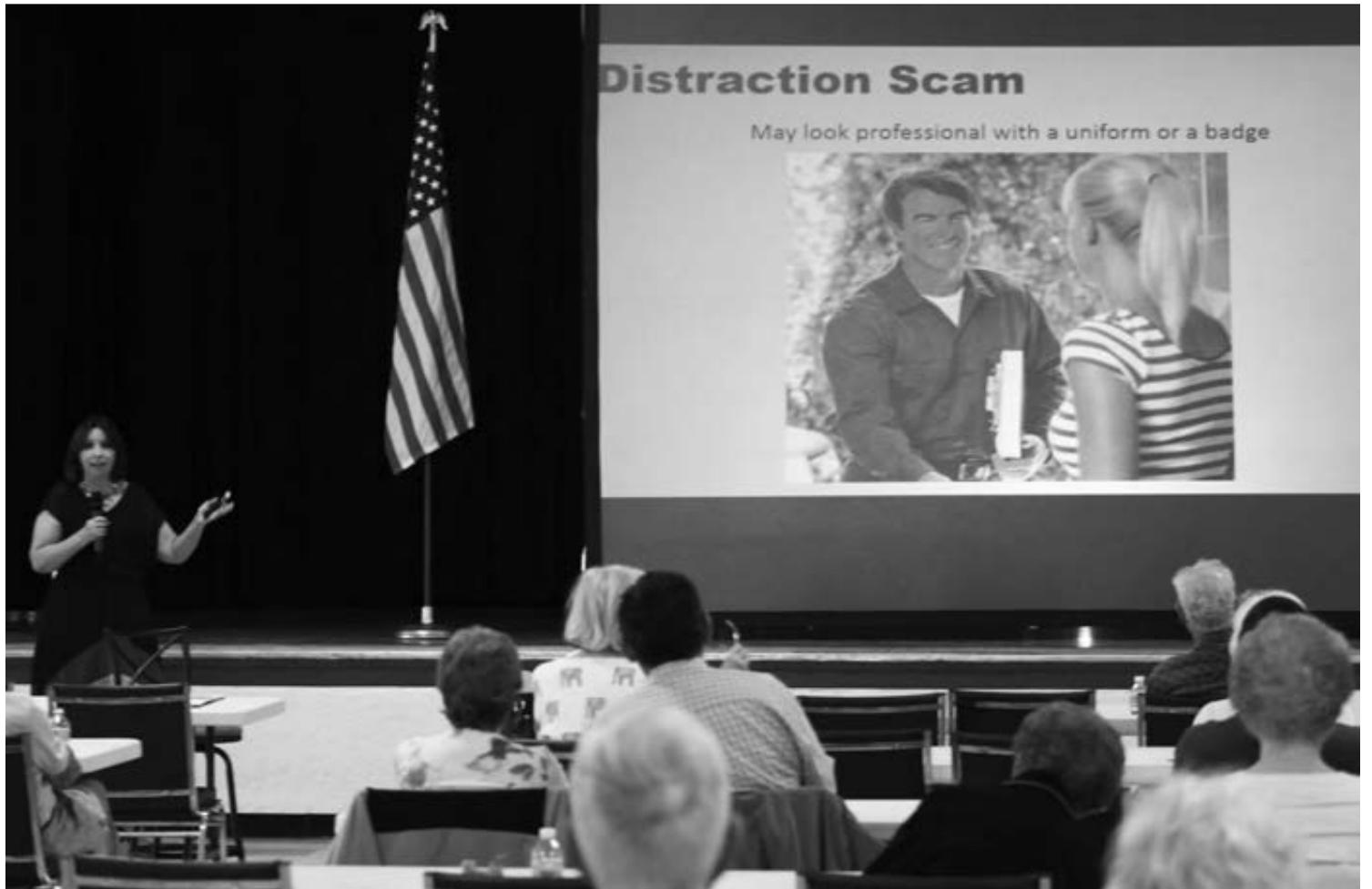
Local law enforcement agencies and personnel visited On Top of the World in November to inform residents about fraud and safety precautions.

The seminar included a lot of helpful tips and information, including how thieves try to distract people in common places so they can steal valuable objects, including vehicles, purses and more. A tip, if a stranger appears to start a conversation with you, and doesn't want to quit talking, be alert. A partner of crime may be nearby.

Also, just because someone in uniform comes to your door, wearing a badge or holding a clipboard, doesn't mean they are a legitimate professional. If someone shows up at your door unannounced, it could be a scam. Don't let anyone in your home unless you have called that company ahead of time.

During the last hour of the event, a general question and answer session took place. This event was very informative and well attended.

After the seminar, free local shredding was available.



On Top of the World residents watch a presentation and learn just because this guy is in uniform, is holding a clipboard and smiling, doesn't mean he is a legitimate professional.


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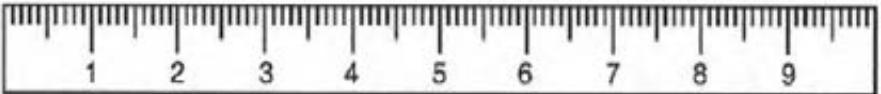
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Find out about Jim and Barbara Sundberg's adventures in Australia and trip to the only underwater post office in the world.

This is a must-attend meeting to hear the rest of the story.

Please join us at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 16, 2017, Feb. 6, 2017, and March 6, 2017.

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



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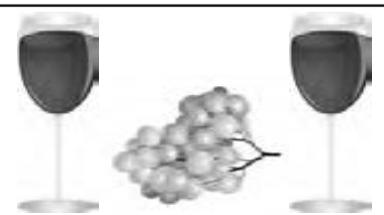
Brunch at the Spa on Dec. 4

By Jerry Kaplano

The Italian-American Club Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner in November was a huge success.

Our Dec. 4 Christmas brunch at Safety Harbor Resort and Spa is usually a great buffet and great get together for our club.

On Jan. 18, at 6 p.m., in the East Activity Center, we will have a pulled pork dinner dance with singer Karen Killian. Cost is \$15 members, \$18 non-members.



Italian American

Tickets for Ruth Eckert Hall performances and further information are available Monday and Thursday mornings at the EAC.

Here's a hint about our spring show: Music sales became a part of life

By Lillie Scheifen

The December Theater Workshop meeting will be our annual Christmas party which will be held at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on the first Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Festivities will begin at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. and will be catered by Marguerite's Cafe.

If possible, dress in attire from the 1920s, in keeping with the theme of our upcoming show, "The Hideaway."

Our March 2017 production is coming along swimmingly, with Mary and Will Sundblad putting their creative heads together to coordinate the music, dancing and spoken parts.

Members have been contacted regarding their respective roles and rehearsal schedules.

Along those lines, here



Theater Workshop

is more informative and fun facts from that era.

"The decade of the 1920s was marked by huge advances in the music industry. The phonograph record became the primary method of disseminating music, surpassing the sale of sheet music and piano rolls.

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"The decade marked the genesis of independent (indie) record companies, smaller operations, which were not afraid to take a chance on this new media, and artists that bigger companies had shied away from.

"Some of the great early jazz, blues and country performers appeared on the new indie labels. Toward the end of the decade, radio went from being an expensive novelty into a major purveyor of inexpensive entertainment."

Although that may seem quaint in this day of iTunes, Facebook, etc., it was truly amazing for that time.

Please come to meet our representatives at the East Activity Center Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Stop by to say hello, learn more about us and join in the fun. You won't regret it, we promise.



On Top of the World artist John Fier works on one of many backgrounds which will be used in the show this spring.

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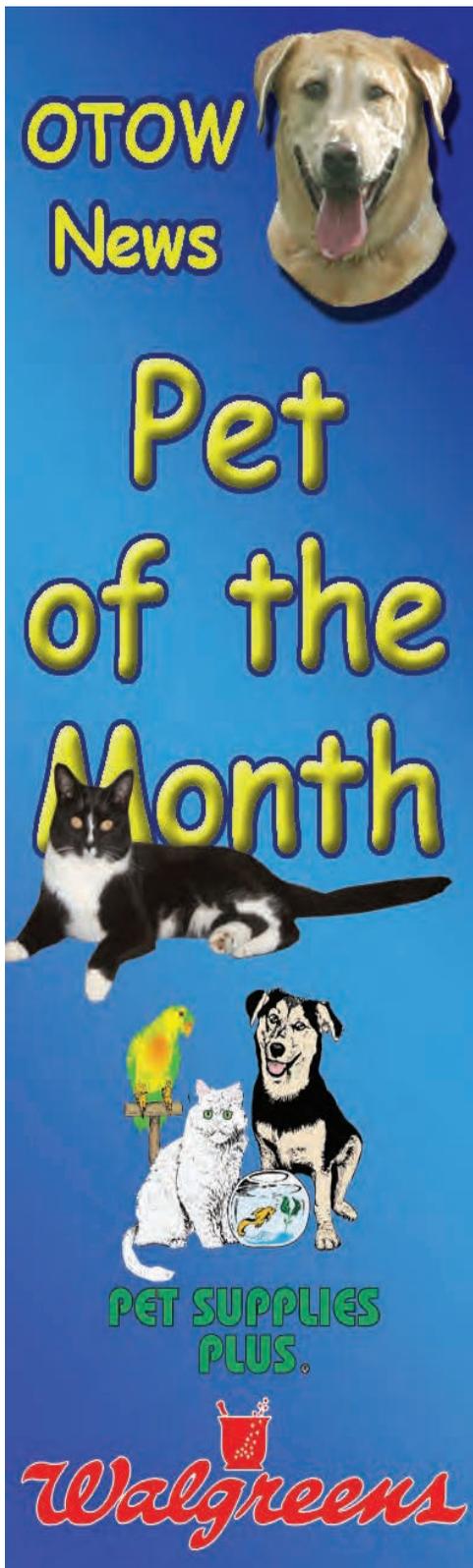
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 Like most residents at OTOW, I am a very active senior citizen. Each day, I enjoy a walk by the lake. Then, in the afternoon, my mom takes me for a ride.
 Sometimes we go to Philippe Park, where I visit with the fishermen and the children at the playground.
 Some days we walk the Pinellas Trail through downtown Dunedin, where people usually stop to pet me and call me beautiful.
 In the evening, we play ball. Ball is my very favorite game. In fact, I am a little obsessed with it.
 My mom has gone through a lot in the past few years. She says that I keep her happy and active and that I am the sunshine of her life.
 We both enjoy living at the Capistrano Building.



Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on 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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Canadian Club's Christmas dinner and awesome decoration display set for Dec. 13

By Rick McLauchlan

The Canadian Club opened the season by participating in the Senior Expo where 27 new members joined the club.

Thank you On Top of the World and the Good Neighbors Association for sponsoring the event!

Did you know the Canadian Club is open to anyone with a valid activity card regardless of nationality?

We have many non-Canadian members.

On Top of the World Activity Cards are available from the Community Service Office 8:30 a.m. - noon or 12:30 - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A valid activity card is required to share in many of OTOW activities. Renters must make arrangements with their landlords to get their own activity card.

Be sure to carry your card with you at all times as occasional verification may be done by the Home Owners Association's representatives for our mutual benefit.

New and returning members gath-



ered on Registration Night and enjoyed the opportunity to sign up for Marathon Bridge, a Day at the Races on Jan. 20, our annual Golf Tournament on Feb. 19 and a Blue Jays game in March.

Members heard news about the updated Website coming soon as well as the "Canada Day in the USA" BBQ celebration scheduled for Feb. 2 to focus on Canada's Sesquicentennial.

Club membership finished the evening with a wine and cheese social, where past friendships were renewed and new ones were initiated.

Social Games kicks off our weekly activities with Blackout at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room and Bridge in



Hmmmm. Which club do you think this is at the Senior Expo? If only they would have given us a clue?

the WAC Rainbow Room.

The Canadian Club's Christmas season will peak with our Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec. 13 in the EAC auditorium at 5 p.m. Tickets will remain available until Thursday, Dec. 8. This event is open to members and their guests.

December is traditionally a month

of family celebrations. As our members across On Top of the World gather here or head home to celebrate, the Executive Board of the OTOW Canadian Club sends our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, including safe travels for all.

See you in 2017 – Happy 150th Canadian Anniversary.

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Do you know what an app is?

Your Computer Club can teach you how to find apps and how to use them

By Joe Wisinski

Did you know your smartphone or tablet is far more powerful than the computers that helped land men on the moon?

For example, a modern smartphone is more than 30,000 times faster than the best Apollo-era computers. That computing power is amazing, but it's only useful if the phone contains applications, or apps, that enable us to use the phone for practical purposes.

Fortunately, millions of smartphone apps exist, and they help us perform an incredible variety of tasks.

During a recent presentation, On



Top of the World Computer Club members learned about smart phone and tablet apps that can help us stay healthy,

save money on gasoline, determine what our monthly payment will be when we're in the market for a vehicle, and much more. Apps can be especially beneficial in addressing issues that seniors face.

One app we learned about was a combination flashlight and magnifying glass. Another app we looked at allows us to listen to audio books for free.

Because we seniors are using smartphones more and more, Computer Club members talk about the devices during many of our sessions.

The club envisions learning more about smartphone and tablet apps, along with our usual discussions about

desktop and laptop computers.

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

Club members may come to EAC Computer Room from 8:30-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, for free assistance with computer issues. For more information about the club, go to www.otowcc.com.

Anyone who wants to learn how to improve their OTOW club or group Box Office Webpage may get a password from Doug Kates in the newspaper office and then see Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club.

Be ready to use chop sticks at Chinese New Year party

By Jane Lee

The next New York-New Jersey Club meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, at 5 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Please note that we are changing our meeting night from Wednesdays to Thursdays.

We heard from many of you who said Wednesday is not good, so this year we are trying something new.

We will celebrate the Chinese New Year because of the famous Chinatown in New York City. This will be a catered Chinese dinner with the same DJ we had for our Christmas party.

Plan to dance the night away or just to enjoy the music. Practice using chop sticks, but we will have forks for those who haven't mastered the art of squeezing your fingers together.

Now is the time to pay your \$5 dues, so you can take advantage of the savings a member gets when buying tickets.

Stop by our table on Mondays or Thursdays to get tickets and to pay



your dues if you haven't done so yet.

You might also want to read about us by looking up the NY/NJ Club on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com.

We could still use more help when we set up and clean up after events. Come and volunteer to help and to make some new friends.

If you have time to help sell tickets on Mondays or Thursdays, we welcome that help as well.

All club members are volunteers and with your help, no one gets burned out from doing all of the work.

First, we solved a murder, and now we will celebrate with a holiday dinner

By Terri Mikszenas

We have the best members!

No food, no music and no entertainment ... but members still show up in amazing numbers.

November's meeting topped them all. Attendance reached 107 as we voted in our new 2017-2018 officers: Jacqui Dolan, president, Gina Burke, vice president, Mary Skaarer, treasurer and Tom Jamrozy, secretary, pledged their interest in the club and promised, with the support of the club's members, to keep things going with a lot of fun and exciting trips.

The vote was unanimous and the installation will take place at the Dec. 2 meeting in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

On a recent trip, club members learned you cannot put anything over on Kim Borges Petriello and Petra Gonzalez. So don't even try!

They were the winners who guessed the murderer during our Murder Mystery Train Ride and then they sealed the deal by having the correct answer to the tie-breaker question.

Everyone agreed this would be a trip to be repeated in the future.

Several members enjoyed our ice cream social during the Halloween Matinee offered by the Church of Scientology. Once there, our club was



Super Sleuths Kim Borges Petriello and Petra Gonzalez won first place when they solved the Murder Mystery and broke the code of the bonus question.

asked to make our payment directly to the Toys for Tots Literacy Program. This amount, plus our already-planned

donation, totaled \$345. Every donation to the Toys for Tots Literacy Program helps place a book in the hands



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Why not join us at the Island Way Grill for our holiday dinner. Tickets are only \$24 per person and door prizes will be given.

Don't let us sail without you!

Our travel group will be setting sail on Jan. 28 for a relaxing seven-day cruise to Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas.

And, for your convenience, we've arranged round-trip transportation to the Tampa port for a nominal fee.

So, what are you waiting for?

Need more information?

Want to join the club or pay your 2017 dues?

Please stop by EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings, when we'll be on duty to answer any questions you may have, give you a list of upcoming trips, sell you a ticket or two, or help you become a club member.

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We have a secret for finding our history

By Shirley Perry

The December meeting of the Family History Group will feature Don Leamy sharing research sources for people who are building their family tree.

Don has traced his own family back to the early 1700s. He has also helped numerous people find their ancestors using unique and little-known research methods.

Each month a new question will be presented for voluntary response at the next meeting. Our question for discussion at the December meeting is, "How would you like to be remembered?"

Our November meeting was an exchange of ideas for programs for the upcoming year. One suggestion under consideration is the implementation of the Ask-Granny© program in the Pinellas County area. We are exploring ways to get the program off the ground. Expect to see further information on this subject as it develops.

We welcomed several new members in November and look forward to a good turnout at our Monday, Dec. 12 meeting. Hope you will join us if you are interested in your family history.



Family History

Learn to play the ukulele for the holidays



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck
and Lewis Michaels

I heard it through the grapevine. Baby Boomers love their music.

Each generation has their own dance music. Boomers' music is merrily played by our own Baby Boomers beginners ukulele band.

During the Christmas season, the Boomers band will lead yuletide carols with more Boomers singing along. Their tunes help to make the season bright. Boomers, who never thought they would make music, are now strumming funky tunes.

If being in a band is on your bucket list, come to a Baby Boomers meeting and meet our band.

Boomers danced in the sunshine and sand at Sunset Beach concerts in Tarpon Springs. Neighboring community festivals found hungry Boomers chowing down on stone crabs and craft beer, while rocking to our music, echoes of our past.

Join the awesome Slow Spokes. Our beginners bicycling group rides a seven miles round trip to the wetlands of Kapok Park. The park's wide,



The Baby Boomers have their own band. Join us and we will teach you how to play the ukelele. If you don't want to play, just sing along. Pictured above are Joyce Monahan, Jan Stiffler and Lewis Michaels.

paved trail leads to a rustic boardwalk. Stopping here, we watch snoozing alligators, nosy turtles, noisy limpkins and wading birds. Nesting in a tree, further down the path, roosts an elegant white peacock.

If bicycling by yourself might

seem to be a little intimidating, come join the Baby Boomers Slow Spokes. We meet each Friday at the East Activity Center at 9:30 a.m.

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

Does this sound like you?

If you'd like to become involved, please join us. The Baby Boomers will be meeting Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room and again on Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room .

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Last month was full of fun - now start planning for next year

By Marvin Flam

At the Entertainment Committee annual meeting in November, the 2017 Executive Board was elected by our members and installed by Secretary Sherry Ivey.

The new board includes Kirk Safee, president; MaryAnn O'Neil, vice president; Connie McDonald, treasurer; Marion Leamy, assistant treasurer; Pat Catalfomo, secretary; Sue Watlington, assistant secretary, and directors: Lucille Greenhalgh, Brad Day, Karen Safee and Marvin Flam.

Kirk presented the Entertainment Committee's 2017 plans, which includes 16 shows, 17 dances and 12 Sundays-in-the-Park.

He noted that there can be no fun without "U" and asked that our members continue to stay involved and make it happen.

Thank you to Sherry Ivey, secretary, and Evelyn Flam, public relations director for their years of service and contributions to the success of the Entertainment Committee. They are retiring from the board.

My thanks and appreciation to those on the 2016 executive board, who worked tirelessly all year to change things for the better and help make the fun happen.

Thanks and heartfelt appreciation to the 70-plus terrific volunteers, without whom none of the fun would have happened.

And thanks to you, the residents, for all your support and encouragement. Your support helped make it a wonderful year and I enjoyed the fun with you.

Tickets are on sale for remaining events this year and the 16 shows and 17 dances scheduled for 2017.

Check the bulletin boards in both activity centers where the 2017 schedules are posted or visit us at the East Activity Center to get a schedule on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, on the OTOW Box Office at 'OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com' and all the bulletin boards.

Call us direct at 727-797-1761.

The fun continues ... don't miss it!



Pictured above is 'Yesterdayze' which performed live on our stage in October. At right is just one of the many outfits modeled by On Top of the World residents during a fashion show presented by Stein Mart. Pictured are Mike Szekely and Antonina Wuthrich.



At left, Santa Claus greets two Sumo Wrestlers during the Entertainment Committee's annual Halloween Dance. We know the Sumo Wrestlers were residents in costume. As of press time, we did not know if this was the real Santa or another costume.

(Photos by Mary Lou Wall and Marvin Flam)

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The East Activity Center auditorium was full of people for a bingo marathon which took place in October.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Next bingo marathon only a few weeks away

By Brad Day

Thanks to everyone who attended our bingo marathon in October.

We had a great time doing it and those who were there said they really enjoyed themselves.

We liked it so much, we have scheduled another one for early next year.

The date for the next marathon will be Feb. 26, 2017, at the usual times.

The doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the games starting at noon.

We will have a break part way

through and serve lunch to all paid attendees. We will be having fried chicken with a side.

Please remember this is for On Top of the World residents who are allowed to bring one guest with them.

In all fairness to our loyal paid residents, there will be no splitting of game packets. Everyone pays to play. This goes for all our bingo sessions.

Tickets will be sold the first three Mondays of this month, then full ticket sales will start Mondays and Thursdays the beginning of the year, 8:30 to

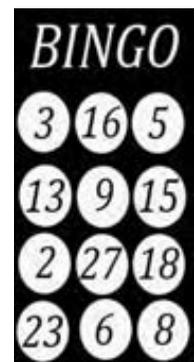
10:30 am.

Tickets will also be sold at our regular bingo on Monday nights.

Our wonderful bingo staff are the folks who deserve the thanks for putting these bingo games on. Our staff works hard and is dedicated to giving you, the residents of our fine community, a great and inexpensive evening out.

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Have a happy holiday season.



BINGO

A recipe for holiday fruitcake

Start with two bottles of rum.

Sample the first bottle to make sure the rum is of good quality.

If you are not sure, take another sample.

When you are satisfied with your rum, please begin.

Get a large bowl and measuring cup. This may take some time, so once the bowl and cup are in front of you, better check the rum again to make sure it is still good.

Pour fruitcake mix into bowl, turn on mixer. Add butter and sugar.

Stay hydrated. Open the second bottle of rum if necessary.

Add two large eggs and a cup of dry fruit. If fruit sticks to the bottom of the bowl, loosen with a screwdriver. That's orange juice and vodka.

Sift in two cups of pepper or salt, whichever.



Sift in lemon juice and add strained nuts.

Fold in more butter, add one tablespoon of brown sugar, and then add any ingredient that comes in your favorite color.

If you haven't done so already, turn off mixer.

Taste the rum to make sure it is at room temperature.

Grease the oven. Turn cake pan on to 350 degrees.

Or is it the other way around?

Doesn't matter.

Take another rum sample.

Pour your creation into pan and insert into oven to bake.

When finished, feed fruitcake to your dog. Finish off the rum. Take a nap.

Cooking can be so tiring.

FUNNIES

How do sheep in Mexico say "Merry Christmas?"

(A): Fleece Navidad.

Why are Christmas trees bad knitters?

(A): They drop their needles.

What do monkeys sing at Christ-

mas?

(A): Jungle Bells. Jungle Bells.

What did the big candle say to the little candle?

(A): I'm going out tonight.

What kind of pine has the sharpest needles?

(A): Porcupine.

Where did the mistletoe go to be rich and famous?

(A): Holly-wood.

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

(A): It's Christmas, Eve.

Who is never hungry at Christmas?
(A): The turkey. He's always stuffed.



Que'T holiday party set for Dec. 14

By Claudia Carroll

It's time for our Christmas Party!

Join us on Dec. 14, Wednesday evening, at 5:30 p.m., at the Paradise Restaurant, 443 Main Street, Safety Harbor.

We plan on having a great evening with good food, decorations and a Christmas sing-along. Hope you can be there.

The phone number is 727-725-1208.

Tournament honors for the month of October were Elizabeth Asselta, first place, followed by Rashanee Turner and Paulette Perrotta, both in second place.

Congratulations!

We have many cue sticks ready for



Que'T Billiards

anyone considering to join our group. Come on out and join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., in the West Activity Center. We arrive early to warm up and greet new interested players. Hope to see you there.



Denny Balderson, left, and Ed Solivan are two excellent pool instructors who will help anyone learn the game.

Senior Expo brings in new members

By Ginny Chilcote

The Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association kicked off the 2016-2017 season on Oct. 11 with a "Play for Fun" sign up day.

This is the 45th season for the association. Play will continue until May 9, 2017.

In an effort to extend a welcome to all eligible potential golfers, a group of ladies manned a table at the On Top

Ladies 9 Hole

of the World Senior Expo the week before opening play. Information was distributed to all interested parties. A special thanks to the workers, including Wendy Colquhoun, Carroll Harris, Pat Murray, Marge Jacobs, Mary Ann

O'Neil and Nancy Parlatore.

It was a very successful event.

Anyone still interested in playing may contact Mary Ann O'Neil at 727-449-9243 or Pat Murray at 727-725-9053.

This year's officers are: Pat Murray and Mary Ann O'Neil, co-presidents; Carroll Harris, vice-president; Linda Graff, treasurer; and Ginny Chilcote, secretary.

At our first general meeting held on Nov. 15, many items were discussed including rules, penalties and courtesy. There were 21 members present.

In addition, the Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Bon Appetit at 11:30 a.m.

The golf association is looking forward to a great year of fun and fellowship. Happy holidays to everyone, and if you're traveling, safe travels!

December starts our social and competitive tournaments

By Bob Laplante

Elections are over. Black Friday is history. So why not take the opportunity to give lawn bowling a try.

Simply leave your name at the lawn bowls greens beside the East Activity Center and introductory sessions will be arranged for you.

December is the start of our special events calendar. On Dec. 2, we will be hosting the annual Fun Day Tournament, which kicks off the year in a non-traditional set of games focusing on the social aspect of the game.

On Dec. 9, we will be offering a Holiday Bowl tournament open to all members. In keeping with the season, the tournament will be followed by a

Lawn Bowling

luncheon.

And lastly, on Dec. 16 and 19, a two-day Trophy Tournament, the 4-3-2-1 Singles will be held. The scoring is different, but requires all of the skills of the usual format.

For details of each of these events, check the bulletin board at the greens.

As with every club at On Top of the World, the Lawn Bowls Club depends on its members to come forward to share in the work required to offer a full range of activities for the members.

The Executive Board has been elected and the major responsibilities have been assumed, however, in order to allay the burden being assumed by just a few members, volunteers are required for a wide range of tasks.

Morning co-captains, individual tournament co-ordinators, social committee workers and grounds crew workers are all required. Please see the notice boards and step up as members always have in the past.

People often ask about the bowls which are unique to lawn bowling. The main difference is that they have a built-in bias to them which makes them curve or bend when bowled. This is further complicated in that,

although each set of bowls are the same, there is a difference between sets. Some curve one or two feet while others may curve 10 or 12 feet. This is called the bias and players refer to it as a wide or narrow bias.

Which is best?

The easy way to answer that question is come out and try it yourself. Even if you have never thrown a lawn bowl before, sign up with our club and we will teach you how to arch your bowl. With a little practice, your tosses will soon be going between bowls and heading for the target.

Try it.

To all, we wish the best of the season and good luck on the greens.



Christmas golf outing and party set for Dec. 14

By Peter Milner

The Men's Golf Association has three very important events coming up very quickly.

We will have our annual Election of Officers on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Hopefully, all will go smoothly and there won't be any disappointed golfers protesting the results.

Make sure you have your On Top of the World Activity Card with the current punch validation.

We will have our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Golf on that day will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Ladies are again invited to join in the holiday festivities, which includes music, dancing, food, beer and soft drinks after play finishes.

Lastly, our Annual Meeting will be held at the West Activity Center on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017. The meeting will start promptly at 10 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Please remember to report in at least 30 minutes before your tee time. If you don't, you may forfeit your spot to someone who did show up on time.

The officers of your association wish you and yours a healthy and merry holiday season.

Men's Golf



Jim O'Neil presents a hole-in-one trophy to Jim Anzalone for an ace he recently recorded on the 149-yard 16th hole.

Many competitors show up for opening day

The new season for the Thursday Golf League got off to a great start with a large turnout.

We were happy to welcome new members and returning Snowbirds. The forecast is rosy for good golf weather and great course conditions.

Mike LaViolette wasted little time winning the opening tournament in his first week back from the North Country. Dave Pittenger finished second and Pete Cosgrove took third place. Harry Barbin had low gross honors and one skin. Don Baker, John Maloof, Angelo Santucci, Gary Sandine and Clyde Hershberger took one skin each.

As promised, our resident PGA golf instructor, Harry Barbin, will be offering short game clinics at On Top of the World on Dec. 3, 5, 10 and 12. The clinics will cover the most important parts of any golf game: pitching, chipping and putting. In order to insure personal attention, the number of golfers will be limited. The clinics are free and are open to all OTOW residents. Harry instructs young golfers at the Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club and gives lessons at the East Bay Golf Club. If you are interested please contact Harry



Clyde Hershberger takes a shot during recent action in the Thursday Golf League.

at hvgharry@aol.com. Details will be posted on the OTOW Box Office website, click on Thursday Golf.

Another date to mark on your calendar is Dec. 15. Our "Three Clubs and A Putter" competition will be held on that Thursday. Players are only allowed to carry the required clubs, so

Thursday Golf

choose wisely.

Our annual match play and four-person scramble tournaments will take place in January.

Week 17 of the offseason was won by Pete Cosgrove. Ken Smith took second place. Harry Barbin was third. Bill Higgins carded the low gross round. The only skin was collected by Don Hunter. Harry Barbin, Bill Higgins and Clyde Hershberger won the most points on designated holes competition.

Jim Cawley's win in Week 18 came with a special bonus - a hole-in-one on the 18th hole!

Jim used a 3-wood and his smooth swing to accomplish the deed. The shot also earned him a skin. Patti Cook finished second and Dave Pittenger was third. Bruce MacPherson shot the low gross round. Skins were collected by Patti Cook, Don Leamy, Van Bradley, Don Baker and Clyde Hershberger. Leora Hamm, Don Hunter and Harry Barbin were the log drive winners. Don Baker took the closest

to the pin competition.

The final offseason tournament was won by Jahn Lawson. Van Bradley finished second and Ada Culbertson was third. David Rodgers had the low gross round and collected one skin. Doug Oleksy and Paul Meyers also had one skin.

If you have been thinking of joining the Thursday Golf League, all you have to do is show up between 9:30 and 10 a.m. any Thursday.

Women and men compete in our league using the USGA Stableford format, which gives each player a quota. Players in this format do not compete directly against each other. They try to post a score better than their quota. This insures that players of all skill levels have an equal chance of winning.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up.

If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

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



Early play produces very low scores with annual Suncoast Hospice Golf Tournament approaching Jan. 24

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held their first general meeting of the new season with very important business discussed.

By-law changes were proposed and will be voted on at the holiday brunch on Dec. 7, at 9:30 a. m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Please check our bulletin board to view the proposed by-law changes and vote on Dec. 7.

There were quite a few excellent rounds of golf played the past few Tuesdays. Ursula Taylor and Debbie Figaski had the lowest net at 58. Pat Eastman had the lowest gross at even par 65. Other nice rounds were shot by Diane Moxley and Gina Yoon both with 61 net. Carole Whynot shot a nice gross round of 80 and Jackie Woloszyn and Mary Beth Devine shot 82.

But the best rounds were posted by Katie Krintz. She shot a career low round of 80, followed by 83 and preceded



Katie Krintz closes in on breaking 80.

by an 87. Katie is a fairly new member from Indiana and looks forward to breaking 80.

Another record round was recorded by Donna Osborne, the winner of the Criers Tournament. In her round, Donna had consecutive birdies for the first time ever and even added another birdie.

I'm thinking all the ladies should thank the greenskeeper, Dale Reash, for all his work on the course, especially his

Ladies 18-Hole

miracle recovery of the first green. The green went from terrible to terrific.

Looking for a fun day of golf for a great cause? Look no further. It's coming on Jan. 24, 2017.

The On Top of the World Ladies' 18-Hole Golf League is pleased to host a charity golf tournament for the Suncoast Hospice Foundation of Pinellas County on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, with a rain date of Jan. 31. Suncoast Hospice is a community-based, not-for-profit agency, committed to creating a caring and dignified environment for individuals suffering from chronic illness, facing the end of life, or grieving the loss of loved ones.

This will be a four-person, best-shot format, which will be flighted. Registrants will form their own group of four players. All four players must be registered and paid

GOLF CLINICS

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Monday, Jan. 16

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Monday Feb 6

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Monday March 6

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for at the same time. Non-residents can play as a guest of an OTOW resident, but must purchase the additional green fee charge prior to the tournament.

The cost to register for the tournament is \$20 per person, which is donated to Suncoast Hospice Foundation. Lunch tickets are \$7 per per-

son. Lunch and a program, including raffles and share the wealth, will immediately follow the golf tournament.

Registration will be done at the starter's green house on Jan. 3, 10 and 17. The registration forms will be available in December at the starter's green house during weekly golf play.

Defense already appears in mid-season form

By Bob Rittner

How can a tie game be considered the most exciting game of the month? Consider the ninth inning.

In a tie game, the heart of East's order was due up. Two singles were followed by two outs engineered by outstanding defense from shortstop Lenny Segall and third baseman Guy Bertuzzi.

After a soft hit scored the go-ahead run, Lenny and Guy ended the inning with another fine play.

In the bottom of the inning, the West also had its top hitters at bat. Lenny smoked a long double and scored the tying run on Guy's two-strike expertly-placed hit for his third RBI of the game. Then, Don Kutchinski made a brilliant shoe top snag off a screaming line drive and threw to first to complete a double play that ended the game.

Softball

As has become customary, our new wooden bat rule has made defense critical to the game.

For the West, Ray Woolsey raced in to catch a sinking line drive in left field while Bob Stoddard was perfect at first base.

For the East, Dan Puopolo covered every inch of shortstop, and snapped chest high bullets to first to make any grounder or line drive towards left a sure out.

On either side of him, Paul Fice at third and Don at middle infield, allowed nothing to get by. Bill Bennett made a spectacular one-hop stop of what seemed a certain hit to frustrate the batter.

There were offensive heroes as

well. Frank Brown, Dick LeTourneau, Jim Tiano and Joe Maley set up runs for West with two hits apiece, while Rick Champ and Eddie Ramirez did the same for East.

East 6, West 1

Only Ray Woolsey managed an extra-base hit, a triple. Ray also reflected the splendid defense that characterized the game with two running catches in left field.

Howard Huff snared two long flies, too, while the game ended on a high fly caught by Joe Farrell.

East's offense was led by five hits, each from Gene Osrmond and Guy Bertuzzi, while Ray stroked four hits for West.

West 4, East 1

Ray Woolsey continued his assault with the wood bat getting four hits,

including a homer and double, to lead the West to victory.

There was solid defense from left fielder Ray, third baseman Guy Bertuzzi and shortstop Lenny Segall, who also had four hits.

The East was kept in check except for Gene Osmond's long home run and Chris Ferrugia's three hits.

East 15, West 2

Led by Gene Osmond's five hits, including a cycle, four other East players had four hits - Jim Tiano, Bob Fields, Guy Bertuzzi and Bob Rittner.

An airtight defense featured outstanding catches in the outfield by Eddie Ramirez and Rick Champ. East swamped West despite several hard-hit balls by Ray Woolsey, Bob Ballentine, Lenny Segall and Don Kutchinski (who was just a homer shy of the cycle).



Seventy years after his days in armed forces, OTOW resident is finally playing regular pool again

By Barb Sundberg

When Henry Chapman was just a little boy, he wasn't allowed to play pool on his grandfather's pool table.

He was only allowed to play with an extra cue ball, made out of elephant tusk ivory, in the small space under the pool table.

It wasn't until after his grandfather died that his father allowed him to actually shoot balls into the pockets.

"My dad got the table and he and I played several times a week," said Henry, who today is a member of the On Top of the World Billiards Club.

Once Henry got a cue in his hand, he didn't want to stop.

"A neighbor had a pool table and a son my age, so we were able to play pool together," he said.

Henry and his family lived in Philadelphia, which was one of the centers for pool in this country. Allingers was a famous pool hall. Exhibitions were frequent, featuring world class pool players.

Henry's dad took him to Allingers one day to see world champion, Ralf Greenleaf, play a challenger.

"We had seats about 12 rows back and up on a grandstand around the pool tables," Henry said. "In those days, at tournaments, the players wore suits and ties."

Ralf Greenleaf arrived wearing a tuxedo. Following, several steps behind, was his wife, a Eurasian lady, whose name was Princess Nia Tia, wearing a flowing green gown with a large bonnet and bow on her head.

The game was straight pool, a race to 200.

Ralf and the challenger lagged to see who would win the break. Ralf won, went first and, of course, broke safe.

Both players took several turns playing safe. Then the challenger let one ball get loose, and Ralf ran 200 and out and winning.

"We went several times to see the great Willie Mosconey play," Henry said. "Willie got his start because his father owned a



Henry Chapman is playing pool regularly again - first time since his war days.

bar with several tables in Philadelphia."

The Korean War started and Henry joined the Army. The big game in the service was rotation pool. As in nine ball, balls were shot in sequence, but in this game you added to your score the number on the ball.

So, if you sank the one, three and 11, your score would be 15 points.

The player with the most points after the 15 was sunk, was the winner.

After a while, Henry realized that the two or three players who usually won, but did not play well, managed to sink two or three of the last five balls.

One evening, Henry and a buddy went up to a big recreation center at Fort Knox. Among the many activities were about 20 pool tables.

Jukeboxes were blaring country and western music through the air.

It was a cool March evening and the windows were open

when Henry and his friend started playing.

Then, a fight broke out.

People were cursing and screaming. Pool balls were flying through the air and sticks were being used as bats and spears.

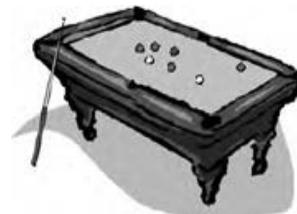
"We climbed through the nearest window and ran like hell," Henry said. "A few minutes later, down the road came about 20 military police cars, lights blazing and sirens screaming. We returned to our barracks."

That was one billiards memory Henry will never forget.

After the Army, marriage, children and a job took up all of Henry's time. Henry didn't get another chance to start playing pool again until 2003.

"After moving to On Top of the World last year, I found pool here with a great group of people, having lots of fun and plenty of competition," he said.

The OTOW Billiards League gives residents here that chance to play pool again or learn the game for the first time.



Billiards

Our league's holiday party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, starting at 6 p.m. in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center.

This annual get together will be a potluck party and we are asking that everyone bring a dish, also BYOB.

We need to know by Dec. 12 how many members and guests will be attending this fun, festive event. Music will be provided by Jerry Chase Quirion, son of club member, Ray Quirion. There are sign up sheets in the Billiards Room.

8-BALL

On Monday, Oct. 17, in the A Flight, Denny Balderson captured first after a playoff with Joe Gora. After a playoff for third place between Joe Doire and Joe Wisinski, Joe Doire took third place.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, in B Flight, Nick Sapienza walked away with first place, Randy Adler captured second place and Bob Ellis settled for third.

On Monday, Oct. 24 in A Flight, Tony Baker edged out the field to capture first place. After a playoff between Joe Gora and Eddie Ramirez, Eddie took second place.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25 in B Flight, Mario Rodriguez edged out the competition to capture first place, Gene Baranowski took second place with Randy Adler settling for third.

On Oct. 31 in A Flight, after a playoff between Joe Gora and Nick Sapienza, Nick hung on overtaking Joe to capture first place. Randy Adler settled for third.

On Nov. 1 in B Flight, after playoffs between Kirk Ends, Vinnie Martinez and Bill Robertson, Kirk captured first place, Vinnie

took second and Bill settled for third.

On Nov. 7 in A Flight, Denny Balderson captured first place. After a playoff between Joe Doire and Joe Gora, Joe Gora claimed second place and Joe Doire settled for third.

In the B Flight, they split the room, with Ron Baltrunas and Bill Robertson both capturing first place. Second place went to Maureen Doire and Barb Sundberg, and third place went to Vinnie Martinez and Ray Quirion.

9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 25, Henry Chapman captured first place with Eddie Ramirez claiming second place.

On Nov. 1, there was a playoff between Joe Gora and Bill Griffith. Joe edged out Bill to capture first place.

On Nov. 8, just days before Tony Baker's birthday, he edged out the field to claim first place with John Fier capturing second place.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the team of Tony D'Amico and Terri Wittman walked away with first place. The team of Vinnie Martinez and Nick Sapienza captured second place. The team of Gene Baranowski and Eddie Ramirez settled for third.

On Nov. 3, after a playoff, the team of Joe Gora and Ray Quirion took first place away from the team of Craig Burnette and Vinnie Martinez. The team of Ron Gersch and Bill Robertson took third place.

A Flight plays 8-ball on Monday evenings, B Flight plays 8-ball on Tuesday evenings, with Scotch Doubles on Thursday evenings.

These tournaments start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

There are 9-ball tournaments on Tuesday and Friday afternoon at 1 p.m.

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It's the 50's every night for OTOW residents Carol Jo and John Brenneman

There is a nostalgic song by Ronnie Milsap that sounds like it was written about this month's featured residents, Carol Jo and John Brenneman.

The song is called "Lost in the Fifties Tonight." However, in the case of Carol Jo and John, it should read "Lost in the Fifties Every Night."

Carol Jo and John met in Ohio when Carol Jo needed someone to help move her and her young daughter from Marion to Van Wert. There, she hoped to start over after a failed marriage.

The mover who showed up was John.

The move went well and afterward John asked Carol Jo out on a movie date. Carol Jo didn't have a babysitter so John took both girls out to see Disney's 101 Dalmations, and Carol Jo knew she'd found a keeper.

That was 55 years ago.

It looks like she was right.

In 1982, Carol Jo and John attended a Bo Diddly concert where they noticed a mob of fun-loving dancers jiving to "The Hand Jive." When Carol Jo approached them, she discovered that they were The Florida 50's Original Rockers. Carol Jo and John joined the club the next day and remained for the next 16 years.

While Carol Jo and John were club members, they opened for acts like Del Shannon, Joey Dee and the Starlighters and The Tokens at the Pinellas County Fair and other local festivals.

The Original Rockers held a "Rockers Night Out" at least once a month at venues where 50's and 60's music was played. They also traveled regularly to Little Darlin's in Kissimmee, a club owned by The Diamonds.

The Rockers were a favorite with local radio disk jockeys like Howard Hewes, Scott Robbins, Marvelous Marvin and John Boswell, who pro-

Getting to Know You

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

by John Koning



Carol Jo and John Brenneman remember John's interaction with legendary TV show host, Dick Clark.

moted them regularly. They danced in parades in St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Dunedin and right here in Clearwater.

Across the bay, in Tampa, the club participated in the Route 66 Reunion and earned them a feature in Mustang magazine.

The Original Rockers' dance team was 30 strong. They were hired to appear by municipalities for special events and by companies for store openings. With the money they earned, and the dues paid by members, the club would donate to a chosen charity or they would select a family in need to assist.

Giving back was always a prime

function of the fun loving group.

One favorite club activity was visiting area nursing homes. They danced, joked and otherwise brightened the lives of the residents while they were there.

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Pre-holiday travels keep Mandalay dwellers hopping

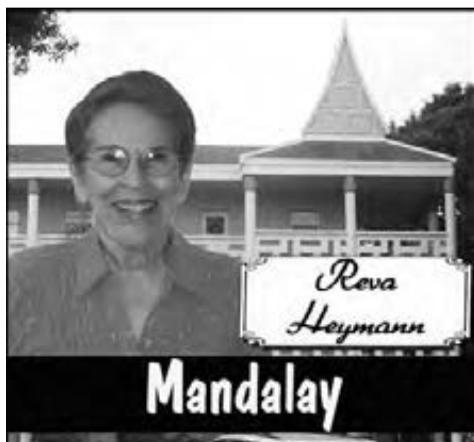
Our latest building lunch took place at the end of October and was a huge success. We had a larger turnout than usual and everybody was pleased with discovering a new restaurant.

We went to Benedict's, where a long table was prepared for us so we could all sit together.

Kudos to Miriam McCarty and Lee and Linda Siegal for coming up with such a good experience.

Miriam went further to enhance the Halloween connection by dressing up as a witch with orange beads and ribbons decorating her black dress and witch's hat. She then went reverse trick or treating with a pail of candies so people could choose their own treat for dessert.

What made it especially great for everybody was that Lee (who had not been able to come to any lunches or gatherings for months due to an illness) was able to attend. Lee wants to thank everyone for their love and concern during his difficult time and to tell everyone: "Every day is a gift."



Several of our Mandalay residents have recently returned from travels.

Peyton Grogan had earlier lived in Reno and, as he tends to do each year, had gone back to see friends and then made a few side trips, including Mexico and San Diego.

Our new neighbor, Elsayed Abuzai, went back to Maryland for a few days to take care of some property, leaving Carmen here.

I was also one of that group, having flown to Charlotte, N.C., to



Mandalay residents enjoy fine food and good conversation at a recent luncheon.

visit with my son and daughter-in-law and see their new apartment (and their new city).

Ky Pantelis has just returned from a trip to several East Coast cities visiting friends and godchildren. He visited

New Jersey, Connecticut and Long Island, and stayed in the trendy newest luxury hotel in Atlantic City. He not only visited several of his godchildren, but interestingly, several of their children are now his godchildren as well.

People coming and going is the 'winter way' at NWF

Since my last entry the weather has dropped from the high 80s to the high 70s, for which we are most grateful.

Many of us had reasons for traveling. The first to return home from a three-month stay in Serbia, where they have relatives and own property to check on were Radavon and Branka Stojanovic.

Frank and Jerry Fumerola motored to Atlantic City to enjoy the scenery and perhaps they won a few dollars at the casinos.

Charles and Emily Destefano made a trip to New York state where they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, good people!

While there, relatives gave Emily an early surprise birthday party. After the parties, they went to the Adirondacks for a second honeymoon.

No sooner were they home than it was off to Orlando where they met other relatives for a week of fun at Disney World.

Deborah Androvette found fun and rest on two different cruises.

I, Virginia McGinnis, accompanied daughter Ginny to Oxford, Ala. The reason for doing so was to celebrate the first birthday of her only grandson (my twenty-second great-grandson).

A week later, we went to Philadelphia. The purpose for this trip was for the elder Virginia to attend the



first reunion of the Vilsmeier Auction Company, for which she worked for 20 years 40 years ago, issuing bidder's numbers, running sheets, writing sale sheets and taking care of title work for the vehicles that would be sold.

The trip was also an excuse to have a mini family reunion. Four daughters, one son, a niece and a nephew were able to go to a nice restaurant for a meal.

The most interesting trip had to be that of Gin Upton, who with daughter Toni, went to India for a two-week visit with Gin's sister.

While there they toured the Taj Mahal. On the trip home they spent three days in Zurich, Switzerland.

Ginny and Lenny Tousignaut have also arrived from their summer abode to be with us for the winter.

The building holiday party is slated for Dec. 10. It will take place at Alfonso's. This should be a fun time!

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Reporter has 'the best of both worlds: summer all year'

The Snowbirds are back now, and with them comes the excitement for the winter months, the increased activity around the community and the stories of the summer and good-natured banter.

We have had a wonderful opportunity to say thanks during our special day set aside for Thanksgiving and of course for those who enjoy a bargain, the famous Black Friday following Thanksgiving Thursday.

Snowbirds come to Florida for the sunshine and to enjoy the Sunshine State throughout the winter months. The average high temperatures for Clearwater from October to April ranges from 71 to 82 degrees. The average low temperature for the same period range from 55 to 69 degrees. What could be better?

I often wax eloquent to friends in Canada that I have the best of both worlds: summer all year. The good part of the weather is that Clearwater averages 240 days of sunshine. That compares very favorably with any city anywhere, and makes for some beautiful sunrises and sunsets.



I am thankful for the updates that I get from Nancy Deitemeyer, a fellow resident, who usually writes to tell of the things that are happening in our Dorado building while I have been up North. Lots of things happen that I would miss otherwise.

Herman and Sheila Beddoe have moved in to our Dorado building and we extend a warm welcome to them. I know that recently we have two more new neighbors and I hope to interview them soon. We welcome them as well to our community.



A few of the Dorado residents who were on hand at Guppy's on the Beach for a recent well-attended luncheon. (Photo by Don Jones)

There were some social events held in the core over the summer months that were well-attended. We enjoyed a wonderful Dorado luncheon at Guppy's on the Beach on Oct. 20. Thank you, Cheryl Milner, for making

such fine arrangements for the group. My wife and I were fortunate to have arrived just a few days before this event and it felt like a special welcome to meet and greet old friends and new after being away for several months.

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Reporter Arlene Berger and her husband Stan recently celebrated their 60th anniversary with a love-filled summer celebration arranged by their son and daughter.

Looking forward to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

We are delighted to learn that Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Eckerd College is coming to On Top of the World. My husband and I have been taking classes with OLLI for many years. They offer a variety of courses with well-informed instructors. It will be nice and easy to have classes here at OTOW, as opposed to traveling to other locations. More information on this program will be forthcoming.

We enjoyed a lovely social hour in November. We sat under a shade tree with the sun shining overhead, drinks in hand, snacks galore, and lots of friendly conversation.

We had our monthly building luncheon at Whiskey Joe's, and, once again, the sociability was delightful.

My husband and I had a great summer. We did a reality T.V. show early in the season. We played a mature couple giving marital advice to a young, newlywed, teenage couple. It was fun to do, and we learned how these shows are done.

In August we had a second celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary, which actually occurred



this past February. Our daughter Debbie welcomed all our guests, and our son Stuart conducted our wedding vow renewal ceremony.

We had guests from New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York and Florida in attendance. We ate, sang, danced and enjoyed a love-filled afternoon.

On Dec. 9, we will hold our annual holiday party at the Beachcomber. We are looking forward to another lovely day with Granada friends.

Until next time, have a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year!



A look back at the OTOW News (December, 1991)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- Jo Ann Castle from the Lawrence Welk TV show was the featured performer for the Entertainment Committee's Thursday show. She had a great personality and the audience loved her.
- The Good Neighbors Association's outgoing president, Dora Chambers, welcomed the incoming president, Al Ackermann, at their Nov. 14 meeting. There were 78 regular members and 12 new members present. Also present was the chaplain, Rev. Tom and Mrs. Clark.
- The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers were looking for more shop supervisors for 1992. This is a most important responsibility involving safety in the shop. They made 2,100 toys to date for 1991, an all-time top figure. They have received many fine letters of gratitude from organizations that are receiving the toys.

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BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center.

Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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Residents in their 90s honored at coffee



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Austrian Alpine residents celebrated our building's "90-plus-years-young" residents with a Saturday morning coffee hour.

Pictures and photo albums of past parties and luncheons evoked smiles, laughter and pleasant memories. Our lively 90-year-yongs attending were Betty Myers, Blanche Mahrle, Grace Hodek and Jim Trenton. Mark Doyne and Dolores Strenkowski had other engagements.

Some of their secrets for longevity included: keeping busy, getting lots of exercise, taking vitamins and drinking milk. They are all active and enjoy participating in a variety of activities, including those offered at On Top of



Residents at a recent Austrian Alpine coffee included (foreground, L-R) Grace Hodek, Jim Lutz and Jim Trenton. (Photo by Kathleen Santosuosso)

the World, such as bingo, the shows, cruises and area trips.

There will be a final storage room cleanup and marking of storage spaces in December/January. Every unit will have a space for storing items. Thank you, Jan Stiffler, our storage room guru!

Our holiday celebration at the

Island Way Grill is on Dec. 5. If you did not sign up, you can still attend. Give \$21.50 in cash to Norita Evans by Dec. 2. That includes the dinner, tax, and tip.

Austrian Alpine residents can get current building news on our new bulletin board next to the elevator.

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Nagoya resident shows he has big heart



Coloring Book Club may be right for you

Hello from Southern Georgian. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving celebration.

There is a new club at On Top of the World called the Coloring Book Club. We meet every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Veranda Room at the East Activity Center.

The CBC is a great way to spend an afternoon. No fees are needed as each person brings their own supplies. No experience is needed or any special art background. If someone is new to the group, a member will share supplies but after that it is up to each member to bring their own supplies.

Each member works on their own projects. Members are glad to share their experience with coloring, but there is no one teacher. All that is needed is the desire to enjoy oneself and pass time with a fun group of people.

Stop by one afternoon and find out what we are all about.

Please look at the bulletin board in the core for upcoming events for our building. If anyone has any news or a story, please contact me. You may also leave a note in the mail box in the core.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Colorful Crayola masterpieces that adorn Lee Bresch's refrigerator are drawn with love by a youngster who lives a lifestyle many of us could not imagine.

The artwork travels over many miles from El Salvador in Central America to Lee's home in On Top of the World.

A long-distance relationship with this adorable young man started with Lee's awareness of the seriousness of childhood hunger. He learned that one in four children around the world suffer chronic malnutrition.

He wanted to do something to help, and, he learned that his dollars could truly make sure that children do not go to bed hungry when he partnered with Feed the Children.

The rewards of knowing his sponsored child has been bountiful. Lee has come to know a happy, healthy child who lives with his father.

He has learned the family does have electricity and running water where they live. Yellow is the little guy's favorite color. And, meat is his favorite thing to eat. He likes to vroom-vroom



with his toy cars just like all boys. And, when he grows up, he reports to Lee he wants to become a doctor!

Lee hopes that maybe he can come to the United States one day.

During the upcoming holidays of sharing and giving, Lee would be happy to share his firsthand experience and knowledge about how to help more children nestle happy and healthy in their beds each night.

Get-togethers are in the Nagoya happening news. Snowbirds were greeted back at a recent coffee hour. Jim and Sandy Ropp hosted Thanksgiving potluck dinner at their home.



Photo of the young boy that Lee Bresch is sponsoring for Feed the Children. The boy lives in El Salvador and wants to be a doctor when he grows up. (Photo courtesy of Feed the Children).

Dale and Michelle Davenport invite residents to join in the merriment of the annual building Christmas party to be hosted this year at their home on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvre. Please be sure to sign up at the bulletin board.

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Lucky resident gets invitation to tour Air Force One

One of our neighbors, Ann Jarvis, had an unexpected and exciting experience recently.

A while back, President Obama came to Florida to speak at a rally at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. While he was there speaking, Ann was invited to go on a tour of Air Force One, the president's plane.

Ann's nephew, Air Force Master Sergeant Andy Smith, is the chief flight crew member on Air Force One. He has been in the Air Force for 18 years and is looking forward to retiring in two years.

Ann said "the cockpit is on the 'third story' of the plane, with instruments that are mind-boggling to see."

The President's suite is below the cockpit. There are three stories with a total of 12 rooms on the plane.

When they went into the briefing room, one of the President's jackets was on the chair. It was exciting to see the emblem of the Oval Office and the President's name engraved.

Ann's family is from this area, so when the opportunity for the tour came about, she jumped on it. Ann, her brother and another nephew were all on the tour.

At the end of their tour, another tour was coming out. To their surprise, Steven Tyler, the singer, was coming off



the plane. They all ended up talking for about an hour. "It was a very exciting experience."

News from your building captain: Check the bulletin boards for a sign-up sheet for our Christmas dinner. It will be on Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Sunset Grill. Each one will pay their bill and can order off the menu. Please let us know if you need a ride. Try to come to it. It will be fun to get together.

Thank you to all who came to the annual end of the year building meeting and those who stayed to decorate. The building looks very festive!

We wish all the neighbors and their families a Merry Christmas.

Please leave any building news for me in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core or call me. Thank you.



Rila Renaissance resident Ann Jarvis, at front, with her nephew, Air Force MSgt Andy Smith, in uniform, and other family members after their tour of Air Force One.

'Lightning strikes twice' for this family

They say "lightning doesn't strike twice," but it did at Siboney.

For the second time in two years, Peter and Cathy O'Keefe's children and grandchildren surprised them on their birthdays by sending a limousine to the Siboney to transport them all to Bern's Steakhouse in Tampa.

The first time, it was Peter's birthday. He had his picture taken with Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees. Only problem is: Peter is from Boston (Red Sox country, of course)!

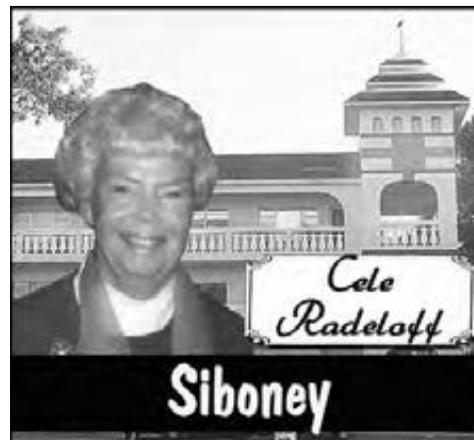
This time it was Cathy's birthday, and again they pulled this caper (no Yankees in sight, though!). Congratulations, Cathy!

Welcome to our Canadian visitors, John and Maureen Reardon, and Shawn and Uwe Welsh. Hope you'll join in our activities.

Also a big welcome to Dina Charalabakis. She attended our October building meeting and volunteered to bring refreshments to the March meeting. Thank, you, Dina!

Ethyle Lee's daughter is visiting from Tennessee and brought Ethyle home from Manor Care. Nice to have you back, Ethyle.

Rita Tombari is back after a week's



cruise on the *Carnival Paradise* with her daughter Mary Ann.

Did you all notice the new list of Siboney residents posted on the mailboxes? Many thanks to Susan Rausch!

Also, we have a new chair outside the laundry room, thanks to Doris Prekopa. Much appreciated!

Our monthly luncheon at Umberto's was well-attended. Susan Rausch invited her sister, Mary Ellen and her husband. They were a welcome addition to the get-together.

The Press Club had a very interesting and informative meeting. More than 60 members attended. Doug

Kates, our newspaper editor, presented a well-planned program on writing styles and usage, much of it done in a humorous manner. We even had our own chef in attendance: Tom Butcher of the newspaper's popular "Butcher Block" column.

The Senior Expo drew a huge crowd. I enjoyed my ride home in the new On Top of the World bus.

The OTOW Chorus will perform on Dec. 3 and 4 in the East Activity Center. Rita Tombari, Lillian Foy and myself have tickets. Only \$5. Please try to attend.

Our Siboney Christmas party will be held Dec. 8 at Island Way. Please sign up to ride the bus. It's fun!

We all have problems, but thank God for family and friends. Enjoy the holidays as we are blessed to live here at OTOW. Please share with neighbors, even if it's only a kind word.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all — see you in 2017!



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RB resident brings home lawn bowling silver medal

Sandy Wall has been working hard all summer making her mark in the Lawn Bowling Championships.

Sandy traveled and competed to win the Southeast Playdowns which earned her a spot in the national competition in late October.

With her partner, Christine Garber, they won the Silver Medal in the paired competition. Congratulations, Sandy!

There have been many changes over the summer. As introduction, I'm Marjorie Olsen, your new building reporter. I want to extend a big thank you to Marguerite Laskowski for her service as the past reporter.

Our building has many new faces and activities. It appears all of the first floor is occupied. The gardens have never been quite this spectacular. All of the neighbors have enjoyed your toil in the dirt. I hear appreciative comments on your efforts daily.

Many of us gathered for the



November brunch at Sunset Grill. It was a good time and gave us an opportunity to welcome back neighbors. There was also sharing of ideas for upcoming social activities. Make sure you check the board and sign up.

Linda Graff is doing much better lately after a brief time out. We need her back on the golf league!

Gwen Nolan had her annual



Roman Byzantine residents enjoy the good company of one another at the building's recent welcome back brunch.

Halloween party for the ladies and Jean Steely had an extended visit with her son Mark, who is from Jamaica.

As the building reporter, I ask all of you to share the news with me so I can get it to print. The information may be placed in the News Box in the core area. If you have pictures

to contribute, let me know and I will arrange to get them from you.

Please mark your calendars for the building Christmas Party on Dec. 5. We have a bus for transportation, so no worries about traffic. Sign up early. Hope to see you there. Thank you for your support.

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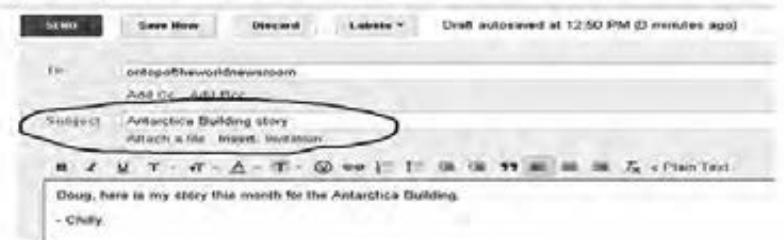
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Brittany Farmhouse residents enjoy coffee and donuts Nov. 5 while sitting outside.

This 80th birthday came with a few surprises

Here's a November birthday with a couple of nice surprises:

Jerry Thomas turned 80 Nov. 2 and the first surprise was a visit from his son and daughter-in-law with four grandchildren from Connecticut on the weekend before his big day.

Then his wife Beth took him to Dunedin for a nice lunch and upon arriving at the beautiful "Bon Appetite," several friends and family already waited for the birthday boy. Of course, they had a wonderful meal, waterfront dining at its best.

Coming home another surprise awaited Jerry as more friends came together at their home and were treated with champagne and a big cake.

The same day Michael Bernard turned 70 and he decided to celebrate his special day by visiting a casino.

Our monthly "coffee and donuts"



was picked up again and the nice weather allowed us to sit outside Nov. 5 with 14 residents attending.

Mark your calendar. Our Christmas dinner takes place Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. We made reservations at the "Sea Sea Rider" in Dunedin. A sign-up sheet will be put up and we hope that everybody joins us.

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Shining a travel spotlight on Cleveland



Why would anyone want to visit Cleveland, Ohio, you ask? Well, you may be surprised at what it has to offer

Recently, Janet Stafford visited her hometown of Cleveland and she says there are a lot of great reasons to put it on your vacation list.

For example, Cleveland's Playhouse Square is the biggest performing arts center in the country outside of New York.

At University Circle you'll find Severance Hall, home to the world-class Cleveland Orchestra and regarded by many music lovers to be the world's most beautiful concert hall.

The Cleveland Botanical Garden and Case Western Reserve University are located in the same area.

You can take a delightful Cuyahoga River cruise and learn about the many types of bridges that connect the city and the historic role of the waterway.



Cleveland's Playhouse Square is the biggest performing arts area outside of New York.

Let's not forget that basketball's Cavaliers and baseball's Indians call Cleveland home.

In the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, you can see two of Jimi Hendrix's Fender Stratocaster guitars that the left-handed Hendrix played upside down.

And, the amusement park of Cedar Point and the resort island of Put-in-Bay are easy day trips from Cleveland. So, how could you not want to visit Cleveland?

A few of our full-timers traveled to various destinations recently. Patti Jones and Don Drake spent some time in upstate New York visiting Patti's son and daughter-in-law, who recently adopted a newborn baby girl.

Dave Britcher took a trip to

Connecticut and Rhode Island to visit family and to meet his newest great-granddaughter.

Several of our Snowbirds are back. Marvin Maziarz and Karen Johnson returned in late October. Ruth Mazelin is back from Indiana. During her time away she added another great-grandchild to her family. Gwen Lemke is back from Illinois, where she enjoyed time with her 6-year-old grandson.

Recently, several of us met at Queen's Pizza for lunch and to discuss holiday dinner plans. You can find current information about the plans posted on our building bulletin board by the elevator.

I hope you can join us to kick off the holiday season.



Hawaiian Towers

Snowbird sells her unit, finds another to rent

Guess who is back? No one other than Erna Mandl. She has been a resident in our building for many years.

Last year Erna sold her place and returned to Canada thinking she would come back this fall hoping to find a place to rent.

Well, Erna found such a place just two doors down from where she had owned, so welcome back to her!

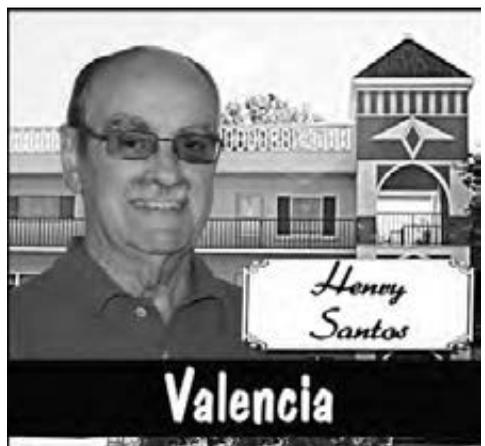
And welcome to all our new residents. We certainly have quite a few.

Pat and Dave Murray have returned from their summer home. Pat is our building party and entertainment person. Her first job of the season is the holiday dinner, which will be held at Rumba's in Oldsmar on Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. There will be information posted on the bulletin board. Everyone is invited.

I would like to say "thank you" to the people who planned the building parties while Pat Murray was away — you all did a good job!

Happy holidays to all and don't party too hard!

Building is gearing up for the holidays



Well it's that time of the year — snow is falling, cheeks are rosy, fingers frost-bitten ... wait a minute, I live in Florida now and that doesn't happen anymore, but we still enjoy putting up holiday decorations.

Speaking of which, check the schedules in the core which will ask for volunteers to help with the Christmas decorations and will announce the date and sign-up sheet for the building holiday luncheon at Rumba's in Oldsmar, and also the building sing-a-long. Lots going on. Come on and join the fun.

Pauline and I had the privilege

of hosting the November luncheon at O'Keefe's in Clearwater. Take it from me and those in attendance, it was fun! There was lots of conversation and a good time to meet new neighbors.

An interesting fact that Jean-Guy Pelchat shared with me is that the first Christmas tree erected in North America was in the town of Sorel, Quebec.

It seems that after the British conquered Canada, they feared possible attack from the Americans, so they positioned a regiment of German mercenaries (soldiers of fortune) in Sorel at the confluence of the St. Laurence and the Richelieu rivers.

During the first Christmas they spent in Canada, the officer in charge organized a Christmas party and had his home decorated with a Christmas tree, which was the custom of his native country. The next Christmas, many of the well-to-do did the same and it quickly spread throughout all America from there. Thanks, Jean-Guy and thank you German mercenaries ...

Finally, who was the mystery person last month? Yes it was Debbie



Valencia's "Mystery Person of the Month." See story for clue.

Roth. This was very difficult. Not surprisingly, only a few got it right.

The next mystery person shows another of your neighbors. He is the one on the left. Not the tall one or the one on the right that seems to have something else on his mind.

His first name is included in the following statement: "Three very hungry thugs." Have fun!



Merry Christmas!

Highlights from the 2016 OTOW craft show and flea market

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Santa, himself, along with his wife, Mrs. Claus, will be in the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 22, to meet children and grandchildren from the community between 2-4 p.m.

The event is free and presented by your Entertainment Committee.

This is a chance, just three days before Christmas, for someone to explain to Santa why they were a little naughty.

But this only applies to children. Adults are not permitted to request amnesty.

"We enjoy visiting with children from different parts of the world, who are here visiting their families at On Top of the World," Santa told this newspaper.

But Santa did not disclose how he and Mrs. Claus will arrive in our community. Could be by car, truck, train, plane or sled.

He did say, "Bad weather could cause a delay."

Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to arrive in the auditorium, which will be decorated for the holiday. There will be Christmas carols and elves. Punch and cookies will be served by



Santa and Mrs. Claus say hello to a youngster during Thursday with Santa in 2015. In the background is a gift ready for this particular fan of Christmas. (OTOW News file photo by Mary Lou Wall)

the Good Neighbors Association.

Santa said he will not take part in the cookie-eating part of the program. On Christmas Eve he consumes way too much milk and way too many cookies. That's why he never loses his belly.

Santa will focus on making every

child smile, even if he only gets a few seconds with each one.

Every child will receive a gift. There is also an opportunity for photos.

Throughout the entire month of December, holiday activities will be taking place.

On Dec. 8, the New Dawn Singers

are back by demand and will present a holiday show. This is a college-age, traveling group, which is dedicated to bringing entertainment to people across the country.

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The concert includes dancing reindeer, swinging Santa, rock'n elves and a trip around the globe.

"This is a show that livens up your spirit and will have you dancing in your seat," Marvin said.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is \$15 per person.

The Entertainment Committee's annual New Year's Eve ball is set for Dec. 31, of course. No tickets will be sold at the door. Some tickets for \$25 per person still remain, and will be sold on Monday and Thursday mornings in the auditorium, but each year this party sells out, so don't wait.

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New Baghdad residents are an adventure-filled couple

Before settling at On Top of the World, Donna Mae and Ralph Wilson lived for 40 years in Morganton, N.C., a small town nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Although this couple seems to have had a traditional American background, their stories and home are peppered with Asian travels and décor.

Donna Mae, originally from Chicago, moved to Morganton after earning her degree in Psychology and Human Behavior at the University of Kansas. In Morganton, she worked at a center for developmentally disabled for 20 years. During this time, she met and married her husband, Ralph, who was working in Morganton.

Ralph, raised on a farm, was the only son of five siblings. When Ralph went to college to study business, he also took an interest in furniture after taking several shop classes. He interned at a furniture manufacturing company which led to his career in various positions in operations management.

At 29, he became the youngest plant manager his company ever had, and later became their division manager and V.P. of operations.



The Wilson's Morganton life took an unusual turn however. Ralph's company closed its plant due to foreign competition. The company then asked him to manage its sister company in the Philippines —and he did. So for their next six years, Donna Mae and Ralph lived in the Philippines and enjoyed every minute of it.

Donna Mae said that she learned and experienced so much from many of her international friends; she fell in love with their music, foods, and traditional customs. During their stay overseas, they had the opportunity to travel to many other countries.

It also seems that the Wilson's two



Featured residents Donna Mae and Ralph Wilson hail from Morganton, N.C.

sons inherited their parent's adventurous spirit and love of travel.

The sons were involved in the Boy Scouts and other outdoor activities, leading these young men to explore beyond North Carolina. Their eldest son, who back-packed all over Europe and South America after college, finally settled in Haiti, where he's employed as

a Web designer. His Ecuadorian wife is an architect.

Their youngest son currently lives in Maine, where he manages two outdoor supply stores, while his girlfriend travels to the Antarctic region, taking core samples of ice, for research. Talk about a family filled with adventure!

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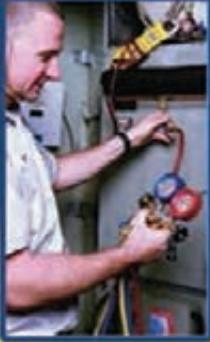
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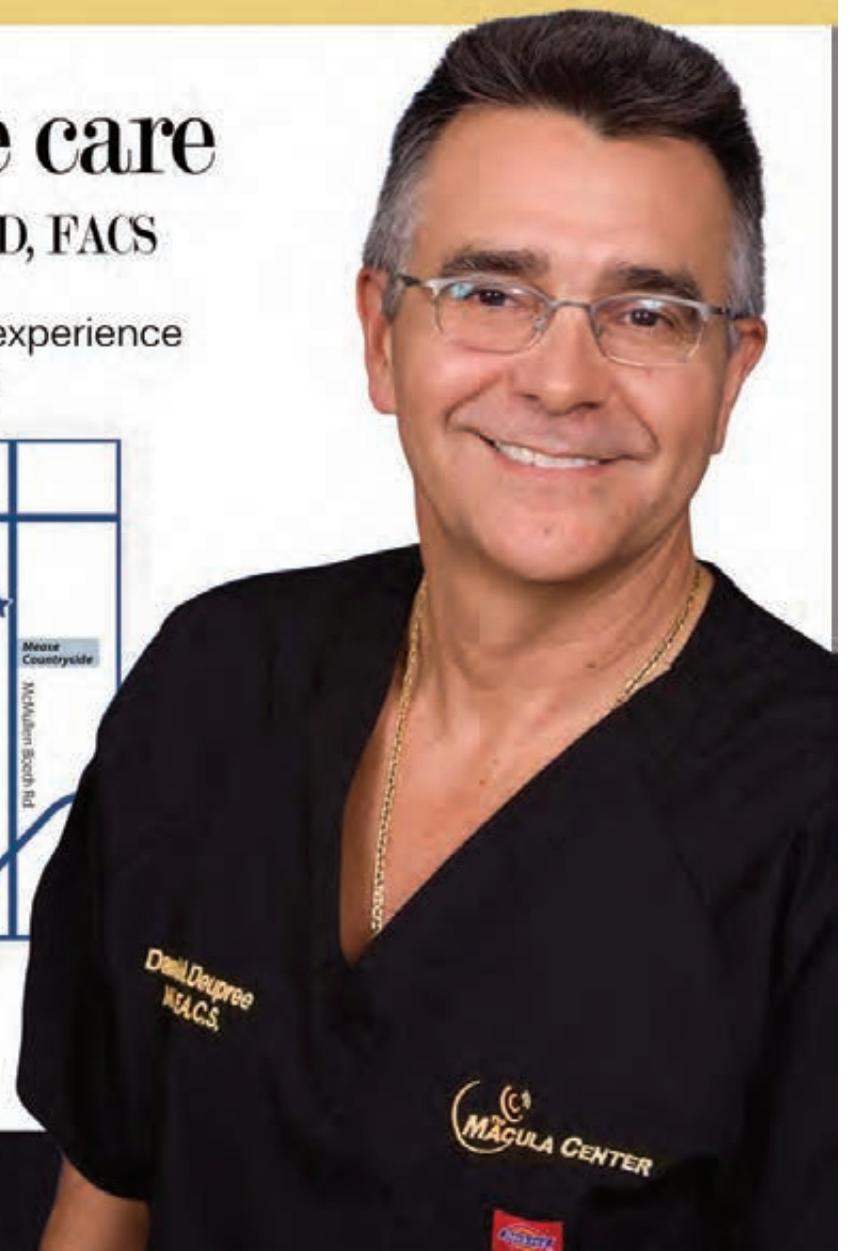
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Resident is teacher, musician and member of many clubs

By Cele Radeloff

Just how many current On Top of the World residents are second or third generation? More than you think, and this column will highlight them each month.

Antoinette d'Oronzio

I first met a lovely lady, Frances Baicich, at Sunday in the Park and discovered she was a teacher from New York City. Often, I would seek her advice on grammar questions.

She attended P.S. 91 in Manhattan, New York, the same school at which she would later teach.

She attended St. Joseph's College, in Brooklyn, at the age of barely 16, alone and scared. Frances was the first in her Italian immigrant family to graduate from high school, and upon graduation from college, she had obtained a B.A. degree with a major in French.

Some years ago, Antoinette and her mother, Frances, who was 89 by then, traveled to Italy and Croatia together to visit relatives and friends.

She taught in elementary school and French, Italian and English in junior high and high school — a career lasting 40 years.

Frances and her husband, a journalist, at one point lived in Rome, Italy for five years. When her husband passed in 2005, Francis felt isolated in New York and considered moving to Florida. She knew Rose and Spiro Zuklich, who lived at On Top of the World.

They also knew that Betty and Warren Roessler's condo in the Middle Eastern Moorish building would soon be available. Since it was conveniently located near the East Activity Center, it was the perfect choice for Frances.

She quickly adapted to OTOW life and loved going to Philosophy Club meetings, Sunday in the Park and all the



shows. This remarkable lady joined the Singles Club at the age of 88!

Frances had three children. Antoinette, the oldest, followed in her mother's footsteps, eventually becoming a teacher at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa.

Antoinette eventually moved in with Frances. They enjoyed all the OTOW activities, especially the shows. In 2014, when Frances passed, Antoinette remained in the condo, thus becoming a second-generation resident.

Antoinette is a multi-talented lady who loves music and anything musical. She plays the piano, organ, and trumpet, and has joined a group of retired musicians called the New Horizons Band. I invited her and her band to march in the OTOW St. Patrick's Day Parade, but learned they are actually a concert band, not a marching one.

Antoinette loves OTOW with its many opportunities and advantages, such as our wonderful weather and closeness to premiere performance

venues such as Ruth Eckerd Hall. Antoinette has one son who lives in Virginia. She is a member of the Travel Club and takes advantage of the many trips available through the club, including, recently, a trip to Greece and Turkey.



In this photo taken a number of years ago, Frances Baicich, left, and her daughter, OTOW second-generation resident Antoinette d'Oronzio, pose with their holiday decorations.

She also teaches Italian for three months of the year at OTOW.

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In addition to all this, she still finds time to enjoy the Healthy Living Club.

So, as you have learned, our Second Generation subject for this month, Antoinette d'Oronzio, is truly living the good life afforded here at On Top of the World!

If you are a second or third generation OTOW resident, call us at 727-470-2989 and we'll interview you for this column!

Correction for November Second Generation story

The photos showing Dorothy and Leo Gonsalves and Dorothy Gonsalves and Pat Eastman inadvertently had Dorothy identified by another name.

Volunteers always needed to aid Loch Lomond community

Surprisingly, the holiday season is just about upon us.

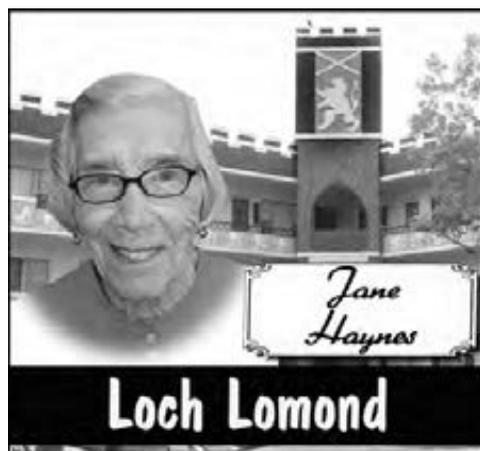
Some neighbors are already planning their travels to visit family or to seek a new adventure.

So the question: What does the Loch Lomond community want to do as to seasonal decorating and activities for the next several months?

One resident who hasn't been here for months asked me about her discovery in the storage room of several boxes of lovely trophies that Loch Lomond had won more than a decade ago.

When I first moved here, and I arrived in late November, I was almost overwhelmed by the direction given me as to how I was expected to decorate the outside of my unit.

Our big front windows were to be outlined with tiny lights, as were the bedroom windows. Large wreaths and



red bows were placed around second and third floor walkways.

Core tree and decorations and our towers received skilled labor and knowledge for inside construction and lights that made them truly resemble a holy scene.

Loch Lomond did win On Top of the World trophies several times. We

even bought and mounted big display cases on the core walls.

But many of those residents with that spirit are older or have moved on, and with them the desire or ability to continue this tradition, planning the restaurant dinner, etc.

Our monthly luncheons seem not to have been undertaken since the Woods, after several years, wanted to turn it over to someone else.

Our Christmas charity collection to the Haven needs a supporter to collect and deliver donations. We have always generously donated to this tradition.

Sophia Kugeares, Dottie Liberti, Thelma Weiss and Jane Haynes met in early November and outlined a tentative plan of action for members interested in a bit of community or socializing.

To this end, a schedule was posted requesting volunteers to come to the

core on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 9:30 a.m., for various short tasks related to decorating. We needed several strong hands to take down the boxes of tree ornaments (mostly already on the tree), wreaths and several folks to hang the wreaths outside. Coffee was to be furnished.

Please try to peruse the center core bulletin board once each day or two.

Thelma Weiss has agreed to send "thinking of you" cards to anyone that you let her know about. Thanks!



Building's Christmas holiday celebration set for Dec. 10

Happy holidays to all. Here we are in December, which has to be Scotch tape's favorite month!

Trees to decorate, gifts to wrap, friends and family from far and wide here to celebrate this marvelous season in our little piece of paradise. Son Mike down from Maine is our best gift.

For those of us who bake breads and cookies, wonderful aromas pouring forth from kitchens.

Best make those reservations now if planning a Christmas dinner out someplace. We enjoyed the Safety Harbor Spa's Holiday buffet last year and most likely will repeat this year.

Skipper Bill Carey announced our Christmas holiday celebration party: Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 10. We'll have it again in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center with a cocktail hour starting at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m.

Karen Safee is organizing the effort again this year. Look for a sign-up sheet with all the details on the bulletin board shortly. This year there will be a \$5 per resident charge for dinner. Guests are charged \$10.



As evident by the picture, our cocktail party hour is quite popular. Look for posting time and date on bulletin board and in the elevator. Please join us at the next one.

Nice to see Russ Lamesfield and Howard Rochte in residence. They had a busy summer and fall including a wonderful trip to Europe.

Karma Café is a great place to get a snack after a workout in our new first-class Fitness Center, which is being enjoyed by many people these days. It's very nice having such a facility on the East side of On Top of the World.

Speaking of exercise, come join



A very nice turnout is usually on hand for Viennese Villa's cocktail party hour get-togethers, dates and times of which are posted on the bulletin board.

the Polar Bear aerobics at the East Activity Center pool every morning at 9 a.m. if the temp is at least 62 degrees.

Please: If you use the laundry room, remember to time your laundry, especially now with holidays and extra house guests. Hope the doors are reinstalled before it gets too chilly....

Happy Birthday to Charlie

Coffman this month. And to Elaine Power on New Year's Day!

Look for any current news of the building on the core bulletin board. Any news fit to print, send it to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Until the New Year, safe travels to you and yours. Wishing all a Merry Christmas, and Happy Hanukkah.

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Stories from the past: an 11-foot Santa and 5-foot carolers

It's the time of year when I want to give some of you some things to remember — others of you, I will tell you things from Espana's past.

Years ago, we were permitted to hang flags from the balcony railings and on the building for 4th of July and Memorial Day. Then we were not permitted. When 9/11 occurred in 2001, Herb Cervinka decided that he wanted to show the American flag but he needed a way to do it.

Herb is an artist, so he bought plywood and drew a pattern of Santa. He cut the shape and then painted Santa. Santa is about 11 feet tall. Herb attached an American flag so that Santa could appear to be holding it.

When it was time, Herb took Santa out to the planter facing Americus Blvd. and attached him to the Palm tree. Herb then put a spotlight on Santa. The light only lasted a few years until he was told to take it down.

Each year Herb checks Santa and repairs any needed paint.

Since Herb is no longer able to erect Santa, for the past few years, Tom



McCinn has done the job. Tom has now moved, so Herb needs a volunteer.

For many years, we also had carolers on each corner of our building on Americus Blvd. About 1996 Millie Anderson thought that we should have something spectacular for our yard to celebrate Christmas.

Millie's friend had a pattern for cutting carolers out of plywood and gave it to Millie. The carolers consisted of two men, a woman and a dog. Each of the carolers was about five feet tall. Millie got the plywood and Aldo Delu cut the wood into the shape of



Herb Cervinka designed and built this 11-foot Santa more than a decade ago.

the three carolers and their little dog.

Next was the painting, which Millie herself did. Each year, various Espana residents helped to erect the carolers in our yard.



Millie Anderson crafted these carolers and the little dog out of plywood in 1996.

The carolers were also lighted, but once again, the lights had to be taken away and the carolers were no longer permitted to be out on the grass.

We thank Millie, Herb, Aldo and Tom for their work and for our fond memories.

Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Party on Dec. 12 at the Beachcomber.

Extra copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.

Malaguena Christmas celebration set for Dec. 3

The Malaguena Christmas celebration will be on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

The signs and sign-up sheets are in both lobbies, so if you haven't signed up yet, there's still time.

This year we'd like to help others who are less fortunate. We are asking you to bring a canned or packaged food to donate. Along with an appetizer or dessert to share at the party, please bring an unopened box of rice, pasta, cereal or canned goods such as tuna, vegetables, soup. Note that no open or outdated items can be accepted.

All food collected will be donated to the Salvation Army in time for Christmas.

Malaguena needs a new Building Coordinator. You may have seen announcements in the paper about the Building Coordinators meetings. This is a resident-led initiative to share information and resources among buildings and to "to nurture a pleasant, respectful neighborhood environment in each Building." It is a result of these meetings and the information shared that we have had so many successful recent building events.

I have been unofficially filling this



role, but I have decided to move on to other projects.

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Building Coordinator. If you are interested and would like to have more information about this important volunteer role, please contact me.

Currently there are only seven Wing Captains who plan and organize all our Malaguena events. We could have more building-related activities if we had more volunteers to help. Ideally we'd like to have a volunteer from each wing. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me or any of the Wing Captains.

Wishing all our residents a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year!

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English Tudor vets saluted at Veterans Day event

Just as I thought, I did not have a complete list of our veterans residing in English Tudor.

I now have three more starting with Tom Kandl who served from 1961-1965 for the U.S. Navy. Basic training took place at Great Lakes, Chicago, Ill., then he was sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for corpsman training. Next, he was sent to 29 Palms U.S. Marine Air Station in California. His next duty station was at New London, Conn., on a sub tender, the USS Fulton, where he finished his tour of duty.

Next is Frank Cerra, who chose the U.S. Army and served from 1967 to 1976. He served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1971.

The third is Kenneth Bettis. Kenneth served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and served in the Korean War with the U.S. Army.

Our cocktail party honoring our veterans on Veterans Day was a huge success. We had 4 veterans attend. The food was great and the interesting conversations flew.

Harry and Peg McDonough arrived back just in time to help with



the flag replacement. Even the ropes were rotted and needed to be replaced. Harry and Peg did some research and found a place in Largo that carried the rope. They bought it and donated it to our building, refusing to be paid. A new flag was purchased and it is certainly a beautiful sight to behold.

JoAnn Dameron, our event coordinator, arranged for us to have a breakfast at Benedict's Restaurant. It was recently opened at the corner of Belcher Road and Old Coachman. They are open for breakfast and lunch only. The same owners own the original one on Bayshore Blvd. in Dunedin. The



U.S. military veterans attending the Veterans Day cocktail party to honor the English Tudor Building vets included (L-R) Don Bianco, Tom Kandl, George Landis and Harry McDonough.

opinion expressed was "this is one we can do again."

I hope all readers have a great holiday wherever you are. To our

building residents, be sure to read notices posted in the core. See you next year.

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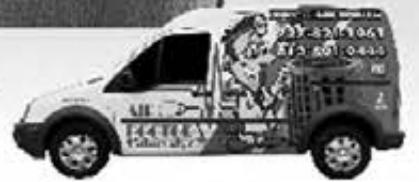
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Reporter tells of travels to 75 countries in new book

After another beautiful western New York summer of tennis, golf, and swimming, a friend and I set out for a “leaf-peeping” tour of the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York in my recreational vehicle.

The leaves were just changing color, which afforded us the opportunity to experience a beautiful combination of red, green, yellow, and orange.

This fall I finally completed a lifelong dream by finishing my book of travel memoirs and pictures, entitled “Lip-Roaring Verboten!” This is a (hopefully) humorous account of my late husband’s and my travels to 75 countries.

The “Lip-Roaring” part of the title refers to an interesting translation on the back of a hotel room door in China where their rules were listed. To make sure that there was no noise after 10 p.m., they admonished their visitors that there was to be no “lip-roaring” after that hour.

I taught German for 26 years in western New York and in Hawaii, during which time I visited the German-speaking world at least 17 times, with students, with my husband Kelly, and on my own during a year’s sabbatical in Munich.

I once stood in front of a sign



at the entrance to Munich’s English Garden attempting to read a list of about 20 things that were “verboten” (forbidden) in that huge park, but when night fell I had to return to my apartment.

Therefore, the title refers to a symbolic amalgam of all my travels to such diverse places as Turkey, Swaziland, Chile, Morocco, Vietnam, Panama, Indonesia, and all of Western Europe.

To recount a few very special moments: In a small town in Java, we were told that in order to become the leader of the town, all you had to do was to be able to count to 100. The story had it that one hopeful proceeded this way: ...96, 97, 98, 99, 70. So much for his political career!



Reporter Sue Naylor rides a zip-line in Panama, one of many countries she recounts in her forthcoming travel-related book, “Lip-Roaring Verboten!”

After a day of touring in our safari van in Kenya, seeing incredible wildlife and magnificent birds, Kelly looked in the mirror back in our room and proclaimed himself “a gray-crested dimwit.”

The accompanying picture of me zip-lining in Panama several years ago hopefully inspires you to travel. It is a most amazing experience.

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.”

— Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad/Roughing It*

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Early Thanksgiving meal hit the spot



English Gothic residents gather up on Nov.13 and prepare for a delicious luncheon.

I can't believe it is December already. The holidays Christmas, Chanukah and the New Year are just around the corner.

We had an early Thanksgiving dinner here in the building. We had a great time meeting new neighbors, long-time neighbors and friends.

At the dinner, we had a wonderful blend of good food with the building supplying chicken and ham. It is always nice when we can have these get-togethers so we can meet new people in our building, have good conversation and enjoy others' favorite recipes.

Jane Johnson's granddaughter's high school, the Chiefland High School Division One softball team was

presented with a trophy for winning the State title three years in a row.

Pat Focht thanked everyone who recently helped her with her dog, T.J.

Rebecca Savage spent time with her granddaughter in Orlando while the granddaughter was here on business.

Jane Johnson just returned from a five-day Halloween cruise on the Carnival Paradise cruise ship with her daughter Stephanie. They had a wonderful time on the cruise.

At our September meeting, our building captain Mike Malkov resigned.

Chris Casey was nominated with all in favor of him as new captain. Chris has not yet definitely accepted the position.

In the meantime, he is helping his wife, Mary, and Irma Torres with trying to keep things going in the building. They organized the Thanksgiving luncheon and are working on a holiday party to be held at Island Way Grill. The information, when final, will be posted on the bulletin board.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Holiday brunch will be at Safety Harbor Spa

I woke up Nov. 1 still on a sugar high from all the trick and treating the night before.

Was barely recovered in time to forget to set my clocks back. I was early for everything. Finally got it together just in time to vote.

On Nov. 10, the Azores Activity Club sponsored a hot dog social followed by the club's business meeting.

The meeting was opened by Building Coordinator Katy Gerritt. Doris O'Meara read the minutes of the spring meeting, which were accepted. Peggy Longfellow gave the financial report and it was accepted. Club dues were reduced to \$10. The activities club is no longer involved in building maintenance.

Club Officers for the next term are: Katy Gerritt, building coordinator, Ford Gerritt assistant coordinator and building reporter, Peggy Longfellow, treasurer, and Carole Kilgore, secretary. Doris O'Meara and Russ Heiserman were recognized for their years of service.

Nov. 10 was the Marine's birthday and Nov. 11 was Veterans Day.



Throughout the history of our nation, our military service members have defended our rights and freedoms. We thank all those who have served.

On Nov. 20, Azores residents gathered at Marguerite's Restaurant of Dunedin for our annual gratitude dinner. We enjoyed the food and the opportunity to visit. Marie Pirrello made the arrangements for this very pleasant outing — thank you, Marie!

Coming up, we have our food drive starting Dec. 1. Bettie Warner looks after the details. Please donate. We always manage to fill a good many

boxes for those in need, thanks to all.

Dec. 8 is the Azores Core party. It is held in the third floor core, bring finger food and/or desserts. Always lots of great food including Carmel Tomich's cabbage rolls, my favorite.

Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. we will have the Azores Christmas Brunch at the Safety Harbor Spa ballroom. Watch the bulletin board and sign up. Marie Pirrello made the arrangements for this event. It seems we are always thanking you Marie! You do a great job in keeping us busy and out of trouble....

On March 4 we go to the races. Great way to invest your money in one sure thing after another. Lots of good food, one race dedicated to the Azores and all this for only 21 dollars. Gordon Fowlie has made the arrangements for this event.

By the way, Gordon and Jean Fowlie recently celebrated 62 years of wedded bliss. Jean has been an RN for 63 years. Congratulations!

For the new tenants in the Azores, we welcome you it is a great place to live. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming "get-to-gathers."

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 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.



There is no Bingo in December. Bingo will return in January.

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Viking residents invited to participate in holiday events

Holidays are times when people get together to celebrate and renew acquaintances.

With our Northern friends back at On Top of the World and many new residents living here, the Viking Steering Committee decided it was time to plan for the upcoming holidays.

Holiday decorations are first on the list. Once again, Hart Kraimer will be decorating the lobby. He welcomes any suggestions or offers to help.

Brenda Shapiro and Ilene Bargerstock have volunteered to find ways to decorate the outside of the building. This is always a challenge. There is no decorations contest this year for On Top of the World buildings, but it would still be nice to do something to reflect our personalities. Volunteers are welcome to help out.

The final event of the year will be our annual Viking Christmas Lunch. It will again be held on Clearwater Beach at the Beachcomber Bar and Grill, thanks to our social event coordinator, Sandy Sanborn. Everyone had a great time there last year. The lunch will be Friday, Dec. 16, starting at noon. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.



The New Year will be off to a great start with our building picnic on Saturday, Jan. 28. It will be held on the Spanish Drive Cul-de-sac. Exact times will be posted in the lobby.

The event is free for those residents who paid their building dues. Others will be asked for \$5 at the picnic. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Meat and bottled water will be supplied by the building.

Building Coordinator Pat Drake plans to hold our general meeting at the picnic. This is a great time to meet everyone and talk about plans and goals for our building in the coming year. We hope everyone joins in on the fun.



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Wednesday Morning

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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.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Paradise couple enjoy summer in Maine



communion for their grandson which was a great way to end their summer vacation.

I would like to share a poem with you written by the granddaughter of our Paradise resident, Connie Laite. Connie's 16-year-old granddaughter was only 11 years old when she wrote the following poem.

Peace Is Nature

*Peace is the lullaby the wind
Whispers in my ear
The golden rays of sunlight
Upon my face
The sound I hear when everything
In nature lies still
The rippling blue waters as they
Calmly caress the shore.
Peace is the sweet song
The birds chirp in the early morning
The grass highlighted with gold
The trees smoothly dancing to the
Soft beat of the breeze
The soft puffy clouds slowly drifting
In the baby blue sky.
Peace is the beautiful scenery I see
When I step outside.*



Derek and Shirley Taylor's grandson at his First Communion in Maine this summer.

Derek and Shirley Taylor spent the summer in Portland, Maine, with their daughters and four grandchildren. The sunny weather in Maine was perfect for creating great memories.

The summer flew by as Derek and Shirley enjoyed camping, lobster and clam bakes, and luncheon and dinner parties. They especially enjoyed attending their grandchildren's soccer games and watching their youngest grandson run around the soccer field charming the ladies!

The highlights of the summer included a birthday party for Shirley with her family and friends, which was planned by her daughters. Also, Derek and Shirley attended the first

I hope everyone has had a great year. Sometimes we get so busy and overwhelmed with our everyday activities and schedules that we need to just take a breath and appreciate our surroundings.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a healthy new year 2017. Have a blessed day in Paradise!

Birthday for 103-year-old original owner

Bill Pallait turned 103 years old on Oct. 8. He enjoyed eating his birthday cake and admiring the happy birthday balloons. Our sincere congrats to Bill on reaching this remarkable age!

Bill and his late wife of 68 years are original owners in the Mandarin Building. He now lives with his daughter Linda Bouley.

He was in charge of the Christmas decorations for the Mandarin building for many years. At the age of 94 he asked younger volunteers to take over.

Bill tells the story of his family getting their first car, a Model T Ford when he was 7 years old. He says all of the roads were dirt roads unless it rained, then they were mud roads. The car would get stuck in the mud, but the horses that the car replaced never got stuck!



Our annual holiday open house was hosted by Dolly and Ed Foland. Attendance was up this year as the date was moved forward so that more Snowbirds could attend. Some of the Snowbirds go back north before Thanksgiving and do not return until after Christmas and they had to miss previous holiday celebrations.

A small group celebrated

Thanksgiving by having a traditional dinner and seeing a play at Eddie Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater.

The ladies luncheon group will resume in January and a new men's breakfast group is being formed as a new building activity.



This photo of November's "Super Moon" was taken by Ed Foland from the third floor of the Mandarin Building at 10 p.m. on Nov. 16.



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Bohemia's "wine glass painting girls" at our recent Beef O'Brady's building outing. Sitting (L-R) is Nancy Kennedy and Jutta Lane. In the back row (L-R) are Shirley Golding, Carol DeLisle, Irene Center, Maria Denehan and Paula Schelling.

Bohemians making the most of seasonal traditions

Fall is here and winter is quickly approaching, a time when we reflect on traditions, of which the Bohemia family has accrued many.

We began our festivities with our annual Fall Coffee. This launched our second event, which was a night out at Beef O'Brady's. We had an excellent turnout, giving everyone time to relax before the onset of the holiday madness.

Bohemifest, modeled after a German tradition, occurred in November. It was a day filled with juicy bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, cake and lots of beer.

A part of this festivity includes the annual scavenger hunt, where this year Irish Lane defended its title against Jamaican Street as they searched for all kinds of obscure items. This event gives us a chance to feel like kids again!

The onset of December brings with it our winter traditions. A second coffee occurs, this one a caffeine hype, to prepare everyone to decorate.

At the end of the day we celebrate our efforts with wine and cheese to



"oooh and aaah" as the building lights come on for another holiday season.

Finally, the Bohemia women were out and about again, this time to Safety Harbor. They started their day with lunch at Green Springs Bistro, then moving on to Practically Picasso to paint wine glasses. The most difficult part of this excursion is waiting the 60 days for the paint to cure before they can fill them!

The Bohemians wish you all a happy holiday, as you and your buildings create and enjoy your own traditions.

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Two Ikea Poang chairs and ottomans, barely used, new price \$249, asking \$160 OBO for both. 850-492-5737

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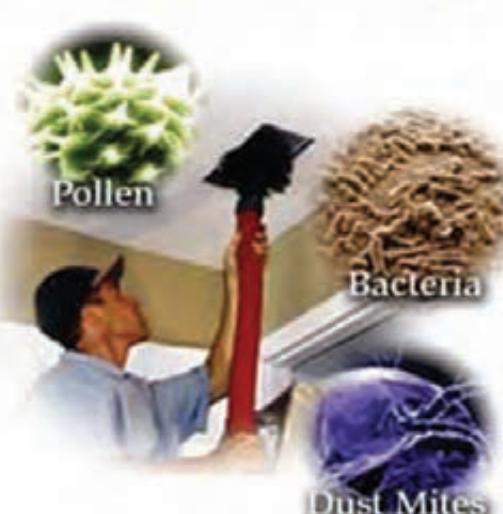
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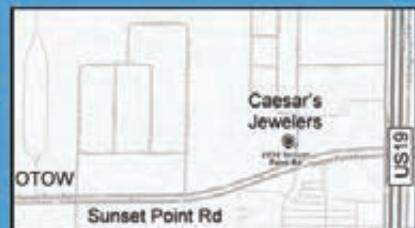
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