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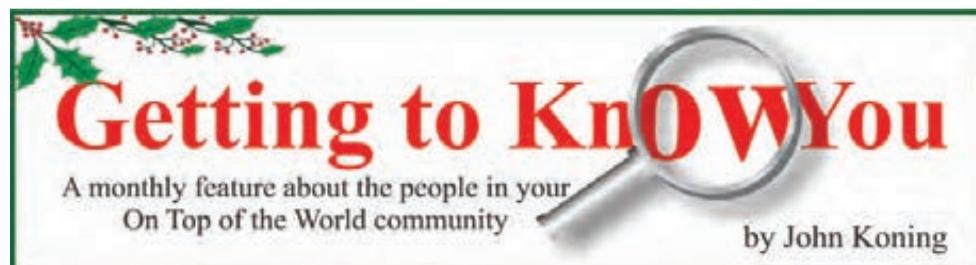
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‘Home for the holidays’ holds big meaning for On Top of the World residents



Pictured above are Rick and Angela Helton during retirement at On Top of the World. Below is Angela with five generations of family, including a daughter, granddaughters, a great-granddaughter and a great-great-granddaughter.



In 2010, the United States Census enumerated 308.7 million people and calculated that we have a national average of just 2.58 people per household.

I wonder if the census forgot to include the families of Angela and Rick Helton.

This likeable On Top of the World couple met 37 years ago at a dance in Maryland. They fell in love and got married.

Like many of us, their family is considered average in size. They boast three wonderful children, five adorable grandchildren and one melt-your-heart great-grandchild. It's an endearing family, but certainly nothing a census taker would write home to mother about.

That is, until they gather for their holiday celebrations, and things really start to add up.

Rick is the oldest of 14 children. He was born in Florida, even though their family called Alabama home.

At the time of his birth, the family lived in Flomaton, Ala., a tiny spot with no medical facilities. The closest hospital was located a few miles south, and across the border, in Century, Fl. Over the next few years, the process of cross-border birthing was repeated for four more of Rick's siblings.

Rick's father was a welder and pipe fitter, who followed the evolution of the natural gas distribution network in America. This meant that he and his family moved with the work.

To give you a sampling of Rick's familial wanderings, he spent third grade in Orangeburg, S.C., fourth grade in Attapugus, Ga., fifth, sixth and seventh grades in Pollard, Ala. and eighth grade in Center, Ala., Rick's high school years were spent in Rogersville, Tenn.

Rick left home at 17 to join the military. At that time, not all of his sibling were yet born. At 19, Rick served in Vietnam. When he returned from service, the entire family had moved from the south up to Pennsylvania, a place he had ironically never called home.

In 2009, Rick's mother celebrated her 80th birthday with a party attended by 95

family members. The most notable thing about that number is not all family members were able to attend.

While Angela's side of the family can't compete with Rick's side of the family in terms of sheer numbers, they more than make up for it in terms of tradition and longevity.

Angela is proud to be one of five generations, all alive and well. The family matriarch is her 98 year-old mother, Antoinette Laporte. She was born in a tiny village on the outskirts of Caserta, Italy, in 1919.

If you're asking how a woman from a rural Italian village wound up with such a typically French name, it's simple really. She fell for a Frenchman, and who could blame her? Well, as it turns out, her parents did for a while.

Two steps down their family tree shows that Antionette was one of nine children. That's certainly enough to make the Catholic church proud, even if it falls short of Rick's family's Southern Baptist numbers.

Eighteen years ago, Angela and Rick took Antoinette back to Italy with them to celebrate her 80th birthday. When they arrived at the tiny village, nestled in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius, two of Antoinette's cousins rushed out to greet her. Then the three cousins, whose collective age is close to a quarter of a millennium, waltzed off, arm in arm, like they had never been separated since 1928.

Angela still recalls her childhood home always being filled with family, whether it was the Christmas "Feast of Seven Fishes" or for Easter dinner, where they overflowed an Italian restaurant.

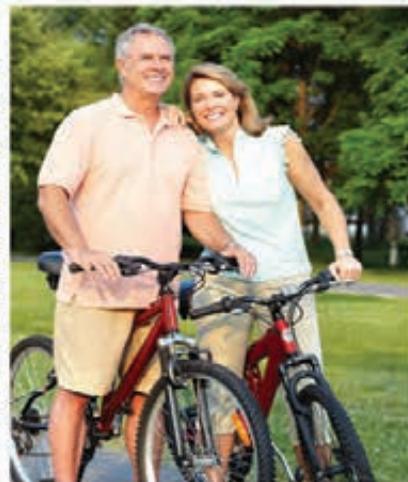
When she thinks about her grandfather treating roughly 50 people to dinner every Easter, she can't figure out how he could afford it.

Hmm ... let's chalk it up to legendary money management, shall we?

Whether it's in terms of quantity or quality, for Angela and Rick, celebrating the holidays holds big family meaning.



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GoodKarma Uptown Outpost



Residents gather at the new GoodKarma Uptown Outpost on opening day of the renovated East Activity Center auditorium. Currently, the Outpost is being utilized by the Good Karma Café, the Community Service Office for special events, the Coffee Corner and the Entertainment Committee. Any club is welcome to use the area however, they need to make necessary arrangements in the Community Service Office. They would need to bring their own supplies and are asked to refrain from using the coffee maker, the refrigeration units and any cabinets that contain locks. All other cabinets are open for general use, but are asked not to leave anything behind when their event concludes. Anything that remains would be discarded by the facilities staff. They need to clean up after their event and the appropriate cleaning supplies are always left in one of the cabinets. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Morning crowd helps reopen East Activity Center

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience during our East Activity Center renovations.

Due to weather and supply delays, we opened later than anticipated. However, I think you will agree that it was worth the wait.

We replaced the ceilings, all lighting, doors and windows and painted.

We added some new features like the GoodKarma Uptown Outpost and newly updated Entertainment Committee sound booth.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the new improvements, please plan to stop into the East Activity Center and have a look and let us know what you think.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended our Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 4. We had more vendors, both inside and outside, than any previous years, and next year plan to add more.

We had perfect weather, everyone really enjoyed themselves, and we hope to see you again next year.

East Activity Center Pool Closure

The East Activity Center pool resurfacing project commenced on Monday, Nov. 27, which closed the pool for approximately five weeks.

The contractor was unable to accommodate an earlier start date and the completion date is subject to any weather or supply delays.

Notices will be posted at each Activity Center and additional information will also be posted on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732.

Angel Tree - Angels 4 Angels

Angels for Angels is a Pinellas County Foster & Adoptive Parent Association program run by volunteers who are members of the association.

The Angels committee goes out into the community and solicits donors to commit to sponsor Angel Trees.

Each Angel Tree contains Angel tags, which are the names and wishes of local children. We rely on the generosity of the community to choose an Angel and include



them on their holiday shopping list.

Mission Statement: "The mission of the Pinellas County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (PCFAPA) is to provide quality training, support and activities for our member foster and adoptive families. We strive to provide our parents with the necessary resources to deal with the many challenges they face in raising our communities' children. We partner with our community based care agency, Eckerd Community Alternatives, to care for children in foster care and many of our members have adopted children from the foster care system."

This year the Community Service Office is hosting the Angel Tree once again and tags are now available. Please stop into either Activity Center lobby to pick up your tag and show your support for those children in need.

Activity Card Information

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.

Also, for renewal, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card. 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. 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.

Important Phone Numbers

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 service ticket, such as general building issues in the common areas only. Once the need is identified, a ticket will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request but generally, once

the service ticket is generated it will be addressed based on priority. All tickets will then be addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Important Reminders

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.

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

SCA Staff

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



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Outdoor recreation project to start in December

As I sit down to write this article, I am shocked when I realize I am writing my article for the December edition of On Top of the World News.

Time passes much too quickly these days.

We are fast approaching the holiday season with Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the New Year in our sights.

This time of year we want to remind our residents that the Association does not support nor encourage tipping or gifting to individual employees of the management company.

We do understand that many of you like to show your appreciation in this manner, so if you, or your building, would like to participate in holiday gifting, your Board recommends that you donate funds to the Clearwater OTOW Employee Gift Fund. The fund makes distributions of gifts and funds to hourly employees during the annual holiday luncheon. You may make these donations through the Community Service Office, or by mail, at On Top of the World, EGF, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. Make



checks payable to Parkway Maintenance & Management. – EGF. Donations and gifting is purely discretionary.

The holiday season also kicks off seasonal decorating. As a reminder, decorations that require exterior wall penetrations, including wreaths, are not permitted. We ask that you review the Holiday Safety Guidelines that appear on this page.

Projects

During the summer and early fall, the Management Company initiated several

large scale projects.

Despite heavy, seasonal rainfall, and the arrival of Hurricane Irma, many of the projects have been completed. The impact of the storm to the community was relatively minimal considering widespread and severe damage experienced elsewhere. The unfortunate impact from the storm was several weeks of delay on projects due to hurricane prep, storm recovery and the delays in products from our suppliers.

That being said, many large projects, including an outdoor recreation area with new pavilion, tennis courts, and horse-shoe and shuffleboard courts, will begin in early December.

The permitting of this project has taken many months to move through the process as many entities and county departments are involved.

The amenities listed above will be closed during demolition and reconstruction. We currently have an anticipated completion date of June 30, 2018.

Please understand this date is dependent on many variables, including weather.

The East Activity Center pool resurfacing project started in late November. Unfortunately, the pool contractor was unable to schedule this work during the renovation of the East Activity Center. We anticipate completion within five weeks of the start date. This should have the pool reopened in January.

The 9-hole golf course will undergo a storm drain replacement project beginning Dec. 5. We anticipate completion by Dec. 9. The course will be closed during this time.

In early spring, while many of our Snowbirds are in residency, we will begin a Duke Energy project that will encompass light post and fixture replacement throughout the community. The current light posts will be replaced with black aluminum posts. The light fixtures will also be replaced and lighting will be upgraded to LED lights, which will provide a more energy efficient source as well as provide an additional 40 watts of lumen per fixture.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Holiday Season Guidelines

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

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

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles.
- Each Building is allowed 1 common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 lights Please limit cords to 2 UL approved cords.
- Extension cords should not cross any walkway in or around any building.
- DO NOT hang or wrap decorations or

cords from building lights, this includes: Emergency, Exit, Center Core, Walkway, End Stairwell and Pole lights on all floors.

- DO NOT hang or wrap decorations or cords from ANY building railings. This includes all stairway and walkway railings. All wrapped decorations or cords will be removed without notice.
- DO NOT place screws in extenders with plugs in any building lights or tap into the building power at any controller or light.
- DO NOT create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging

holiday lighting.

- DO NOT wrap garland around poles at the end of stairwells on any building.

As always: all electrical rooms, elevator rooms, telephone rooms and alarm rooms are restricted areas. These areas are not accessible to residents or the building maintenance worker, only by management

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

Computer Club learns about a good alternative for retirees

By Joe Wisinski

On Top of the World Computer Club member Scott Masticelli recently gave a presentation on Chromebooks to the club.

A Chromebook is a laptop computer that uses the Google Chrome browser. The devices typically contain smaller hard drives and less memory than traditional laptop computers. They are also less costly than most laptops.

“Chromebooks can be a good alternative to Windows 10, especially for us retirees,” Scott said. “They’re inexpensive and easy to use.”

Chromebooks are used primarily while connected to the Internet. Most applications and documents are stored in the cloud, which means they’re stored on remote computers.



Computer Club

“It’s a really simple solution for us,” Scott said.

Free Computer Help for OTOW residents

The Computer Club offers free help

on iPhones and iPads every Monday morning in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Limited help is also available for Android-based phones and tablets.

Sessions run from 8:30-10 a.m. and are open to all OTOW residents.

These sessions run concurrently with the club’s regular computer assistance sessions, which take place in the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m., Monday through Friday. These meetings are also free and no appointment is necessary.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the Learning Lab. Visitors are welcome.

For more information about the club, go to www.otowcc.com. The club is also on the Box Office Website. To bookmark the



club page, go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click “Enter” and “Club Pages.” Once inside Club Pages, bookmark it by pressing the “Ctrl” key and the letter “D.”

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

One big project finishes and

By now you should have received the second notice of the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, at the East Activity Center at 10 a.m.

We hope to see many of you at the meeting.

This past year, your Board has received many positive comments on its attempt to enforce standards and ensure a well-run and fiscally stable community for all residents. Without your support, the Board could not function. The business of managing a community the size of a small city is very difficult. There are so many moving parts and pieces. The point of all the effort is to give you the type of community and quality living environment you deserve.

To that end, your current Board is composed of professionals who work very well together.

Most of your Board owns or rents within the On Top of the World community. In all cases, the Board members are deeply familiar with the community and its operations.

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

Your Board pays attention to and analyzes service requests. We look for patterns of problems, analyze, and take steps to prevent further problems based on the outcome. To that end, we have been able to identify improperly caulked window replacements as a source of interior leaks. HVAC units that have not been serviced are also a major source of leaks and water intrusion into adjoining units. This problem is costly both for owners and for the Association.

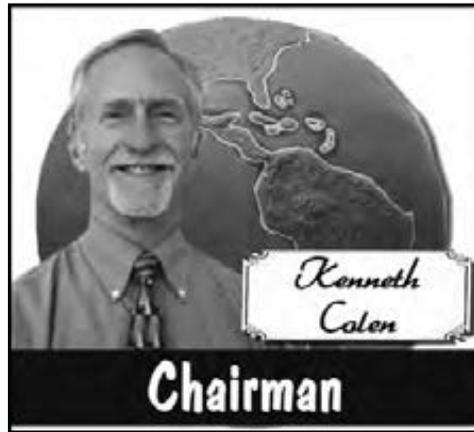
A tremendous amount of work has transpired in the first half of this fiscal year. Regularly scheduled work completed to date includes: Two elevator equipment upgrades, along with two interior cab remodels. Two buildings had their front elevations repainted, while one back elevation was waterproofed.

Over 350 new lighting fixtures were installed in numerous building walkways across property.

On another note, if you haven't visited the East Activity Center, you've missed seeing a great makeover for the auditorium, stage, side rooms, and veranda area.

New thermal efficient windows have been added in that area making the room much more energy efficient and functional.

Much as I would like to take credit for this wonderful project, as well as for the fabulous fitness room and other improvements, all design credit goes to Leslee Colen and execution was done by the SCA staff. Well done team!



Upcoming Projects

At long last, I am pleased to report that we have obtained a demolition permit from Pinellas County Development Services to begin the Pavilion Project at the East Activity Center.

This involves demolishing the existing tennis and shuffleboard courts, and relocating them within the larger parcel, together with a new pavilion, grill area, and horseshoes.

This is the first step in preparing the site for construction of the proposed improvements. Stay tuned for progress updates.

Painting/Waterproofing

With the holiday season fast approaching, the painting contractor will be transitioning to the application of waterproof coatings in December.

The rear surfaces of Buildings 50, 57, 59, 60 and 61 are the next five on the painting contractor's schedule.

The process includes a thorough pressure washing, followed by the sealing of any hairline cracks in the masonry, and then the application of a high quality waterproofing membrane.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The new walkway light fixture project is continuing across property with Buildings 74, 76, 85, 86, 87 and 88 scheduled for late November and December.

These improvements require that work crews perform the work in close proximity to condo unit entrances, so please be mindful and exercise caution in and around these areas. As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

Storm drain enhancements across the 9-hole golf course is another project that will take place the first week of December. This work will require that the course be shut down for the duration of the project. Roadway traffic will not be affected during the improvements, however

residents are kindly asked to be aware of heavy equipment and support vehicles operating in the area.

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, 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 hanger 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 at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water

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

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

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

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

Many first-floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but 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 stone at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, representatives 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.

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.

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the next big project begins

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. These ef-

forts 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.

Final Thoughts

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

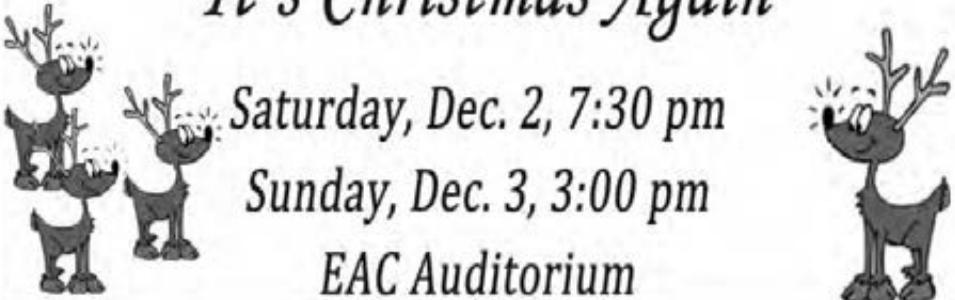
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Try making a new appetizer this holiday season



The Perfect Beverage - Sparkling Wine (California) Korbel Brut. Nothing is better for a celebration than champagne or sparkling wine. Korbel Champagne Cellars is a noted California winery in Sonoma County. Their Brut is refined with a balanced medium-dry finish.

Tip Of The Month - To chill your Christmas Egg Nog, place a block of vanilla ice cream in a punch bowl and pour the Egg Nog over it.

December is the time for celebrations and parties. And aren't you tired of the same old appetizers you find at all of these Holiday parties? You can almost predict what will be on the table - boiled shrimp, chips and dip, cheese and crackers. Yes, they are all good foods, but don't you want to try something new? Be brave and try one of these easy, easy recipes. Trust me, everyone will thank you for it. Happy Holidays!

PROSCIUTTO PACKAGE

Ingredients

- 12 small thin slices prosciutto (about 5 ounces)
- 12 small mozzarella balls (about 1 inch diameter)
- 12 Kalamata olives, pitted
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon or parsley

Directions

Lay out the prosciutto slices and place 1 mozzarella ball and 1 olive on each one. Roll up or fold over the prosciutto to create a small package and secure with a toothpick. Arrange the package on a platter and sprinkle with oil, olive, pepper, and herbs.

SALMON TOSTADAS

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon plain yogurt
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh or bottled horseradish
- 4 flat tostada shells
- 4 ounces sliced smoked salmon
- 12 oil-cured black olives, halved and pitted
- 1 tablespoon tequila (optional)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

Directions

Mix together the mayonnaise, yogurt, and horseradish in a small bowl. Spread equally on the tostadas. Arrange the salmon slices on top and sprinkle the olives over the salmon. Splash with the tequila and sprinkle on the chives. Serve the tostadas whole or cut into pieces.



Pictured above is ‘Mick Jagger’ and the Nowhere Band, which performed on Thursday, Nov. 2, to help open the newly-renovated East Activity Center auditorium. The concert started with a Beatles tribute band (pictured below), followed by a Rolling Stones tribute band. This was the third time both groups have performed here and all three times the auditorium has filled. (Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Special concert opens auditorium



We knew the invasion was going to happen. It was just a matter of when.

A Beatles and Rolling Stones tribute band performed at On Top of the World on Thursday, Nov. 2, and the British Invasion helped reopen the newly-renovated East Activity Center auditorium.

The concert was originally scheduled for September, but was postponed due to renovations taking place.

The new date was set for Nov. 2, but again, was postponed due to Hurricane Irma pushing back renovation work.

But when work crews and contractors were able to catch up and finish the auditorium, On Top of the World scheduled a grand reopening party. The only thing missing was a live band.

Marvin Flam, from the Entertainment Committee, called the British Invasion generals and asked if they would put Nov. 2 back on their calendars again. Both groups said “yes.” They were excited to be invited back to OTOW to reopen the auditorium. This time, free tickets were given away and all 400 seats were claimed in three days.

The show opened with the Beatles tribute band and classic Beatles songs. After a brief intermission, the Rolling Stones group performed and rocked the arena. The show was such a success that by 9:15 p.m., the lights were turned on, the concert pronounced over, but a group of partying fans begged for the show to go on.

“Mick Jagger” then said, “Unfortunately, this is the last song of the night. It’s only 9:15. Are you people old?”

Everyone chuckled. Residents would have stayed even longer.

This was the third time the Beatles and Rolling Stones have been to On Top of the World. All three shows have been sellouts.

For a complete list of entertainment in December, and a recap of shows, concerts and more from November, turn to the Entertainment Committee section on pages 44 and 45 of this newspaper.

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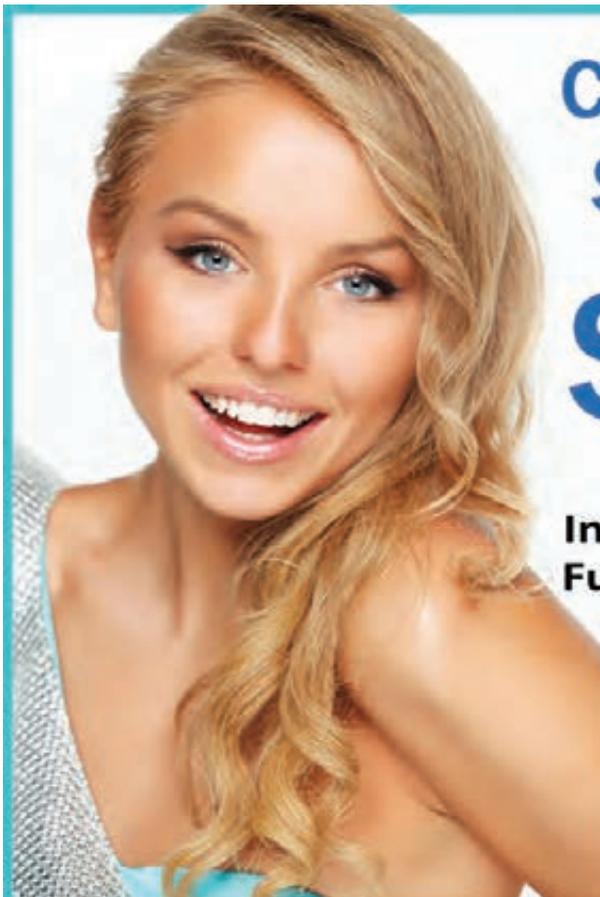
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DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

BEGINNERS BRIDGE

Saturdays, 4 pm, Small Card Room

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 10-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room
 Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room
 Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

CHESS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with Windows 10
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with I-Pads and Tablets

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, Thursdays, 11 am, Yellow Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

DRAWING CLASS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:30 am, Computer Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 7:30 am, Exercise Room (Stretching)
 M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, Exercise Room

MAHJONGG

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room
 Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

PAINTING

Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room
 Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

PING PONG

M,T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Craft Room
 Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

PRACTICING DANCE STEPS

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Sunrise Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Yellow Room

SAMBA

Mondays, Noon, Small Card Room
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

TAI CHI

M,W,F, 2 pm, EAC Exercise Room
 M,W,F 2:45 pm, Beginners, EAC Exercise Room
 T,H 5:15 pm, Intermediate, EAC Exercise Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow
 Bob: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow Room
 Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Room
 Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow Room
 Ron: Mondays, 6 pm, Yellow Room
 Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow Room
 Barry: M, W, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

WATER AEROBICS

EAC Pool closed until early January

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

LIBRARY

Mondays 9-12, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3

LAPIDARY

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9 am - Noon, Jewelry Room

WOODSHOP

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wood Shop

SUNDAY

MONDAY

03 Karaoke 6:00 PM - Auditorium Chorus Concert 3:00 PM - Auditorium	04 Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & C 8:30 AM - Auditorium Chorus Meeting 11:00 AM - Starlite R
10 No.39 Mallorca Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room	11 Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee & C 8:30 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Bo 10:30 AM - Veranda OTOW Special Even 6:00 PM - Learning L Family History Meet 12:30 PM - Learning German Interest Gro 2:00 PM - Sunrise Ro
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24 Lambda Club Dinner 4:00 PM - Art Room	25
31 Ent. Committee, Party 9:00 PM - Auditorium	

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				01 No.45 French Ren. II Party 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room	02 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Chorus Concert 7:30 PM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room No.29 Viennese Villa Party 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room
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Please remember



If you must use real candles this holiday season, please make sure they are extinguished before you leave your condo or go to bed. Make sure your smoke detectors have fresh batteries. Let's all have a safe, holiday season.

New members love your On Top of the World library

By Katy Gerritt

November was a busy month in the library, with more than 20 new books added to our shelves.

And we had quite a few new members join right after moving to On Top of the World!

It was a treat to welcome them to our library and to find so many eager readers in our midst.

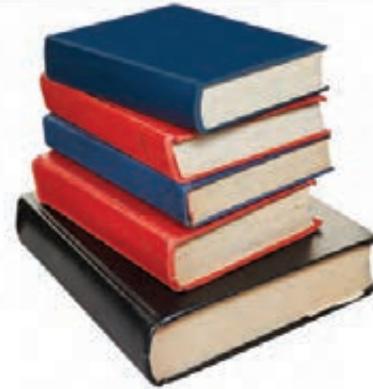
We also had several new members join at our table at the Senior Expo/Fall Festival.

For any current or potential members, we are offering a renewal membership, valid through all of 2018, for \$3. If you become a new member in December, membership extends through all of 2018.

This offer is good until the end of December 2017.

Starting in January 2018, membership will be \$4 for the year. As much as we don't enjoy increasing our membership fee, we find that book prices have increased over the past year and we depend on membership, donations and used book sales to fund our new books.

Plus, we do feel we offer a good collection of popular fiction at a very affordable price, and the convenience of being



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in the East Activity Center.

We have also received many donations of books that can be found in the center isles of the library. Paperbacks are only 35 cents each or three for \$1, and hardbounds are 50 cents each.

You can find free books inside the library door on the first shelf on the left

and in the puzzle room on the top of the shelves. Feel "free" to help yourself!

We are open Mondays 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 p.m.

Information about the Good Karma Book Club is also available in the library. This club started meeting in March 2017 and in this first year, we chose to focus on Florida authors and Florida based books.

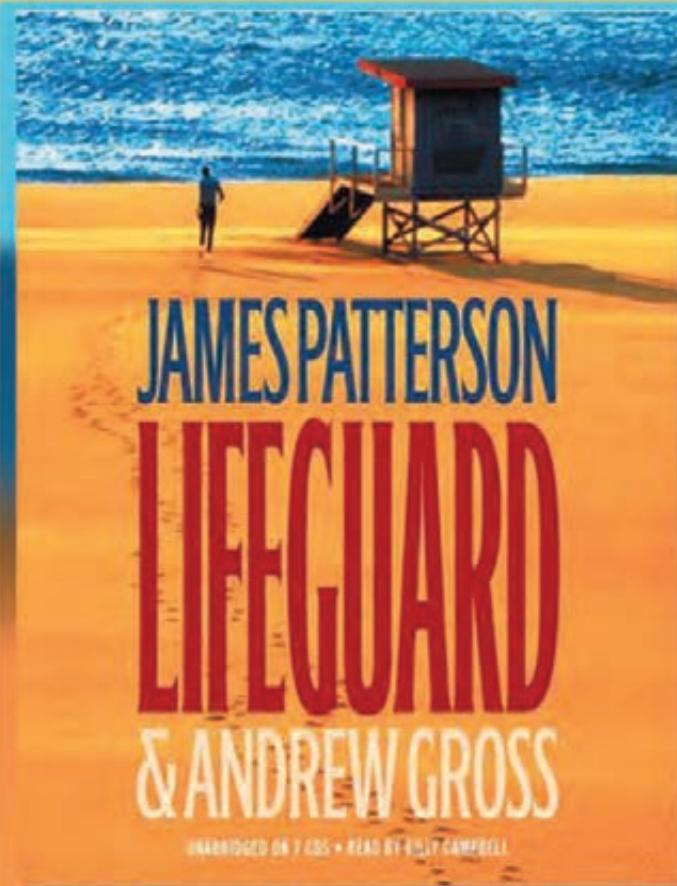
It has been fun mixing thrillers, mysteries and novels, some from more than 60 years ago and others reflecting history of our state.

Two favorites have been "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston and most recently "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith. We are assembling a shelf in library with books the club has read, so anyone can enjoy them. We will soon be working on selections for 2018.

The book club meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. In December we will only meet the first Thursday due to the holidays.

(See ad below)

Reading is alive and well at On Top of the World!



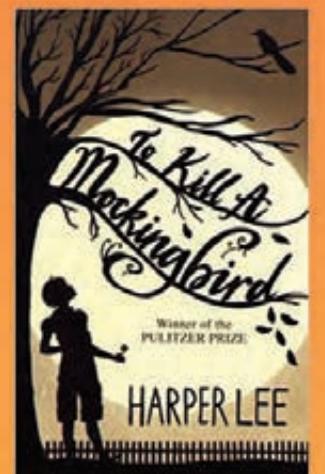
**On Thursday, December 7,
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
the Good Karma Book Club will meet in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab to discuss
"Lifeguard"
by James Patterson & Andrew Gross.**

The book club will only meet on the first Thursday of the month
in December due to the holidays.

We will be back to first and third Thursdays in January.

**Coming In
January**

The Good Karma Book Club
will discuss
'To Kill A Mockingbird'
by Harper Lee,
on Jan. 4 & 18, 10:30 a.m.,
in the WAC Learning Lab.
Register for the club by
visiting the library.



For more information,
visit our Web page on the Box Office.
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.
Click Box Office and look for the
Good Karma Book Club link.

In the
month of
December,
register for the
book club in the
in the library.

Fall Festival raises funds



At the Nov. 4 Fall Festival/Senior Expo, guests had an opportunity to throw pumpkins for a good cause. A 'Pumpkin Toss' booth was set up outside, in the East Activity Center North parking lot, and people took turns trying to toss pumpkins through a challenging target. The event raised much-needed funds for Helping Hands-Countryside Cares. Food donations were also accepted in a special barrel. Pictured at left, Cornelia Kinauer, from On Top of the World, presents a check to Henry Moses, who represented Help Hands. Henry also received a barrel of donated foods. The winner of the pumpkin toss (not pictured) received a gift certificate.



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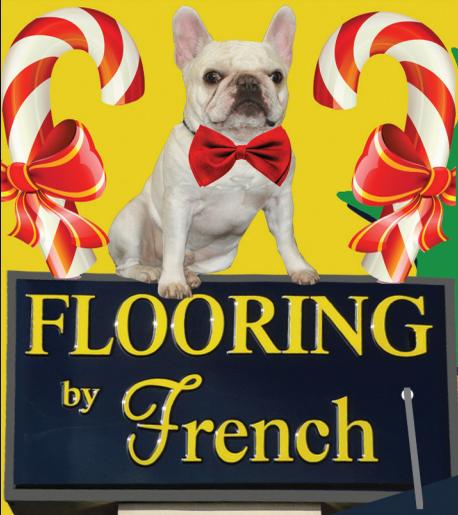


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When do I use the year in a sentence?

Are occupational titles uppercase before or after a person's name?

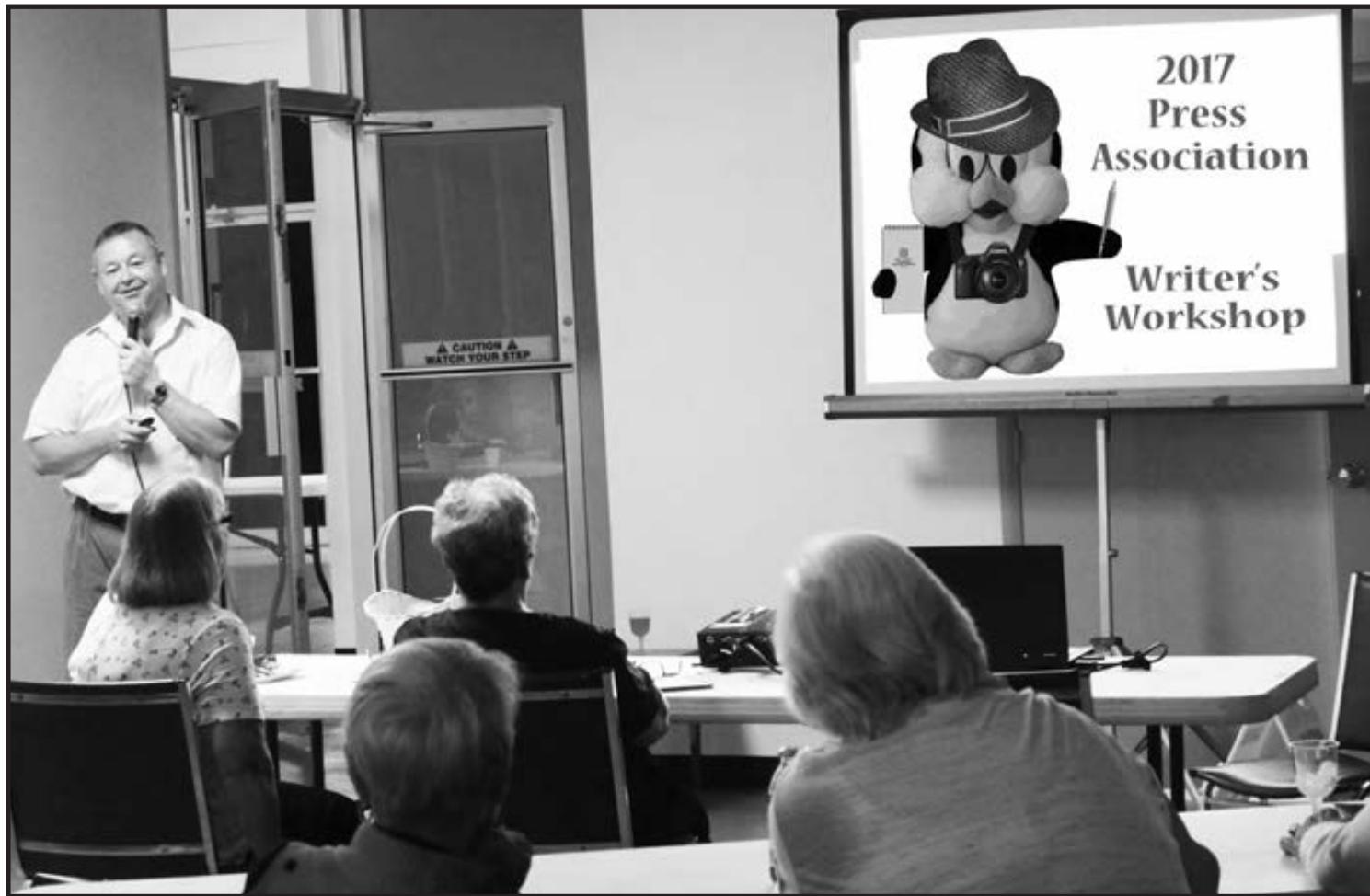
These are just some of the topics covered at the Press Association's 2017 Writer's Workshop in November.

It was the first meeting, by any club, held in the newly renovated East Activity Center Veranda Room.

More than 40 staff members attended the club meeting and everyone went home with the potential to become better journalists.

"In today's world, because of the relaxed way we write on the Internet, it is so easy to forget all the basic grammar rules your third-grade teacher taught you many years ago," said Editor Doug Kates, who taught the annual class. "The goal of this class is to remind writers about basic grammar rules and teach basic journalism guidelines. I think we accomplished this goal tonight."

Staff reviewed how to write a better opening paragraph, what to write about and what not to write about, and covered guidelines that match journalism-style,



On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates teaches staff at the Writer's Workshop in November. His assistant, Chilly, helped out with the class. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

rather than novel-style writing or social media-style writing.

Every year, the On Top of the World newspaper adds new writers and loses veteran writers, so the Writer's Workshop is a good tool to teach or refresh staff on basic guidelines.

Doug said there are some areas of writing which need more attention than others and the workshop is the best time to cover these topics.

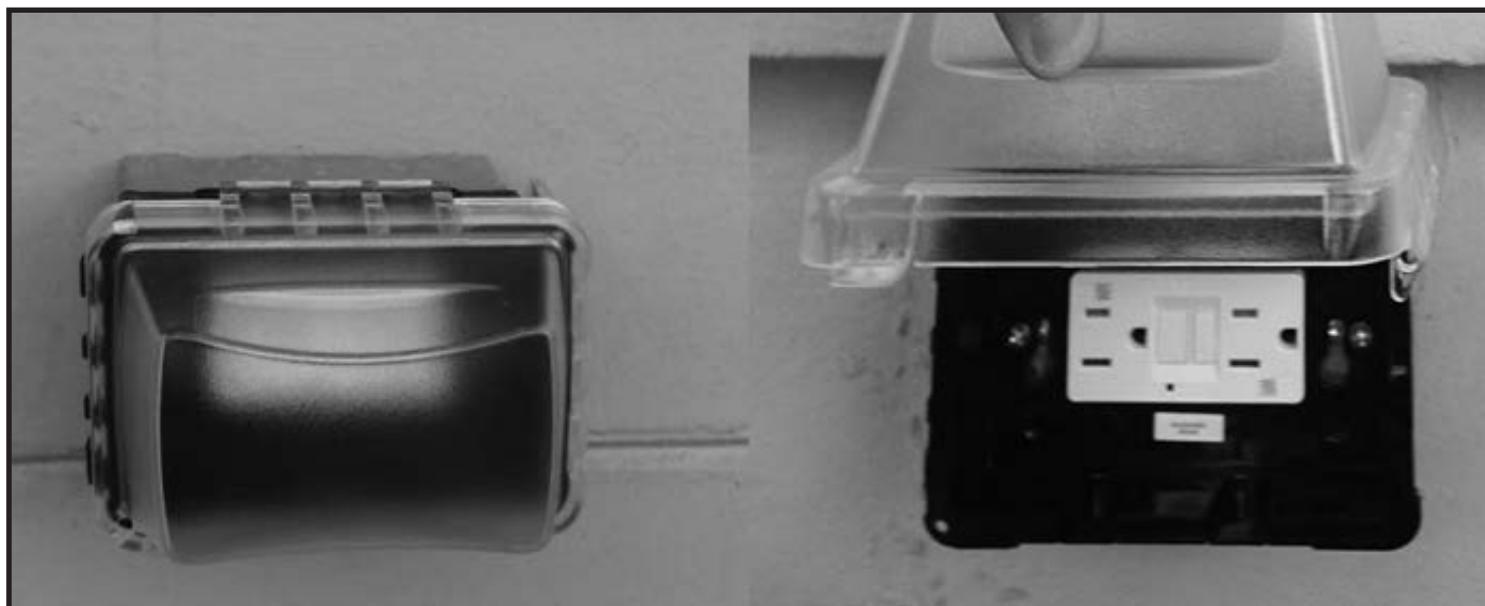
Besides an online tutorial on the Press Association's Website, this class is the only time all year that lessons are provided.

The next Press Association meeting will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. The board is planning a road trip for its "Kick Off The New Year" luncheon in January 2018. Hopefully, at the December meeting, the location of the luncheon will be announced.

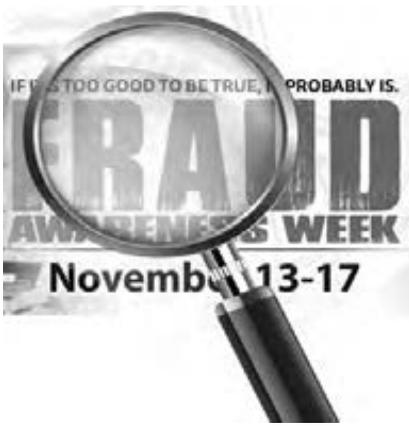
January's luncheon will be considered as the monthly meeting.

Traditionally, Press Association meetings take place the first Thursday of each month. Doug announced three months in 2018 when the monthly meeting will actually take place on the second Thursday instead. This will be Feb. 8, March 8 and next year's Writer's Workshop on Nov. 8. There are no monthly meetings in June, July or September.

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Residents who are in the process of getting GFI outlets installed outside their condo units should take the time to get price quotes from multiple contractors. The average cost for installing one outlet with a weather-proof cover is \$80-100. The average cost for two outlets is \$120-\$140. Also, always ask for insurance information, such as liability and worker's comp.



Representatives of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office present a slide show to residents in November.



Residents find out how to protect themselves from scammers

You wouldn't let a stranger just walk into your house. You would keep your front door closed and locked.

If only it was that simple to keep your personal life private on the Internet.

On Top of the World residents learned in November that scamming is a big business, and despite efforts to eliminate online fraud, the problem continues.

Even worse, if you are scammed, the consequences could effect your life, your job and your privacy for many years to come.

So what can you do?

Fraud experts from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office visited our com-

munity and told residents to first be aware of what is going on around them.

Scamming has become a state-of-the-art trade and bad people will use visits to your front door, telephones and especially computers to try to get your most personal data.

Best advice: If someone calls you, look at your Caller ID. If you don't recognize the phone number, don't answer the phone. If the call was important, the person will leave a message and you can call back.

If you receive a strange-looking email or an email is from someone you don't know or an email subject line just reads

odd - don't open it. Delete it immediately.

As long as you delete an unopened email letter, nothing can happen to you. But if you open mail that has viruses attached, you can get yourself into a lot of trouble.

There is an old saying, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true."

The same sentence holds true today.

Unbelievable offers emailed to you on the Internet are just that - unbelievable offers.

Be careful if trying to meet someone online for a date or a relationship. Never trust the person on the other end. Never provide information, photos or videos to

a complete stranger.

Be aware, strangers may use emails, chat rooms or dating sites to try to recruit you to do illegal activities.

Just because a person says who they are, does not mean they are telling the truth. A person could claim to be an American, when in fact, they are texting you from a foreign country.

Never give banking information over the phone. Never wire money to strangers.

For more information, contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Public Information Office at (727) 582-6221.

OTOW Wants You To Know



Product Recall: Flushmate III Pressure-Assisted Toilet Flushing System

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall and expanded recall on Flushmate III Pressure-Assisted Flushing Systems.

Due to uncontrolled pressure, your toilet tank lid can lift off and shatter. The impact can create shattered parts and possible lacerations to anyone nearby. The pressure release can sound like a small explosion.

More than 453,000 toilets have this system. Most were installed in toilets from July 2009-April 2011. Units are rectangular, black, two-piece vessels made of molded plastic. Vessels can be found in American Standard, Copperfit, Crane, Ecotech, Eljer, Gerber, Kohler, Lamosa, Mancesa, Mansfield, Orion, St. Thomas, Universal Rundle, Vitra, Vitromex, Vortens and Western Pottery toilets. The recall was issued in 2012 and again in 2014.

If you believe you have one of these systems, stop using immediately. Turn off water supply to your unit, flush the toilet to release internal pressure and contact the company for a free repair kit.

For more information online, go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2016/flushmate-expands-recall-of-flushmate-iii-pressure-assisted-flushing-systems>. Please contact a licensed and insured plumber if you believe you may have one of these units installed in your unit.



Potentially Hazardous Surge Protectors

The "Type 2 Surge Protector" (Supco Model SCM 150 and Sycom Model SYC-120/240-T2) may pose a fire hazard. The product does not comply with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Safety Standards and is not authorized to bear the UL mark in the United States.

The manufacturer is Sycom Surge Inc. Labels on the device include "SUPCO," "SCM150," "SYCOM" and more.

For a complete list view online:

<http://www.ul.com/newsroom/publicnotices/ul-warns-of-potentially-hazardous-surge-protectors-release-no-16pn-10/>

Don't recognize the area code - don't answer your phone

Hi everybody.

It's Rachel Wagoner and I am wishing everyone a most happy and enjoyable holiday season. Whatever your preferences may be, I just want you to know that at this time of the year, I hope all is well for you.

"RACHEL'S DO": Be aware that scammers sometimes get a hold of your cell phone number and then will send you some text that appears to be for you. Be aware, it is just "phishing."

Example: My law partner, Jerry Colen, received a text from someone asking him to return a sweater. Since he never borrowed a sweater from anyone, and since he didn't recognize the text number from which the text was sent, he didn't respond. More than likely, the text was designed to elicit a response which would then provide personal information.

Jerry, being the cautious fellow he is, did not respond to the text and you shouldn't either.

"RACHEL'S DON'T": Please don't answer your phone when your caller ID shows an area code you don't recognize, or "private number" or even if you recognize the area code but don't recognize the number from which the call is made.

Let the caller leave a message and then you can decide if you want to call back.

Most often, scammers won't leave a message, but sometimes they do. That's why you must wait for the message, so you can decide if you want to return the call.

And never return a call from the IRS or from the U.S. Marshall's office or folks like that. Scam. Scam. Scam.



OK. Now let me discuss something with you. What should you do when you are asked by a child or a grandchild to send money, but you really don't have much to spare?

The word "no" comes to my mind, but I know that sometimes it takes courage to say "no," especially because we worry that if we don't do what is asked, our children might not love us anymore.

You see, sometimes our children need something, so they come to us and they are grateful for whatever you give them.

However, as my partner Jerry Colen is fond of saying, "Yes, they appreciate what we do for them, but they don't have a clue on the toll they put on us.

Can I tell you how to answer a child or grandchild who wants money?

Not really. You must do that for yourself. However, here's what you might want to think to say: "I'm sorry, but I just can't help you right now as much as I would like to. My expenses have been high and I need to watch my spending."

Will that work for you?

Well, that's up to you isn't it?

On another matter, recently, a client of mine asked me to convey the title of her homestead from herself to a child by means of a "Ladybird Deed." She'd heard about it at a seminar she went to a few months ago.

I asked her if she knew what a Ladybird Deed was and she said it was a way to avoid probate when she passed on.

Well, yes, but here's the real scoop.

A Ladybird Deed (it's correct name is an Enhanced Life Estate Deed) is where you convey your property to a child and reserve a life estate to yourself, but with the right to sell and convey the property but without having to get the signature of that child, who you've now put on your deed.

If someone wants to purchase your homestead, you can sell it and you won't need to ask your child's permission nor get his/her signature on the deed.

However, suppose you need to take the child's name off the deed, and there could be many reasons why you might have to do that. Well, that's different. Now, you would have to get his/her signature on a deed where you are removing the child.

Think your child will willingly agree to do that?

Uh huh.

Just keep in mind that when money is involved, funny things happen even when we are sure they won't.

Further, suppose that child has got some serious judgments against him? That, too, could be a concern.

When it comes to your homestead, I really believe that it is such a specially protected asset in Florida that you should just

leave it in your name(s) alone.

And a quick note. My client wanted to buy a property and add her friend to the deed, even though my client was paying all the purchase price.

I had one question for my client: Why? And that's what I will now ask you:

If you are paying the entire purchase price for a property, why do you want to add someone else's name to your deed?

There may, indeed, be very valid reasons to do this, but keep in mind if you and your friend have a serious disagreement, it's going to be a mess getting the friend's name off that deed.

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Betty Sirianni of Kentucky Ann Hampton of Colorado

NEWCOMERS

Photos by Mary Lou Wall

Mike and Charlie Wood



Fall Festival tops efforts from all previous years



Top left is the Italian-American Club table which took first place for best club table. Above shows some of the indoor visitors to the festival. There were various vendor tables, a medical vendors' room, live organ music, food, lectures and raffles. Below is Caribbean Glen and a craft vendor, who was outside.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



The 2017 On Top of the World Senior Expo/Fall Festival featured more vendors than ever before - nearly 100.

Vendors by trade filled the newly-renovated East Activity Center auditorium. The Starlite Room was filled with medical vendors. The Art Room was the perfect place to purchase a deluxe hot dog or snack.

The first floor featured professional speakers and the North Parking Lot had every space taken with more vendors, including OTOW clubs and groups, more food and the Blood One.

There was live music inside and outside. The event was enjoyed by more than 1100 people.



OTOW BINGO MARATHON

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The next Bingo Marathon will be Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018. Tickets will be sold starting Nov. 13 when Bingo resumes in the East Activity Center auditorium. You can also buy tickets at our table, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the auditorium.



Every Friday evening in December, watch an OTOW Chorus Holiday Concert from the past, on OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732 at about 8 p.m.



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Did you enjoy the Fall Festival? 2018 will be even better

The On Top of the World Fall Festival was held on Saturday, Nov. 4, and was a huge success with more than 100 vendors and more than 1100 visitors in attendance.

The Community Service Office continues to receive positive feedback from everyone who enjoyed the outside festivities, and we agree, why not take advantage of the beautiful weather we typically have in early November.



Many residents have told me they plan to bring their family and friends next year. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018.

This year, Glenn was back playing the steel drum and his Caribbean-style music to provide the perfect vibe outside.

Many arts and crafts vendors participated, as well as a variety of food vendors.

We were so lucky to have the BBQ Queen participating. We received rave reviews on her food. As a last minute addition, this amazing vendor had only one day to prepare and guess what? Those who made their way to her rib area couldn't resist the aroma and told me that it was the best BBQ and sides ever served here!

BBQ Queen will definitely be back next year! And, the Waterford Café's food choices were second to none including the best quality Cuban sandwich I've ever tasted!

Did you know the Waterford Café' is our new vendor for the Good Karma Café?

We also enjoyed Hahn's Kettle Corn, Kona Ice, Chick Fila and Dairy Queen.

Earth Fare and Bulk Nation were also outside and Nature's Food Patch reserved a table inside this year.

Yes, funnel cakes are on the menu for 2018.

The Fall Festival hosted 20 OTOW clubs this year and held a contest for the "Best Decorated" table based on a chosen club's theme. The prize was awarded to the Italian-American Club. Congratulations!

The contest will return next year and will include a fun ceremony.

One Blood received a record number of 20 donations and Helping Hands benefited from a raffle conducted by the Community Service Office outside.

Last, but not least, the parking situation continues to improve. Residents found alternative ways to get here. Many walked, carpooled or took the shuttle bus from the West Activity Center, or parked in available visitor spaces at buildings near the East Activity Center.

Thank you so much!

On behalf of the Community Service Office, thank you to Good Neighbors, all of our vendors, volunteers and most of all our residents for attending this year!



Did you smell the aroma of slow-cooked ribs at the Fall Festival? Guess what? The BBQ Queen didn't know she was going to be at our festival until one day prior to the event. The ribs were slow cooked, but BBQ Queen prepared quickly.



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DECEMBER CLASSES

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - OLLI - at Eckerd College announces its fall series of 10 selected classes offered at On Top of the World, starting in October and extending through December.

The topics include Florida studies, American history, popular entertainment and personal health.

This is the third set of classes provided to OTOW by OLLI since January 2017. A winter term and summer term previously attracted the participation of residents. "This partnership has proven to be a growing success," said OLLI Director Monica Kile. "We are very pleased to bring these exciting and rewarding classes onsite."

"Judy Garland" - Over the Rainbow
 Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 am - Noon
 Instructor: Jason Fortner Registration Number: 8027 OT

"Vintage Florida" - Roadside Attractions in the Sunshine State
 Monday, December 11, 6 pm - 7:30 pm
 Instructor: Cathy Salustri Registration Number: 8028 OT

"Young at Heart and Thought"
 Tuesday, December 19, 10 am - Noon
 Instructor: Rich Radcliffe Registration Number: 8029 OT

2018 Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 3

Get Acquainted Coffee



After a three-month absence, Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee finally returned to the East Activity Center in November and residents were treated to great music in the newly-remodeled auditorium.

Making an On Top of the World debut was the TOTA Music and Theatre Conservatory.

Five singers performed a variety of songs and even threw in a little theater. There were solos and group efforts.

In December, Get Acquainted Coffee

has been moved up one week to Thursday, Dec. 7 in the auditorium. Club ticket sales start at 8:30 a.m., followed by free donuts and coffee at 9 a.m. and entertainment at about 9:30 a.m. The Tampa Bay Ukelele Society will be performing for about one hour.

Pictured above Christian Feliciano and Lynne Prado perform a duet for The Ambassadors of Sound. Pictured below, Nikki Dermott sings a solo number.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

In December



Tom Hood brings the Tampa Bay Ukelele Society to On Top of the World for a performance on Thursday, Dec. 7, at about 9:30 a.m. Please note, Get Acquainted Coffee has been moved up one week for December. This show takes place in the EAC auditorium.



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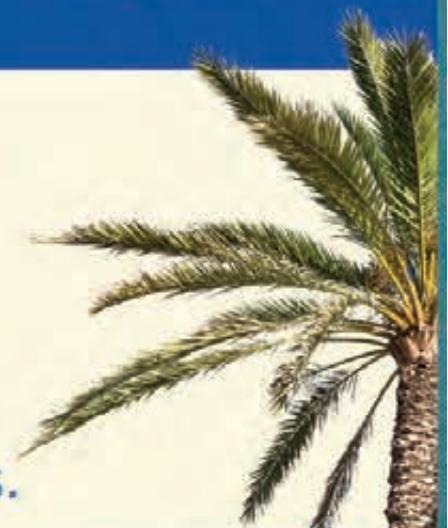


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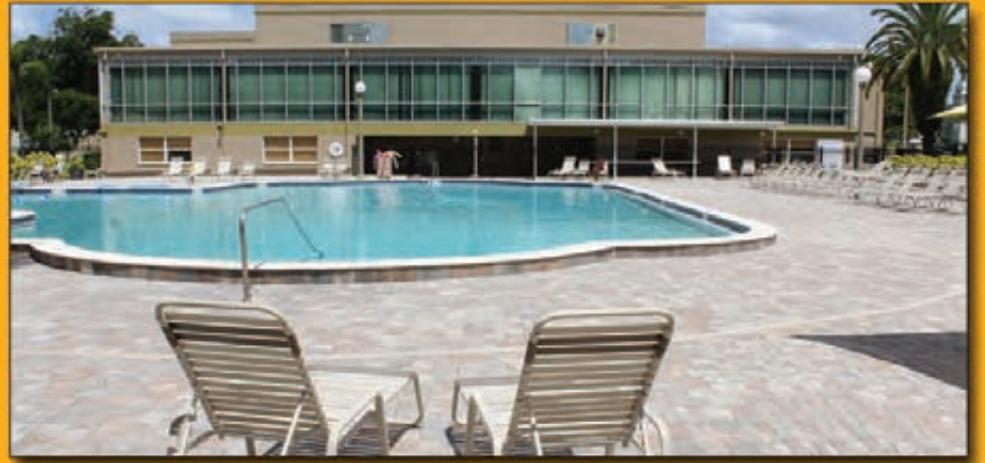


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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Back 'home' in time to begin holiday projects



Knitting

By Cheryl Butcher

When you're crafting for the holidays, you have to start far ahead of time. After all, those items don't come together overnight.

So the members of the Knitting Group have been planning and crafting for the upcoming holiday period for quite some time now. The result, so far, has been several lap robes and a whole slew of baby bonnets that will be distributed to area nursing homes and hospital nurseries before Christmas. Our goal is to make sure the recipients will be properly clad for the season.

The Knitting Group is glad to be back in our "home," the East Activity Center Veranda Room. All of us missed the camaraderie of our regular meetings and it was like seeing long-lost relatives when we got together.

We had to catch up with each other, but we quickly returned to our usual routine.

The best part of that routine is when Helen Duranti leads us in "Show and Tell," and that took longer than usual because a lot of work had been done in the two months that we were apart.

Show and Tell is when we show off our latest creations and tell everyone where the crafts are going. They always go to wonderful destinations.

Members turned in 30 lap robes (in every pattern and color imaginable), 27 baby bonnets and one baby set (matching blanket and hat).

We had one Snowbird come by to see us. Catherine Gray will start coming regularly next week and we look forward to the remaining Snowbirds returning to the coop over the next month or two.



Helen Duranti, Marie Orlando and Anna Georgiadis display some of the Christmas lap robes and baby bonnets crafted by the Knitters Group.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us at 9 a.m. every Wednesday. While we do not teach, we

do help each other with patterns and/or problems.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group

operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them as well as the Coffee Corner.

OTOW News



Pet of the Month




PET SUPPLIES PLUS.




My name is Tai and I am 7 years old. My owners, Patti Branch and Ken Gardner, live with me in the Loch Lomond Building at On Top of the World in the winter and in Fairfax, Va., in the summer. My favorite game is hiding. If you look carefully, you will find me in boxes, drawers and suitcases. I also like to play with ribbons when I'm not hiding in drawers and chasing balls! I would love to be Pet of the Month!

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 otow.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. 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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Our Snowbirds are back home so it's time to socialize and line dance again



By Ed Foland

Snowbirds Line Dance Club started off the 2017-2018 season with a little business and a lot of fun in the refurbished East Activity Center on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The fun part was a welcome back party and concert for members, and the the business part was a member registration night.

It was Veterans Day Weekend and the focus was on the veterans. Line dancer, club board member and veteran, Doug Springer, took the stage and got the crowd going by singing, "Sweet Caroline" and "Venice."

On Top of the World veterans, who gave so much to protect the freedom we all enjoy, were given free membership in

On Top of the World residents enjoy an evening out at a recent dinner theater night organized by the Snowbirds Line Dance Club.

the Snowbirds Line Dance Club.

We thank you for your service.

Harold and Donna Wurtz gave an excellent concert of well known and popular oldies, but goodies. Harold is a veteran and has two sons currently serving our country in the Navy.

The highlight of the night was Harold's moving tribute to veterans. The auditorium was so quite you could hear a pin

drop.

Club Co-President Ed Foland is a Vietnam veteran and he took the stage to personally tell all of the Korean War and Vietnam veterans, "welcome home."

All members enjoyed wine and cheese refreshments, along with a extensive selection of holiday cookies from the kitchen of the other co-president and line dance teacher, Dolly Foland.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who devote time and energy to make the club successful.

Snowbirds Line Dance Club is now accepting new line dancers for Wednesday morning classes from 8-11:30 a.m. To get more info on classes and social activities with Dolly and Ed, call 727-417-3272 or come to the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings.



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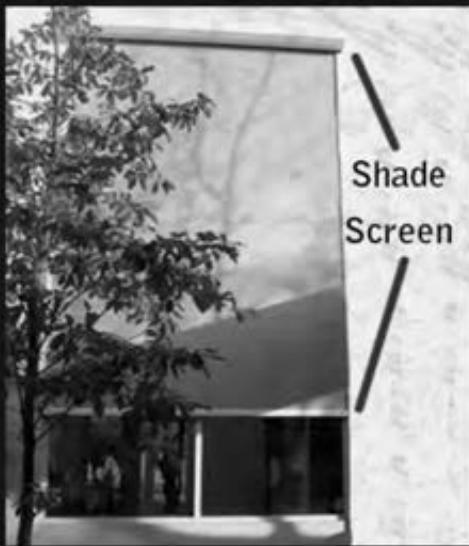


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A group picture of everyone from Line Dance Club who gave the new auditorium tile a good workout.

Line dancers are happy to be back home in the auditorium

By John Koning

Christmas came early this year for On Top of the World Line Dancing.

For almost its entire 40-year history, the club has called the spacious East Activity Center auditorium home. That is, until 2017 arrived with an unfortunate combination of renovations and a storm named Irma.

Dancers found themselves crammed into the West Activity Center Sunrise Room for what seemed like an eternity.

For Sheila Bonomo, acting as club president in my absence, it was a logistical nightmare.

Now that the long wait is over, and we find ourselves dancing on a refinished

stage and a brand new floor, it seems too good to be true.

Gone are the blue and white floor tiles and the decidedly outdated ambience. Who could ask for anything more?

At the end of this month we will ring in a new year with what feels like a new home and a fresh set of club officers.

The only officer remaining in place is Ute Scheibe, and that's a very good thing because Ute holds the club's purse strings with a grip that would put Arnold Schwarzenegger to shame.

All this adds up to a feeling of optimism for the future of this great club.

Both Vice President Sheila Bonomo and I can step down knowing that the rich

heritage of OTOW Line Dancing will carry on through next year and long into its rosy future.

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Research will be more fun in new classroom



Family History

The first meeting of the Family History Group for the 2017-2018 season was held at our new location in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

We couldn't be more pleased with the new site. The additional space allows us to increase the group size.

Since we welcomed several new members at our first meeting, we expect to grow into the area in short order.

At our November meeting,

we outlined what we will undertake for the upcoming season. We discussed our specific interests and decided to concentrate on learning to use more of the research tools that are available to us. We each have weaknesses in using various types of information simply because we are unaware of its existence.

As genealogists, it is necessary to know the main events that happened during the lives of our ancestors. This often re-

veals their living conditions, their occupations, and frequently why they left an area and where they may have gone.

So much of history helps us to better understand ourselves.

The Civil War was a defining event in the life of Americans and the more we learn about it, the better we understand.

Therefore, our December meeting will feature Gerald Colen speaking on the topic of Ulysses Grant and the "Winning

of the War." Gerald is widely recognized for his Civil War knowledge and is a much-sought lecturer. Much of his adult life has been spent studying all aspects of the war. We look forward to hearing him again this year.

Our next meeting will take place from 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11 in the WAC Learning Lab. We look forward to a good turnout. Our meetings are open to all residents of the community.

Make your own gift this holiday

If you need that special gift for Christmas, a birthday or another occasion, why not make it yourself?

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For more information, please call Jewel Chamberlain (727-831-7141) or Arlene Bergen (727-726-0787.) The club meets at the East Activity Center on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.



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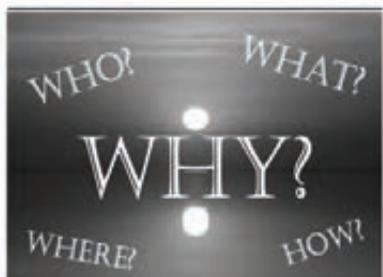
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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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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 a.m., East Activity Center Veranda Room Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

has moved back to the East Activity Center. We will meet 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, in the Small Card Room.

Open to all residents. The club is a concerned group of residents who "care about our country."

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Club members help by providing positive reinforcement and motivation. TOPS offers a variety of eating guides, but each member is more encouraged to create a diet plan with their own doctor. You and your doctor should set weight goals, not the club.

The group at OTOW does not have a monthly club fee, however, the national membership requires a \$32 annual fee and \$3 monthly dues.

The OTOW group meets 9:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room.

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Christmas concert Dec. 2 and 3 - come sing holiday songs with us



Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

Remember the white rabbit from Alice in Wonderland?

He was always in a hurry as he pulled a watch out of his pocket and proclaimed "I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!"

Well, I'm reminding you now - please don't be late for two "very important dates!"

The On Top of the World Chorus will present, "It's Christmas Once Again" on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

In addition to the songs listed in last month's story, you will enjoy "Herald Angels Medley," which includes several familiar carols arranged together, and "Winter Wonderland Medley" of well-loved seasonal songs.

We will also present, "We Need a Little Christmas," from the Broadway musical, "Mame," and our own special song, "On Top of the World it's Christmas" written by former director, Louise Kelly.

You will be happy to hear that Christmas time is "No Time to Diet!" "So grab a fork and dive right in!" This is a feel-good song that will make you smile!



Director Beth Kendall, center, reviews holiday music with new members Antoinette Russell, left, and Ann King.

If you haven't purchased your \$5 ticket, they will be available at the door.

Ever have a change of heart?

One day, during the EAC renovations, the Chorus was rehearsing in the Kitchen/Craft Room when resident Antoinette Russell came through on her way to the Fitness Center. At that exact moment, she decided she would rather sing Christmas music than work out, so she joined the Chorus.

Antoinette moved to OTOW about a year ago from Mobile, Ala. She started

singing as a child and enjoyed singing in high school. She loves Christmas music, especially Elvis songs.

Ann King, a Snowbird from Massachusetts, has been wintering at OTOW for two years. Recently, she was on a treadmill in the EAC Fitness Center, singing along with the recorded music. Someone nearby told her she should join the chorus.

And, she did!

Ann sang in high school, was in a folk mass singing group at church and partici-

pated in local minstrel shows.

We are delighted to welcome Antoinette and Ann to the Chorus alto section.

Joining the Chorus is just that easy.

If you want to sing in our spring concert, just show up at the first rehearsal on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. All singers are welcome. We especially need men.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday/Merry Christmas that begins with you bringing someone you love to the concert.

'Tis the season!

Christmas Eve social set for Dec. 24

By Bruce Lovett

The Lambda Club, like the majority of western civilization, thinks of the days between Thanksgiving and Jan. 6 to be "the most wonderful time of the year."

And in honor of the season the club packs in a stocking full of activities.

Our annual Christmas Party/Gift Exchange will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center's Learning Lab. Bring a wrapped gift (not to exceed \$9.99 in value) and Santa will ensure you go home with one.

Dress code is festive, the music will be seasonal and "Tis the season to be jolly" punch will be available at the bar.

And as it is, the season to be jolly, bring something fun to share for the buffet.



Lambda Club

It should be noted, Lambda doesn't really need the Christmas season to have a jolly good time. Since its inception, it has

hosted a themed social function on the second weekend of every month for the last eight years.

This month's event pushes that number over the 100 mark.

The only time we didn't have one was when hurricane Irma reared her ugly head.

Another annual event is our Christmas Eve dinner to be held in the newly renovated Art Room in the East Activity Center on Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. Again Santa will be hard at work supplying the turkey. All he asks of his elves is to bring festive sides and desserts.

Santa has a bunch of other surprises for all the good little boys and girls at Lambda: brunches, outings and other holiday themed events. So keep your eyes

on the Lambda-this-week Web page for updates.

And of course, we will closing off the year with a table at the On Top of the World New Year's Eve bash.

Lambda is a social club for the LGBT residents of OTOW. We are a casual group that gets together for various activities, like those listed above and more.

We welcome all LGBT residents of the OTOW community and all those who would like to meet their LGBT neighbors.

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

If you see someone squinting to read a book, newspaper or bingo card ... probably a Boomer



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

Baby Boomers love to read!

And we read everything, including Shel Silverstein.

Who ever thought we would welcome a large-print edition of our favorite novels. But some of us will admit, they have in fact made reading easier and less stressful.

Also, it seems that wild-looking, "cheater eye glasses" from the dollar store have become ever-present when Boomers are around. You'll find the crazy-colored spectacles next to the menu at restaurants, inside purses and even in strategic places at home. They sit ready on our nightstand tables so we can read the latest AARP magazine.

"Goodreads" has a list of best books



Boomers love to read, sing, socialize, play bingo and play the ukelele. Above, two Boomers enjoy reading their favorite newspaper.

written by Baby Boomers. Their list includes "Atonement," by Ian McEwan and "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," by Douglas Adams.

And if your libido has not died with the appearance of your AARP card, there are also books for sly, grinning Boomers.

Besides reading, what else have the Boomers been up to?

Boomer ladies, Jan Stiffler and Joyce Monahan, have been swaying with the hula and strummin' ukuleles! They attend-

ed a workshop sponsored by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society. The workshop began on Nov. 3 and ended with a luau on Nov. 5. Fun for sure!

Bingo player Boomer Bill Higgins has been cautiously watching his cards most Monday nights at the East Activity Center. Bingo began on Nov. 13 and will take place throughout December every Monday at 6 p.m. Come on over Boomers and watch out for Bill!

Crooning Boomers can be found in

the East Activity Center singing karaoke on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. Karaoke is currently scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3. I heard it through the grapevine that Doo-wop and Motown is cheered.

Boomers are involved in a myriad of cool activities!

If you'd like to become involved, please join us.

The Baby Boomers will be meeting on Dec. 6 and 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

Republican Club speaker shares dark information on the little-known world of human trafficking

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Detective Shannon Kasparek was the guest speaker of the Republican Club during its meeting on Nov. 15.

She spoke about the rise in Human Trafficking in Clearwater. She provided many details regarding how the targets operate and what ways they attract naïve minors to join them.

Our attendees were shocked to hear the details as many are unaware of the depth of this issue.

Shannon shared in ways to help minors, or parents of minors, who are in need of assistance. Sadly, unless the targets are willing to come out and report the problems, there is little police can do to prosecute the offenders.



Republican Club

Many active targets, who are run-aways or homeless, often stay in shelters. They are in need of clothes, tooth brushes, food and transportation.

A surprising statement Shannon shared with our group was when speaking to a victim she knew. She asked, "how can we help you stay away from this?" The victim's answer was "stop taking me back to my parents."

There is so much more to discuss about human trafficking. The members, who attended, really enjoyed the discussion and were opened to a world they didn't know about.

We hope Shannon will return again in the near future.

Our next meeting is Dec. 12 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For members, we will be having our Christmas Party. Please bring a side dish.

Our speaker that evening is Mari Riba, who is a political consultant and very active member in the Republican Party. She spent 22 years as a paralegal and as a county law office manager handling various areas of the court system including on the state and federal levels.

Her first foray into campaigning was navigating the Florida judicial appointment process and volunteering with Congressman Michael Bilirakis in 1994.

Her discussion with us will be explaining how judges are selected. This is a topic that many are confused about.

We look forward to a very informative evening. Hope you will join us there.

Members, non-members invited to annual meeting Jan. 11

The On Top of the World Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club has announced that its annual meeting will take place Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, from 9-11 a.m. at a location to be determined.

Check the workshop for posted updates.

All members are encouraged to attend, as well as non-members who wish to learn more about our club

Fixers, Fiddlers, Fumblers

and its benefits.

The Fixers Club has been a popular club in our community and have a very active membership. Our club has been recognized many times for our toy contributions to various charitable organizations.

At this annual meeting, we will be electing a new president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions is more than welcome to submit their names for nomination and participate in the election process.

We are also looking for individuals to act as shop representatives to help keep the workshop running smoothly.

Potluck Dinner set for Dec. 7

Democratic Club learns a little about charter schools

By Donna Lukas

Big “thanks” are in order to all the people who represented the Democratic Club in the Fall Festival/Senior Expo. It was a great success.

At our table we handed out information about the “Penny for Pinellas” referendum, our November club meeting and passed out an interest survey.

Visitors received a crossword puzzle created by our club vice president. We signed up new members, and had entertaining conversations with both supporters and the opposition.

A fun time was had by all.

In response to our club’s interest in the diversion of money going to charter schools, the guest speaker at our November meeting was Pinellas County School Board Member Joanne Lentino.

Charter schools are public schools that operate under a performance contract, or a “charter,” which frees them from many regulations created for public schools while holding them accountable for academic and financial results.

In addition to describing different types of charter schools, Joanne gave us some information on differences between them and regular public schools.

She said, charter schools can target students in specific age, location and population groups. Charter schools must comply with the Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code, but are



Democratic Club

exempt from state compliance for educational facilities.

Public schools were opened as shelters during Hurricane Irma, but charter schools were not.

We will not have our usual club meeting in December, but we will be holding our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner instead. This event will take place from 3-6 p.m. on the first Thursday, Dec 7, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The club will provide beverages, adult and other, as well as plates, cups and plastic utensils. Please bring the necessary utensils for the dishes you bring to share.

If you missed the November meeting, you can still sign up for the dinner. You can RSVP to Donna at 727-460-4123. If you get the answering machine, be sure to leave your name, phone number and the food item you will bring to share



Pinellas County School Board Member Joanne Lentino was the guest speaker of the Democratic Club in November.

at the potluck dinner. We need to know the number of expected attendees in order to plan.

Best wishes for happy celebrations of Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Festivus.

If you want to study German stamps, you can search for a local dealer or just go to Germany

By Jim Sundberg

Can you imagine spending the entire summer in Europe forming a relationship with local stamp collectors?

How about learning their generational history through letters and private collections of stamps (Briefmarken in German)?

This past summer I sat in on several stamp club meetings in Germany and I believe I was their first American visitor each time.

These club meetings were held in the back of a Greek restaurant on Sundays at 9 a.m. To my surprise, the beverage of choice was good German beer.

Why not!

It fit into the numerous festivals that we attended every weekend.

As luck would have it, we were able to communicate with the help of Fridolin Altweck, a local historian, and Hermann Ochaba, who grew up in this region. These gentlemen assisted me in acquiring many outstanding postal materials and stories that even some Germans didn’t know about.



Stamp Collectors

Traveling through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, I was able to return to Florida with an entire box of show and tell acquisitions for our 2018 meetings.

I can’t wait to share them with the On Top of the World Stamp Club.

Come as often as you can.



Jim Sundberg, left, sits in during a recent stamp collectors meeting. Jim has attended many stamp meetings in his life, but this one took place in Germany.

Meeting dates and times will be published in the next OTOW newspaper. I will also be posting flyers on all your

building bulletin boards.

Keep an eye out. You won’t be disappointed.

Holiday lights photos will be taken by the OTOW News staff this year. No need to call us.

Rehearsals are back in the East Activity Center and showtime is only a few months away



By Sue Calinski

Here we are at the final edition of 2017 On Top of the World News. It has been an eventful year for the Jesters!

Due to the long-term closure of the East Activity Center, we temporarily held our rehearsals at VFW Post 2550 in Dunedin. The Jesters send a huge "thank you" to all of the new friends we made there, and want them to know that we will miss their hospitality and support.

The Jesters are very grateful to be back at home!

The remodeling in the auditorium is now finished, complete with a new sound booth, new floors, a new stage and many other improvements. The work is a great improvement and the new EAC is definitely a must-see!

Now that we are back in OTOW territory, the Jesters are going at full-speed to bring you the best show ever in February! While we have a bit of lost time to make



Vicky Portsmouth, Lillian Foy, Richard McMillan, Georgia Nolati and Tom Portsmouth rehearse a scene for the upcoming Jesters production.

up, no worries. We will be at peak form by showtime. Creativity is running high, both on stage and behind the scenes.

As the show progresses, so does our excitement for being able to bring you another fun and memorable evening of entertainment!

"Oh What a Night!" is guaranteed to bring you lots of surprises, revive some old memories and provide plenty of belly

laughs.

Focusing on the 1960s and 1970s, can you guess what might be highlighted in the inimitable Jester style?

Show dates are Feb. 9 and 10, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for the low, low price of only \$5!

You can purchase tickets at the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings from

8 until 10:30 a.m. or through any of your Jester friends. Also remember that tickets make excellent gifts for those hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives on your holiday list!

Show time will be here before you know it, so be sure to get your tickets soon!

Don't miss out on this whopper of miscellany and hilarity!

Next year's show will contain a big dose of Broadway favorites

By Brenda and Rick McLauchlan

Theater Workshop is the oldest club at On Top of the World (OTOW).

Club President Will Peterson says it provides, "productions that simulate a Broadway experience, through a talented cast, resulting in dazzling performances that will have you always wanting more!"

This is Will's third year as president of the club, bringing his vast professional experience to OTOW audiences.

Will started performing when he was just 8 years old and his professional repertoire includes, opera, musical comedy and drama.

In addition to performing, he has lent

his talents to writing. Will is a perpetual student, always learning, and especially learning, about life, people and bringing life to the stage.

This year's production, directorial and musical team has created a "Tribute to Musical Theater."

The show will be presented on stage at the East Activity Center, or as we like to call it, "off off off Broadway" from March 9 through 11.

Tickets are available at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Auditions for the 2018 production have been held and an amazing cast has

been assembled. These local musical artists, some possibly from your own building, will transport you to New York's Broadway and London's West End. These artists will engulf you, the audience, in life experiences, expressed in music such as we have seen and heard in *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Les Misérables* and *Oliver*.

We invite you to look for future articles about our March production. It will highlight members of the cast and production team and uncover the talent that exists here in our own center for musical theater at On Top of the World.



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Winter is a busy season for shows, food, picnics and more ... stop by the Italian-American table



Italian-American Club

By MaryAnn Fontaine

It is hard to believe Christmas will be here soon.

In November, 40 people attended the Italian-American Club's Ice Cream Social and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

We didn't have stand up bingo, as we couldn't get to our locker, but now that the East Activity Center is reopened, things we will be back to normal.

Coming up is our annual spaghetti dinner, and as of this writing, it looks like we will have a good turnout.

We will have our Christmas brunch on Dec. 3 at the Clearwater Country Club. We look to have a good turnout for that, too.

On Jan. 24, 2018, we will have a Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner, cooked by Mama Felice, and as everyone knows she does a great job giving us plenty to eat. Cost is \$14 for members and \$16 for non-members.

Music will be by Bill Post, so wear your dancing shoes to help wear off the



We had a good group for our club's ice cream social in November. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream and toppings. All our events for this winter season are listed in the article below.

calories from eating all the spaghetti and trimmings!

On Feb. 2 we will be going to Tampa Bay Downs for its buffet and horse races. The \$23 cost includes buffet and program. Betting is on your own, so good luck to everyone.

On Feb. 21, we will have a sub party. Sandwich choices are ham and cheese, Italian or tuna. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 nonmembers. Dinner will be followed by a Night At The Races, which everyone enjoys, so bring your dollar bills.

On March 21 is our St Joseph Dinner Dance with stuffed shells, meatballs and all the rest of great food from Mama Felice.

April 6 is our picnic at Phillippe Park, Shelter 2. Cost is \$10 with our usual picnic

food. We will have special afternoon races at the park.

On April 18, we will end the season with pizza with a choice of sausage, peppers, pepperoni, cheese or vegetarian. Cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

This winter season, we will also be going to the Hudson Dinner Theater.

We will see a show on Dec. 17 called "A DooWop Christmas."

Feb. 4 is Pippin the Musical.

March 18 is "Unexpected songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Rogers & Hammerstein."

April 29 will be "Menopause the Musical." Girls, get your tickets as soon as possible as we will be laughing and re-

membering past times.

Tickets must be purchased 30 days in advance. Cost of \$50 includes buffet, show, tax and tip.

On Dec 23, we will be seeing "Sister Christmas Catechism" at Capital Theater for \$41. Usually tickets must be purchased 30 days in advance, but I may still get them till Dec.7.

We also sell group tickets to Ruth Eckerd Hall, but the number of shows is too many to list here. Stop by our tickets table, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., for information.

The first show is "Salute To Vienna" on New Year's Eve starting at 8 p.m.. Cost is \$40. Tickets must be purchased 30 days in advance.



Wendy Colquhoun, left, with her student, Jane Treggett.

Art Guild holiday party Dec. 8

By Pat Landgraf

The Art Guild kicked off its exciting new year of activities on Nov. 10.

We meet the second Friday of each month in the East Activity Center Art Room from 1-3 p.m.

At our last meeting, we welcomed several new art enthusiasts with an attendance of 20 for our first session.

We featured Wendy Colquhoun, who makes jewelry and teaches Chinese brush painting.

On Dec. 8, Art Guild will host its holiday party from 1-3 p.m. All attendees are invited to bring an original, completed creation. Don't just think painting. All of your creations are welcome.

Voting by secret ballot will determine the Artist of the Month award. We



Art Guild

will enjoy a pot-luck lunch to celebrate the holidays. Bring a salad or covered dish.

On Jan. 5 our presenter will be Bob Sibley, who is a long-time resident at

OTOW and has had his work on display at many of our past art shows. His geometric artwork has a mystical, spellbinding appeal. We are looking forward to his presentation.

Melissa Miller-Nece instructs in oil, acrylics and colored-pencil paintings at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (summa cum laude) from Lake Erie College in Ohio and is president of the Colored Pencil Society of America. Melissa will be our demonstrator for February.

One of our new members, Rosemarie Lugg, is preparing a new class to be called "Paint and Enjoy" for presentation in the spring. More information will follow as plans finalize.



Canadian Club Christmas party set for Dec. 15

By Brenda McLauchlan

Canadian Club Social Games kicked off their weekly activities at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in November with Blackout in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The club supported the Senior Expo /Fall Festival to greet new members and distribute information about our club.

Then, new and returning members gathered on Registration Night and enjoyed the opportunity to sign up for Marathon Bridge on Thursdays, a Day at the Races on Jan. 19, our Club Golf Tournament on Feb. 11 and a Blue Jays game in March.

Members heard plans for the season's



three dinner dances: Christmas on Dec. 15, Canada Day in the USA on Feb. 1 and Spring Fling on March 1.

The club membership finished Registration Night with a wine and cheese social, where past friendships were renewed,

and new ones were initiated.

Many On Top of the World Canadian Club members will still be arriving during December. It is important to make sure you get your OTOW Activity Card validated for this season. The Community Service Office is open 8:30 a.m.-noon or 12:30-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Activity Card is necessary to join any clubs, including the Canadian Club, as well as to participate in available activities, such as the pool and golf courses. 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.

The Canadian Club's Christmas season will peak with our Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec. 15 in the East Activity Center auditorium at 5 p.m. Tickets went on sale at the EAC on Nov. 30 and will remain available until Monday, Dec. 11.

December is traditionally a month of family celebrations. As our members across OTOW gather here, or head home to celebrate, the Executive Board of the Canadian Club sends our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, including safe travels for all.

See you in 2018.

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Pictured above are some of the displays from the Flea Market/Craft Show in November. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Good Neighbors' busiest season is called November



By Jim Bjorgo
The Good Neighbors Association just completed one of its busiest months in recent years.

First, we participated in the annual Fall Festival and debuted the new look of our food court. We had an expansive canopy over the serving area. Before the day was done, we sold out all our "hot dawgs," meatball subs and only had one donut left. As usual, our 50/50

raffles went very well.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, we conducted our first Get Acquainted Coffee in the newly renovated East Activity Center auditorium. Nearly 200 people attended. What a wonderful feeling it was after taking three months off for renovations. TOTA Music and Theater Conservatory provided the entertainment and they were outstanding. We hope to have them back next year.

On Nov. 11, we con-

ducted our annual Flea Market and Craft Show. We had a packed house with more than 60 crafters and vendors. This was the second straight time we sold out this event.

Shoppers to the show were in line at 10 a.m. and piled in all morning. Once again, our new-look food court was a success and we sold all our food.

We thank all the crafters and vendors who participated and all the shoppers for their sup-

port.

I would like to say a special "Thank you" to all the volunteers who helped the Good Neighbors Association with these events. Without you, we could not have accomplished all the tasks that needed to be done to make these events possible. My sincere thanks to all of you.

Please note, our December Get Acquainted Coffee will be the first Thursday of the Month

instead of the second Thursday. The event will be Dec. 7, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Please stop in for a free cup of coffee and donut. Entertainment will be provided by the Tampa Bay Ukelele Society. We will also have election of new board members, who will take over the first of the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2017 successful for the Good Neighbors Association.



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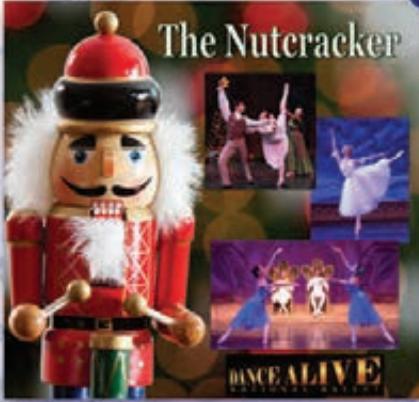
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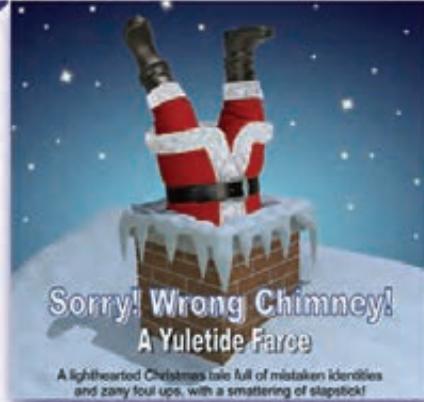
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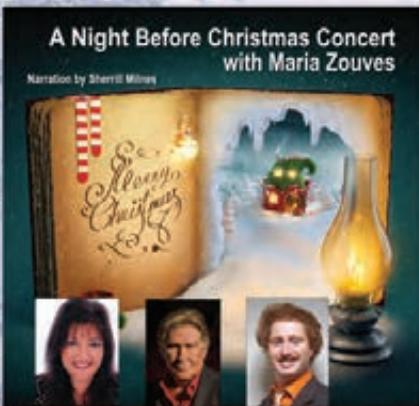
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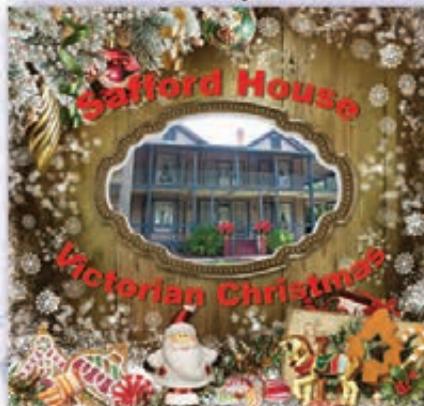
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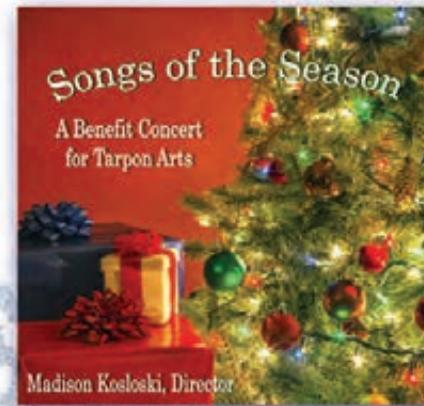
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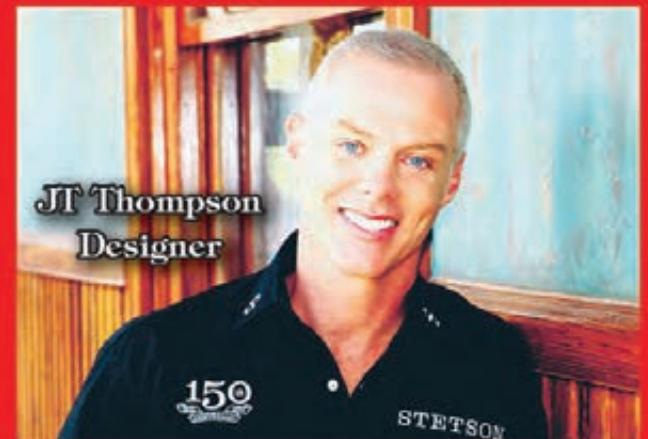


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New York - New Jersey Club



The first dinner dance in the newly-renovated East Activity Center auditorium was hosted by the New York-New Jersey Club on Nov. 15. The event featured good food, music and even some dancing. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Did you miss out on bringing a gift for “Kimberly Home” to the New York New Jersey Club’s “Harvest Dreams Dance” in November?

If so, please feel free to bring your gift to our club’s sales table on either Monday or Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center.

That Harvest Dream Dance was the first dinner/dance held in the newly renovated East Activity Center auditorium. It featured dinner by Felice/MaMa’s and featured ham, turkey, stuffing, sweet potato dessert and music by “Carlo.”

A good time was had by all!

At the dinner, the club installed the recently re-appointed officers:

President Patrick Hayes, Vice President Gene Amature, Treasurer Ron Gartner, Secretary Jane Lee and Assistant Treasurer Marge Sutton.

On Thursday Jan. 11, 2018, the club will host its “Annual Indoor Picnic” at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center. The menu will include half of a chicken (rotisserie-style) plus salads, soda, coffee, water and dessert.

The entertainment for the picnic will

be a “Holiday Show” by the “Rocking Red Hats,” who previously preformed for us last spring. These performers put on a wonderful show with singing, dancing, singing-a-longs and plenty of jokes! They are not your average Red Hats and they brought the house down on their last visit.

Tickets are only \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

On Wednesday Feb. 14, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center, the club

will host a “Valentines Dinner/Dance.”

We will celebrate with “Italian Food Night” catered by Felice, including chicken parmigiana, penne alla vodka, anti-pasta salad, tossed salad, bread and butter and their famous apple cobbler. Coffee and ice will be provided.

Music for the evening will be provided by “Denise with a Twist.” Tickets are on sale now \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.

On Thursday, March 22, 2018, at

5:30 p.m., we will host our ever popular “Strawberry Fling.” Our volunteers will fill your plates with pound cake, Plant City strawberries and whipped cream. The Gibbs High School Jazz Band will delight you with its presentation of both Big Band and Jazz music. Tickets are for members only and are only \$4.

Annual membership to our club is just \$5 and if you purchase membership in December, it will include all of 2018.

A little holiday humor for those feeling bah humbug this year

There are three stages in a man’s life.

One, he believes in Santa Claus.

Two, he does not believe in Santa Claus.

Three, he wishes he was Santa Claus.

What is the most popular Christmas carol sung in a desert?

“Camel ye Faithful.”

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

How does Santa really make reindeer fly?

Red Bull. It gives them wings.

Dear Santa, Please get my gift list correct this year.

I want a plump bank account and a slim body.

Last year you gave me a slim bank account and a plump body.

Please don’t mix them up again.

Why is Santa allowed to spend his vacation in Miami.

He has a claus in his contract.

Why did the Grinch go to the liquor store on Christmas Eve?

He was trying to get in the holiday spirits.

Who is a child’s favorite king?

Stocking.

What transportation do elves ride at the North Pole?

I-Cycles.

What does Santa bring bad children on Christmas?

Batteries. Toy not included.

What body part are you supposed to show your spouse on Christmas day?

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OTOW residents felt like they were the celebrities during recent Nashville trip



By Tom Jamrozy

Everyone who is a country music fan should go to Nashville and see the Grand Ole Opry.

That is what 44 members of the Travel Club did recently.

We had an exciting trip, thanks to Terri and Dick Mikszenas, our group leaders, Fritz Fuchs, our wonderful driver, and Diane Campbell, our destination coordinator for Diamond Tours.

We had dinner at the Aquarium Restaurant, a unique place with our seats surrounding a giant aquarium.

We had a guided, back-stage tour of the Grand Ole Opry and saw stars' dressing rooms, the gallery, post office and Studio A, where various shows were shot.

We stood in the Ryman Theater circle, where performers from long ago, stood for their performances and had their photos taken. It is still done today.

We toured the Country Music Hall of Fame, Music Walk of Fame Park, and had time to enjoy downtown Nashville.

Our line dancing members went to the Wild Horse Saloon, a three-story tall line dance club, where they showed off their skills.

Some members were lucky and met Kellie Picker and were filmed in one of her future videos.

The Grand Ole Opry had several performers while we were there and the headliner was the Charlie Daniels Band, which was fantastic. They had a dance contest that Dick Mikzenas was chosen for and he won first place.

A guided tour of downtown Nashville took place with Vonda Bush, a friend



Pictured above are some of the On Top of the World travelers who recently visited Nashville. This photo was taken on the steps of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. (Photo was taken by Laura McGrover)

of the stars, and a historian. The tour included the Ryman Theater, the original Grand Ole Opry, the Parthenon (a replica of the original), Taylor Swifts' penthouse and ended with Honky Tonk Row with recording studios and clubs.

Most of the performers there work for tips only, hoping to be discovered.

We went to the Opryland Hotel, where we road Delta Flat Boats inside the hotel atrium. The hotel was beautifully

decorated for the holidays.

We visited The Inn at Opryland for a dinner show with Dave and Daphne and joined another Diamond Tour group in town from Ohio. Dick Mikzenas led the group in singing "God Bless America."

We toured the Belle Meade Plantation, and a horse-breeding plantation with winery, stables, and grounds.

We toured the Johnny Cash Museum. We attended the Nashville Nightlife

Dinner Theater and had a great dinner with a music and comedy show.

We stopped at Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn., and road an Incline Railway, a two mile trip up a mountain, where we could view six states.

On the motorcoach, we watched videos, played bingo, answered trivia questions, and sang and chatted with friends.

It was a great trip that I will remember for a long time.

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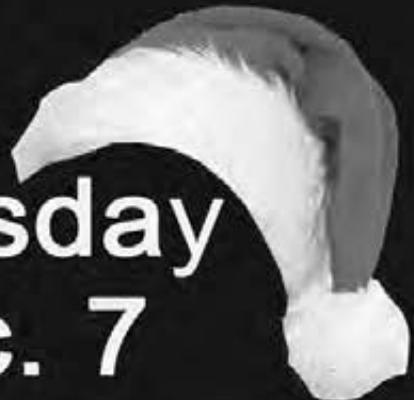
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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Visit us in the East Activity Center auditorium 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for tickets and information for the remainder of the 2017 schedule and the exciting 2018 schedule.

All shows and dances feature reserved tables and seats, and BYOB. We provide coffee and ice.

“Sequel Holiday Show” is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. This show celebrates the magic of the Holiday Season as Sequel brings you all your favorite holiday classics in their trademark Las Vegas style!

From Rosemary Clooney and Bing Crosby’s “White Christmas” to Trans-Siberian Orchestra, this show has something for everyone!

Who knows, the Big Man himself might even show up!

“Holiday Bash Dance” is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. featuring “The Retros Band.” Come dance and enjoy the festive holiday season with your On Top of the World friends and neighbors.

On Thursday, Dec. 21, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the EAC auditorium at 2:30 p.m. after traveling from the North Pole. Come and bring children of all ages to enjoy Christmas Carols and refreshments presented by Good Neighbors. All children will receive a gift from Santa. There will be photo opportunities. No tickets are required for this event! It is free!

“New Year’s Eve Dance” is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. Music is provided by “Flashback.”

Welcome in 2018 at midnight with champagne. At this time there are a few tickets still available in the Starlite Room. The auditorium is sold out.

If you have purchased tickets for any of the canceled shows and dances scheduled in September and October, visit us regarding a refund, or exchange your tickets for another upcoming show or dance for 2017 and 2018.

Tickets and information are available at the following sources: Call (727) 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

For schedule information, view TV channels 98.1 and 732; call or visit the Community Service Office in the EAC; check the bulletin boards in the EAC, West



One month after getting postponed due to East Activity Center renovations and Hurricane Irma, ‘Abbasolutely’ finally made its On Top of the World debut in early November. Not only did the group sing well-known Abba songs, but also other hits from the ‘70s.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

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Also, go to Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and look for the Entertainment Committee link.

The Entertainment Committee thanks each of you for your support and we look forward to greeting you at our next event. The fun continues.....be part of it!



US Open national champions are members of On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club

By Bob Laplante

On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club is proud to announce two world champions.

Sandy Wall and Cathy Mills, both OTOW residents, were one of 42 teams which competed in the US Open for Lawn Bowls in mid-November.

Sandy and Cathy, both representing Canada, took first place in Women's Pairs. They posted a 5-0 record.

The tournament was held in Sarasota.

"This is a premier event with players coming from as far away as Brazil and Argentina," said OTOW Lawn Bowls Reporter Bob Laplante. "A number of OTOW residents played. More will be reported in the next issue of the OTOW News."

Lawn Bowling is a great sport for active seniors. The physical demands are not onerous and can easily be handled by the

Lawn Bowling

vast majority of OTOW residents.

Eye-hand coordination and consistency are most important, and can be picked up by new players very quickly. To see if individuals would enjoy the game, the club offers free introductory lessons.

In addition, the club will hold a number of open-houses to permit residents to play a modified game to experience bowling with a quick introduction to the principles of the game.

The first open house will be on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. Alternatively, stop by at the greens any morning and leave your name and contact information to set up an introduction to the game. All you need is a current activity card and foot-

wear that has no heels nor deep treads as they will leave indents in the surface of the rinks.

Hurricane Irma caused a great deal of devastation to the area, but thanks to the foresight of Sidney Colen, the visionary who developed our community, he built OTOW with materials that can withstand severe weather.

He also created a maintenance schedule that addresses many problems before they occur.

Full credit also has to be given to the current Board and employees, who did remarkable work during and after the storm. Bowlers feared that the facilities would not be serviceable for some time, but the greens and other facilities were able to be used with only regular maintenance by the club members.

Congratulations to all who contributed to this success.

Lawn Bowling is underway at OTOW with regular games held each day at 9:30 a.m., unless a special game or tournament is scheduled on that date.

Any member wishing to play, need only show up 15 minutes prior to start time to permit the formation of the teams.

By having teams determined by random draw, new players as well as the most experienced players, get to enjoy the game as a personal challenge as well as a team event.

The first social tournament, followed by a luncheon, will be our Holiday Bowl, held on Friday, Dec. 8 at 9 a.m.

For special tournaments, members must sign-up ahead of time to assist in determining the number of rinks required and the cut-off that will permit full teams being available. Similarly, sign-up sheets are posted for all luncheons so that the coordinator can provide adequate food.

Nine-hole golf league sees membership increase

By Ginny Chilcote

For the second year in a row, the Senior Expo proved to be a great way for the Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association to connect with others interested in joining our group.

No doubt this was due to the enthusiasm and effort by those helping at the event, including Wendy Colquhoun, Marge Sivek, Marge Olsen, Anne Jarvis, Romy Brady and Carroll Harris.

Thanks to them, we already have two new golfers working on their handicaps and a couple more who should be joining us soon.

Ladies 9 Hole

Congratulations to Chris Scarpato who won the raffle for the golf-themed three-piece canister set.

On Nov. 14, the first general meeting of the season was conducted by President Carroll Harris, who welcomed our new members: Leora Hamm, Carole Pittenger, Linda Slingerland, Lois Van de Bogart and Paula Rainville.

This year's officers were also acknowledged: Carroll Harris, president; Gilda

Gambacurta, vice president; Linda Graff, treasurer; and Ginny Chilcote, secretary.

Other positions included: Karen Johnson, birdies; Marge Jacobs, ringers; Marge Jacobs and C.C. Shaughnessy, Little House; Mary Ann O'Neil and Wendy Colquhoun, handicaps and weekly awards; Ann Stewart, social; and Wendy Colquhoun, directory.

Kathy Ahrens volunteered to update our association's Webpage on the Box Office and Nancy Schifferle agreed to write for the newspaper.

Gilda Gambacurta announced that there will be golf clinics with PGA pro-

fessional Paul Sylvester on Nov. 29 and Dec. 13. Topics include short game, putting, and getting out of the sand. Anyone interested should contact Gilda.

Carroll Harris reviewed rules with the group and reminded ladies to bring their rules book to all meetings.

Ann Stewart informed the group that the holiday luncheon will be held on Dec. 7 at the Bon Appetit restaurant in Dunedin at noon. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the Little House.

Anyone having questions about joining our group should contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684.



No holiday lights contest this year

On Top of the World News photographers will be out and about taking holiday lights photos in December.

You do not have to call to schedule a photo time.

Photos will be taken of any unit beautifully lit up.

All photos taken will be aired on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732 throughout the holiday season.



Thursday, Feb. 13

Any resident who golfs can join annual Jack & Jill

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League announces their annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.

A rain date of Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, has been set, but the ladies are hoping the weather cooperates.

This popular event will feature not only 18 holes of golf, but lunch for all participants and prizes for the top couples.

The competition in the past has been stiff and many of the golfing couples, who have won in the past, will return this year to try and repeat as flight winners.

More information about the tournament will be posted on Jan. 16 on the OTOW Ladies Golf League Website (otowladiesgolf.com) and on the ladies' section of the bulletin board, opposite the golf office/cart rental service area.

Registration will begin Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. Registration will also be on Jan. 30 and Feb. 5.

Teams are comprised of a man and a women, hence Jack & Jill.

You may sign up as a twosome (two-

somes will be paired with another twosome) or a foursome - a foursome can request to sign up on the same registration form and handed in with payment for all participants.

A completed registration form and payment must be handed in together.

There will be a shotgun start at 8:30. The format is a two person, Jack & Jill, alternate shot and the cost is \$20 per couple.

So all you Jills, get your (Jack) partnership formed now, and join us for a day of fun and friendship.

Everyone with an up-to-date OTOW Activity Card is eligible to play in the Jack & Jill Tournament. You do not have to belong to a league, however, if you do not have an authorized league handicap, from league play, you will receive a zero handicap (women and/or men).

Please sign up early as this tournament is well attended and we want you to join in the fun. If you have questions, please contact Chairperson Terry Kuplen at 725-3046 or Co-Chairperson Sheila Menielly at 723-9470. Come and join us. It is always a fun tournament.

Jack & Jill Golf Tournament



Tuesday, Feb. 13

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Register in person on Jan. 23, Jan. 30 or Feb. 7 from 7:45-8:45 a.m. at the golf course Greenhouse. Groups of 4 or 8 can play together but must pay at the same time during registration.

This is a handicap tournament.

Visit otowladiesgolf.com to download a registration form.

Call 725-3046 or 723-9470 for more information.

Christmas brunch set for Dec. 6 and sand trap/pitching clinic scheduled for Dec. 13



Pictured above are Becky West, president, Gloria Sayer, vice president, April Glenn, secretary, and Sharon Hackenmiller, treasurer.

By Pat Cassidy

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League season opened Oct.3.

The Snowbirds were welcomed back and we all learned to play on our restored course.

Our first general meeting was held after golf on Nov. 7 with a delicious pizza and salad lunch.

New members Suellen Dowe, Vera Lundgren and Gwen Wires, and returning members Donna Smerz and Ada Bryant, were recognized.

In an effort to encourage membership, flyers were given out to be posted on building bulletin boards.

Once a month we will play a tournament. On Nov 14, we played "Criers." The tournament score determined three winners in each flight. Their real score was entered into the computer so that handicaps will not be affected.

The next golf clinic will be Dec 13, with sand trap and pitching featured. Space is limited so call me, 725-2187, if you want to attend.

Maureen Stewart and Fran Zaloski told us that since sand traps on holes Nos. 8 and 12 are unplayable, they are a free lift. If your ball goes beyond the fence on hole

Ladies 18 Hole

No. 6, it may be brought back and played no closer to the hole sideways without penalty

Karen Oshona gave out copies of her audit. Members are urged to submit a separate receipt for reimbursement.

The Christmas Brunch will be Dec 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center. Since there will not be a Charity Tournament this year, Becky urged that everyone be extra generous to the Sharing and Caring collection conducted by Terri Mikszenas.

Nov 14		
Flight A	Gina Yoon	61
	Becky West	63
	Donna Osborne	64.5
Flight B	Jackie Dolan	60
	Nancy Lo	64
	K.Satterlee, Cindy Schell	65.5
Flight C	Suellen Dowe	63.5
	Joan Yorkey	66
	Gail Ducharme	67



SPORTS

Christmas tournament and elections highlight December

Men's Golf League

Members of the Men's Golf Association are reminded that the annual Christmas tournament and party will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

This is a four-person scramble.

Start time is 8:30 a.m.

After the tournament will be a holiday party. You may invited your favorite lady friend to join you.

Election of officers will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Lester Whynot, the president elect, will take over on Jan. 1, 2018.

Three positions need to be filled: president-elect for 2019, secretary and treasurer.

Next year, our annual meeting will be first on the agenda. The meeting will take place Jan. 9 in the West Activity Center. Refreshments will take place.

A regular tournament will take place on Jan. 17. Start time is 8:30 a.m. Adult beverages, soft drinks and water will be available.

The Men's Golf Association Club Championship will take place Feb. 7-8. There is no league play. You must sign up in advance to play and you must participate in both days.

Low gross will be the 2018 Club Champion. Low net will be the low net champion.

Rain date is Feb. 14-15.

Our league has finished its first month on the renovated golf course. The changes have been great. A job well done by all those involved.

The annual awards luncheon will take place on March 7 at noon in the East Activity Center auditorium. No league play on this day. Cost is \$8.

League champions will receive league golf shirts.



Pictured above are the winners from the Guys and Dolls Tournament. From left to right are the third place team of Jackie Woloszyn and Vic Ruggiero; the first place team of Donna Smerz and Phil Smerz; and the second place team of Carole Lacey and Bill Barrett.

Holiday dinners and shuffleboard have one thing in common - you don't want to be stuck in the kitchen

By Bob Rittner

As happens every year, although we lose some players who do not return to On Top of the World, we gain new people who quickly become adjusted to the game.

New players are always welcome and our club members are always welcome to help them learn the basics. Improving and refining skills makes the game increasingly more interesting and fun.

We are now using five to six courts each time we play, and anticipate spilling over to the old courts to accommodate all our members.

Shuffleboard

Hot Shots: In a dazzling display of shuffleboard virtuosity, Phyllis Williams, in her last round, put two discs in the 10 spot and the other two in the eight.

Elaine Ellis eluded a block to knock her opponent's disc out of the eight and into the kitchen behind a block.

Dave Purcell mirrored Elaine's achievement except that he knocked his

opponent out of the 10.

Newcomer Butch Miller demonstrated an aptitude for the game by outscoring his opponent by 23 points after falling behind early.

Rick Helton, down by 30 points with two rounds to go, came back to win by two points, partly by twice putting his opponent in the kitchen.

Phil Henne twice used caroms off two discs to knock himself out of the kitchen and put his opponent in.

Marge Sivek, seeing only a sliver of her disc, eluded a double block to knock it

out of the kitchen.

Angie Helton matched a rare feat by scoring all four discs during one round.

The following people won three games in one day: Phyllis Williams, Bob Rittner, Wayne Litfin, Gary Smith, Donna Smerz, Denise Litfin, Rick Helton, Virginia Butler, Dave Purcell, Rick Champ, Elaine Ellis.

Shuffleboard will stay active until demolition begins for a new outdoor pavilion. Once demolition takes place, shuffleboard season will take a break.



SPORTS

Season starts with great defensive plays

By Bob Rittner

Softball season is underway and you may hear the crack of the bat charging the fall air.

It is a crack, not a ping or a plink or any metallic sound, as our commitment to wood bats continues, bringing us back to our youth and in-line with major league practice.

Blue Jays 8

2nd Time Sports 3

Defensive gems marked this game.

For the Jays, outfielder Charlie Fuller made two spectacular grabs - one a rising line drive and the other a sinking liner that he caught with his glove on the ground.

Eddie Ramirez, at third base, stopped a number of hot shots which he flung across the diamond for outs.

Middle infielder Jim Tiano scooped a series of up-the-middle-grass-huggers for force outs.

For 2nd Time Sports, the combination of Guy Bertuzzi at shortstop and Bill Bennett at third base gobbled up sharply hit grounders, and Guy smoothly backpedaled to snare a high popup.

The Jays offense prevailed as Lenny

Softball

Segall hit the season's first homer, scoring standing up. (Of course, we never slide so standing up is the norm, but we do occasionally fall down. Remarkably, we usually get up afterward.)

Lenny was 6-for-6 while teammates Bill Lepping, Jim Tiano and Eddie Ramirez each had four hits. Jim hammered a triple.

For 2nd Time Sports, Henry Zussman tripled while Roger Hebelier smacked four hits, including a double, in his first game this season.

2nd Time Sports 8

Blue Jays 3

In a score reversal, defense again was the story.

2nd Time Sports first baseman Bob Stoddard and his counterpart Ray Woolsey scooped and stretched to ensure outs. The third base/shortstop tandems of Lenny Segall and Allan Bendert, Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Bennett leapt for liners, gobbled up hard grounders and overcame

bad hops to seal off the infield. And outfielder Charlie Fuller snatched a missile already behind him to thwart a home run. Jim Tiano cut off a ball headed for at least a double and relayed in quickly to hold the runner at first.

The offensive star was Guy with six hits that included three doubles.

A 5-3 score held until the eighth when 2nd Time Sports scored three and then ended the ninth with a doubleplay from Lenny to Joe Maley to Bob, the third double play of the game.

Blue Jays 4

2nd Time Sports 3

Credit this wonderful game to the wood bats that keep scoring down and emphasize the importance of good defense.

There was no score through four innings until the Jays' Charles Fuller drove in Joe Maley, who had launched a double to the fence.

2nd Time Sports countered with two runs, then fell behind 4-2, until a Henry Zussman triple drove in Bob Stoddard with one out.

But a strikeout and groundout with

the tying run on third ended the nail-biter.

Standouts in the field included Joe Maley, who snagged a twisting short hop at first, Charles Fuller and Roger Hebelier who each grabbed tough liners in the outfield, and third baseman Eddie Ramirez whose long, strong throw just nabbed a speedy runner at first.

2nd Time Sports 12

Blue Jays 10

Down 7-1 in the fifth inning, the Jays rallied to go up by one run only to see 2nd Time Sports score three in the ninth for the win.

2nd Time Sports heroes included Joni Edwall (four hits with six RBI), Rick Champ (four hits with a triple in his first at bat of the season) and Lenny Segall, Guy Bertuzzi and Ray Woolsey (each with four hits including extra base knocks).

The Jays were led by Dan Puopolo's four hits, including a homer, and Jim Tiano with four hits. Dan's return allowed us again to marvel at his fielding prowess, particularly his cannon arm that recorded numerous outs.

John Adkins records hole-in-one on first morning of new Thursday Golf League season

Thursday Golf

A new season for the Thursday Golf League started off with a great turnout and the first hole-in-one of the season.

We are happy to see our Snowbird friends returning and we welcomed several new residents. With many new tournaments planned, the new season should prove to be our most interesting.

Our opening contest was won by Bill Cook. Lynne Godfrey was second. Harry Barbin took third placed and also low gross honors. Many skins were taken but the highlight was a hole in one by John Adkins on hole No. 13. Deb Young, David Rodgers, Steve Caffey, Phil Albury, Bill House, Jerry Fugutt and Bill Cook.

The conclusion of off-season play saw Jahn Lawson win week 24. Bob Hunt was second and Warren Levene was third. David Rodgers shot the low gross round and collected one skin. Ron Patham had the only other skin. Long drive winners were Patti Cook, Don Baker and Doug Oleksy. Steve Caffey had the closest to the pin shot.

Week 25 champion was Karen Oshona. Fred Schick finished second and Kate



Players register for morning of golf in the Thursday Golf League. All you have to do is show up and you play.

Satterlee placed third. David Rodgers recorded the low gross round and collected a skin. Mike Kiernan took two skins. Tom Pettit and Jim Keagy had one skin each. Patti Cook, Tom Pettit and Bill Higgins were the long drivers. John Maloof was closest to the pin.

The final week of the off season was won by Tom Pettit. Diane Moxley was second and CJ Messina placed third. Bill Higgins was the low gross winners and collected two skins. Bill House and David Rodgers also collected skins. In the long drive competition Patti Cook, Bill House

and Jim Keagy came out on top. CJ Messina was closest to the pin.

A special thank you to our resident PGA teaching professional, Harry Barbin, who again provided free clinics to all OTOW residents. They were well attended and participants enjoyed Harry's patient teaching style and vast knowledge of the game.

The league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league. You don't have to join to try us out, just show up and you will be welcomed.

Players must sign in between 9:15 and 9:45 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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.

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SPORTS

Unusual characters compete in October tournament

By Penny Page

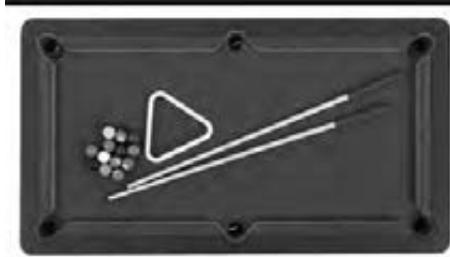
Strange things were happening at the West Activity Center at the end of October.

You would normally see many members of the Que'T Women's Billiards Club gathering for a tournament the last Wednesday of the month, but something very different was occurring that night.

Caution tape was stretched across the viewing windows as a warning of what could be found inside.

When looking for the coach, I found only a strange tall man with a long beard. Beside him was a pumpkin assigning tables for us to play on.

I looked for my friends, but found only strange creatures of the night.



Que'T Billiards

Michael Jackson was there playing against a witch. Bo Peep was playing against Wonder Woman...who was quite a good shooter!

Scarecrow had just sunk the eight

ball and was shaking hands with her opponent, a poor country girl who was "in trouble" and had a sign hanging from her neck saying "I Made A Mistake!"

What an eerie evening, but as usual, all women are encouraged to join us on Wednesday nights.

We are always looking for new members to add to our team. If you have played pool before, you will find us challenging. If you've always wanted to play pool, come and our coaches will help you.

Most of all, let's have fun together!

If you are interested in joining Que'T and have questions, please feel free to contact our president, Becky Balderson, at 727-674-1733 or becky@beckybalder-son.com.



Bo Peep takes aim.

Winter schedule sees A Flight on Mondays and B Flight on Tuesdays



Billiards

The long, hot summer is finally over and boy, it was a hot one!

Cooler weather is a pleasant change.

Most of our Snowbirds have returned, swelling our ranks, and the competition for winter 2018 has begun.

Tournaments reverted to the winter schedule in November, with the A-Division playing Monday nights and the B-Division playing on Tuesday nights.

Every Thursday, we play Scotch Doubles for those that prefer partners, but those games are no less competitive. All Tournaments start at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

Our Holiday Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 13 in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center and everyone is asked to bring a dish; either an entrée, side dish, or dessert, and to sign up early.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. and end at



OTOW Billiards Club

Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13, 6-10 p.m.

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Every member of the pool league is asked to bring a dish and needs to tell a board member by Dec. 11 who is coming and what you are bringing. Entertainment will be provided by Jerry Chase.

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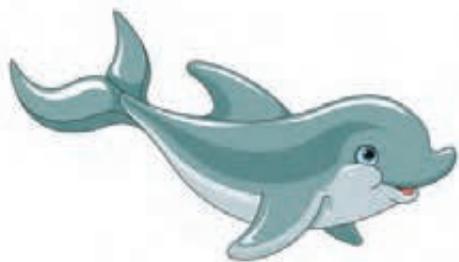
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BUILDING REPORTS



133 attend annual event

Aqua Aerobics show skills out of the water in hosting successful fashion show



Aqua Aerobics

By Irene Pappas

The On Top of the World Water Aerobics Club hosted its annual fall fashion show in November and once again it was a tremendous success.

More than 130 people purchased tickets for the event.

The venue was the Countryside Country Club, which was elegantly decorated. The entrées were all delicious, which included salad and cheese cake.

Thanks to this well-organized fashion show, no one had to go shopping at our neighborly mall. The volunteer models from Water Aerobics and Suncoast Hospice wore beautiful, updated fashions, provided by Suncoast, which also brought in tables of purses, jewelry, scarfs and clothing for purchase. There was a variety of designer purses and apparel to suit everyone's taste. Most items were brand new.

Terri McPherson, her daughter Liz, and Romi Brady gave outstanding advice when it came time to choose clothing to be modeled. Charlotte Smedley was the treasurer and salesperson for the raffle tickets. She donated her time to set up a raffle ticket table and sell fashion show tickets in the West Activity Center for two hours on Thursdays.

Our very own Good Neighbors Association donated a beautiful gift basket, which was awarded in a raffle. Revenue from sold raffle tickets was donated to Hospice.



Pictured above are some of the On Top of the World residents, who recently modeled for an annual fashion show sponsored by the OTOW Aqua Aerobics Club and Suncoast Hospice.

Everyone in attendance received a door prize from Bonefish Grill and there were more than 60 other door prizes, including gift certificates to Sunset Grill and Acropol Restaurant. The grand prize was a piece of artwork, signed by the author, who was in attendance.

During the event, Water Aerobics honored five ladies who taught class over the summer. They were Elsie Jane Anderson, who also teaches during the winter season, Janice Wisinski, Claire Bruyere, Sheila Bolster and Irene Pappas.

A special thank you to all the vol-

unteers, and everyone who attended, for making this show successful. We'll be back next year.

Water Aerobics class takes place 9-10 a.m. weekday mornings in the East Activity Center swimming pool. Please note the pool will be closed in December.

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Fall luncheon draws 20 Viking residents



Pat Ellingham

Viking - 88



A number of Viking residents attended the building's fall luncheon at Benedict's, including Gene and Joanna Barckhoff, the couple in the foreground.

After having our fall luncheon postponed due to the Irma, 20 residents of Viking finally got together at Benedict's Restaurant on Belcher.

It's always a good time to get reacquainted with our neighbors and for residents of the Norwegian side to realize there is another side to the building.

Building Coordinator Pat Drake thanked everyone for coming. We did discuss a Christmas luncheon and asked for suggestions as to a day and place. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Bruce and Joan Hughes were there and told us that they had recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Kris Fuqua was there. She and her husband Mike have been living here since July. Their most recent home was

in Virginia, Minn. They've had interesting careers with the Salvation Army. I hope to have a story about them next year.

Gene and Joanna Barckhoff have been living here for a while, spending equal time at their home in Pittsburgh. Gene said they will be becoming full-time residents here.

Speaking of northern neighbors, Mary and Don Marsden have now returned from their home in Canada. You can see Mary riding her bike everywhere. I think

they finally got tired of putting on snow shoes to take out the garbage!

I want to congratulate my daughter and her husband, Erin and Chris LaBove, for the purchase of a condo in Salem, Mass. Like many homes in the historic district, it is over 150 years old. It does mean she will be spending a couple of hours commuting to and from Harvard every day, but they think it is worth the drive.

Remember, I'm always looking for stories to share in these articles.



Paula Schelling

Bohemia - 47

Building gives thanks in two ways

November is the month which we traditionally give thanks. The Bohemia Building gave thanks twice over when we celebrated, Bohemiafest and Thanksgiving.

Bohemiafest is a festival of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and beer. We rejoice as a building and give thanks for the friendships shared within.

As a part of our celebration we continued our yearly scavenger hunt competition, which is always great fun. This event is another opportunity for the building to contribute canned goods for the local food bank.

Our second celebration of Thanksgiving was with our own families. We want to recognize Carol DeLisle, who for the past several years, has opened her home to our building friends who have no family here and might otherwise be alone.

For the third year in a row, the girls of the building did some early shopping at the Junior League of Tampa's annual Holiday Bazaar held at the Tampa Fairgrounds. It is a great way to get an early start on unusual gifts not found elsewhere.

We want to take this opportunity to salute two of our building's veterans, Sam Betti and Ted Bay, who, on Veterans Day, undertook the restoration of our building's flagpole. What a significant gesture on such a special day, thank you Sam and Ted.

It is official — the holiday season has definitely begun and we wish everyone a happy holiday season.

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Paradise reporter Toni Reinwald, left, and friend Susan Carlson take time out to pose for a quick photo during their recent seven-day Caribbean cruise. (Photo by Dale Smith)

Long-time friends enjoy Thanksgiving cruise

My dear friend, Susan Carlson, has been a friend since the 70's. We have had lots of fun over the years together, and we are now both residents of On Top of the World.

She and her husband, Gary Carlson, and my significant other, Dale Smith, and I decided to take a cruise over Thanksgiving. We enjoyed a seven-night cruise to the Western Caribbean enjoying Key West; Roatan, Honduras; Cozumel, Mexico; and George Town, Grand Cayman. It was a great time for us all. Sue won't let me go into any details — hah!

I would like to welcome back the Snowbirds who have returned to our community. I know many don't return down here until after the holidays.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday and a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year 2018!

I also would like to share with you



that I will no longer be writing for the paper after this issue. I would like to thank those who have contributed to make the Paradise articles special. If you enjoy writing, please consider taking over this position as a Paradise writer.

Have a blessed day in Paradise!



A look back at the OTOW News (December, 1992)

- The next meeting of the Fixers Fiddlers & Fumblers will be Jan. 12, 1993, at 9:30 a.m. Free coffee will be served. Come prepared to discuss any of the things that you feel should be brought before the group and be ready to hear about the many good things that we accomplished during 1992 by working together.
- A Press Association holiday party was scheduled for Dec. 3 in the card room of the East Activity Center. Many and wonderful are our wishes for a true and lasting joy, and peace for all the season.
- It doesn't take more than the thought of a satisfying brat/knockwurst and kraut food-fest to bring out a capacity crowd to our latest monthly meeting of the American-Polish Club. The 74 faithful members were rewarded for their attendance and dues payments by making merry while the club picked up the tab. A most satisfying evening was enjoyed by all.
- The 1992 Christmas Chorus presentation took place on Dec. 12 and 13. Director Louise Kelly, accompanist Gretchen Dangman and organist Isabelle Loudon and all 52 members of the Chorus performed brilliantly, presenting songs of the holiday season to a grateful audience.
- Getting a hole-in-one is everyone's dream in golf. Two of our golfers achieved that goal recently. Mildred Leggett did it on the 9th hole during the Guys and Dolls Tournament in October, 1992, and Shirley True did it on the 13th hole on Nov. 1, 1992. Congratulations to you both!
- Sleighbells ring, are you listening? Stop! Stop all your hustling and busting during these busy days and save Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992, to attend our annual Line Dancing Christmas party. As we did at last year's affair, we will be dancing to Christmas tunes — and what fun that is. President Carol Workman and her vice-president, Victor Figueroa, have planned a joyful affair, including the always popular Grand March.



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Building's holiday party is Dec. 16

It has been awhile since I have reported news at Roman Byzantine. Many of us were traveling, so gathering news was a challenge.

Recent luncheons at the Paradise Grill and the Clearwater Family Restaurant were successful. I heard the food and company were outstanding. It is always nice to have quality time with neighbors to foster friendships.

Some recent Snowbird sightings include Dale and Richard Stackhouse and Barbara Novak.

One of our renters, Rosemary Voltman, is a first time "Grammy" with the birth of a new baby. She traveled to Buffalo for the joyous event and had the additional joy of a snowfall!

Jean Steely's has had a revolving door at her home. All three of her children have visited in the last month.



I took some time to visit New England and the Maryland shore. We had a family reunion of three generations at Ocean City.

Autumn is in full swing with cooler mornings and lovely evenings. Our residents are hitting the courts, links and pool.

Please keep your eyes open for our upcoming Christmas party scheduled at the Tampa Downs Clubhouse on Dec. 16.

The sign-up sheet is posted. Watch for our monthly news gathering sessions as they will begin soon as well.

Now that we have close to a full census in the building, please remember the little things that make good neighbors better. Curb your dog away from the core area, remember that is the front door to our building. Keep our trash room clean and organized, break down your "Amazon" boxes so they fit in the recycling bins. Do not dispose of furniture and household debris in the trash room.

Please keep your eyes open for holiday building chores to get those lights shining and wreaths hung. Many hands make light work.



COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and Danish are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is minimal.

The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at OTOW.

So come visit your activity center and enjoy a cup of coffee at your Coffee Corner!

Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.



Being with family is always special at this time of year

A report and picture of our Viennese Villa holiday party will be in next month's issue of the OTOW News.

Eileen Benfer and a neighbor helped with a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at Sylvan Abbey Methodist. Several other residents joined them. It was a most enjoyable time for one and all.

Eileen also recently hosted friends from Connecticut with travels to St. Pete and surrounding areas.

Sheryll McKay visited California to be with her daughter and family for Thanksgiving. While there, she enjoyed her grandson's birthday and took in a Sharks hockey game.

We made it back just in time for turkey day and were with pals at the Safety Harbor Spa. Their buffet is always bountiful.

Our son Mike will be joining us over the holidays and is planning a photography program at the Seaside Bird Sanctuary down at Indian Shores. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone with a camera to learn some valuable photography tips. The program will be Saturday, Dec. 30, from 1-3 p.m. and is by donation.

While Mike is here he will be celebrating the New Year with his future bride, Colleen, and her parents, the McGarry's of Chicago. We are all looking forward to ushering in 2018 with festivities at the On Top of the World gala New Year's Eve party.



Cheers and wishes to all in December celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, including Charlie Coffman. I do believe Rosalie Borselli celebrates on the 16th. Elaine Power is our New Year's Day birthday gal. A special wish to all.

Well it's almost time to pack things up with a bright bow for another year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you... for news, being such fine friends and neighbors.

Thanks to the OTOW staff, management and maintenance people. Your jobs are not easy. And, of course, thanks to the crew at the newspaper who make our scribbles legible.

I toast you all for good health, peace and happiness in the New Year.

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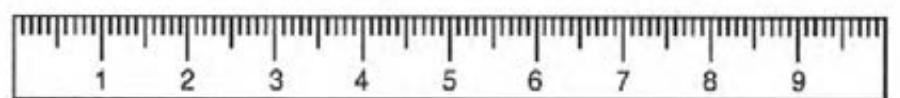
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Austrian Alpine resident finds musical satisfaction with Salvation Army band

Back in Atlanta, Ga., in 2006, Austrian Alpine resident Efrain Toro-Fernandez went to a Salvation Army concert with friends and was blown away by the full brass band. As a result, Efrain, a self-taught flute player, decided to learn to play the coronet.

He asked the bandmaster if he could take lessons. "Sure," replied the bandmaster. "If you don't mind playing with a lot of kids."

Efrain learned quickly from the excellent trumpet player/teacher with the band. A short time later, the bandmaster said, "You're ready to play next week."

From that point forward, Efrain played his coronet with the full brass band at the Lawrenceville Church in Atlanta.

Before retiring, Efrain worked as an electronics engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and served in the Air Force. He and his wife Doris Anes moved to On Top of the World because it was quiet, safe, and close to everything. The couple originally hails from Puerto Rico.

He and Doris enjoy the music and activities of our nearby Salvation Army Clearwater Worship Center on Belcher Road.

"Music is in Efrain's blood," noted Doris. "His whole family loves music; his dad used to sing and play the guitar. All



three of our children learned music."

Efrain and the Clearwater Citadel Band perform at On Top of the World on Easter Sunday every year.

During the month of December, the band will perform two weekends at the Westfield Countryside Mall and at area retirement facilities.

Also, they will perform on Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. for the Christmas Choral Concert and for the Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m., both at the Belcher Road Salvation Army Worship Center (see ad on page 39).

Our holiday party at Rumba Island Bar and Grill on Gulf to Bay Boulevard will be on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4:30. A sign-up list for this event and for the transportation is posted on our bulletin board.



Efrain Toro-Fernandez of the Clearwater Citadel Band is ready to play his coronet for the holidays.

We can order off of the menu and have separate checks. A menu will be posted on the bulletin board as well.

We will set up and decorate our tree in the core on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. We hope to have some helping hands!

Thank you again to all of the wonderful volunteers and friendly neighbors in Austrian Alpine.



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Royal Chateau Christmas dinner is Dec. 6



December! Didn't we just have Easter a few weeks ago? Really, though, every year goes a little faster.

It was good to get back and see everyone. They complained that it was still so hot, but heat doesn't bother me. Don't tell me about all of the snow they're getting up North. I never want to scrape a windshield again.

Last month we had coffee and doughnuts in the core. Benedicts was the restaurant for our November luncheon. We had a good number attend, but we would really like to see more of the new neighbors join us. We love everyone.

The Christmas dinner will be at the Red Lobster Restaurant, the one on U.S. 19 N. in Clearwater, on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship and bring your dollar gift for a game.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. we will be decorating the tree in the core. Now you all know that only a few usually come to help. Why don't you surprise them this year and come join in the fun? We will have coffee and doughnuts and lots of discussions while we work. The more the merrier.

Goodbye, 2017— you have been interesting!

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Nagoya resident is active FEMA reservist

Disasters are devastating. Special people like Nagoya resident Bob Schraeder, help survivors recover.

When we were all boarding up and preparing for the bombarding Hurricane Irma to make her way here in September, Bob kissed his wife, Patti, goodbye and flew off to a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) staging location to await Irma's hit and then find out where he was needed.

Bob has been a FEMA reservist since 2010. His duties have taken him away for weeks and months. He then normally works 12 hours a day for seven days a week.

"It is really a rewarding job," Bob commented. He works in close contact with downhearted people. They often have lost everything. "You get choked up," he said. "Your heart goes out to them." Getting them to help is his team's goal.

Hurricane Sandy beckoned Bob to New Jersey for three months. He traveled from shelter to shelter to sign up homeless survivors to get them into better living conditions.

Hurricane Irene took him directly to the doorsteps of damaged homes. Door to door, he met with distraught residents and guided their registration to get help.

North Carolina welcomed his team



after Hurricane Matthew. Extensive flooding survivors were helped in Texas, Kentucky, and Louisiana. Wildfires in Sacramento called him to California.

Irma landed him in Jacksonville.

Bob has had the responsibility of managing disaster relief centers, which can mean carrying out work from a FEMA mobile unit or setting up in stationary buildings. Sometimes it means moving about and reaching out from libraries, churches, fairgrounds, and fire stations.

He was quick to point out that FEMA arrives only when a state government asks for help. The work of multiple agencies is coordinated in the relief center. Red Cross, small business associations, mental



Nagoya resident and FEMA reservist Bob Schraeder has been deployed to a number of recent natural disasters.

health professionals, ministries, and other supportive groups come on board.

Much training is taken before and during employment with FEMA. "On the job training is the best training," Bob stated. "Your eyes are opened quickly." What was read becomes a reality. "The mission is understood."

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Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of children or grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

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A few of the Granadans at the Bahama Breeze restaurant for the monthly luncheon.

Holiday events include party at Beachcomber

Our monthly luncheon was held at the Bahama Breeze and was well-attended. While we were there, we laid out our plans for the holidays. We will be having our annual holiday party at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Dec. 8, which we have enjoyed for the last several years. Check the board for all details, dates and times.

We will be decorating the core of our building, which several of us call "our lobby." We will again have our sing-a-long outside on the walkway so everyone bring your chairs.

Many of us have club holiday parties and family get-togethers already scheduled and some are going to see family out of town. Whether we are here or not, we all agree it comes around quicker each year and we realize that the older we get, the faster time flies.



Windows open and sunny, pleasant weather, you know the holidays are not far behind, so happy holidays from everyone at the Granada Building.

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New Flamenco reporter hails from New York

Hello everybody. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Austin Murphy and I will be the new building reporter for the Flamenco Building here at On Top of the World.

I have been a Florida resident since January, 2009, having moved down from Hawthorne, N.Y. From 2009 to July 2012, I was a renter at a nearby apartment complex and decided it was time to take the plunge and become a property owner. The opportunity came in July of 2012 here at the Flamenco Building and I am enjoying it very much.

I am involved in various activities at my local church, along with caring for my daughter and family. I am a Notary Public. I enjoy playing guitar, reading, and listening to music, as well as singing karaoke, playing golf and watching baseball.

In some building news, Shirley Crowder and Royetta Runyon recently returned from a seven-day trip to Nashville, Tenn., with the OTOW Travel Club.



They visited the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame and many other attractions.

If you want to share an event or stories about friends and family, please feel free to contact me at 281-6178 or by e-mail at austinmurphy6411@yahoo.com

All stories must be submitted by the 15th of the month, preferably before. I'm looking forward to some exciting news.

Contemporary residents enjoy being with one another

Getting together with neighbors is a wonderful thing. It keeps the communication channels open, allows everyone to meet everyone else, and keeps spirits high. 'Tis the season at the Contemporary!

Karen Phipps is our new Contemporary event coordinator. Welcome, Karen! We had high attendance and a great time last month at our building dinner. We're all looking forward to our Christmas party later this month! Jolly joy!

Several Contemporarians worked together to clear dead brush hiding in hedges and rake up tons of leaves still left from Irma's rampage. That Irma was no lady! Joining me in an exhilarating and intense workout were Jackie Rappolt and the twosome, Jim Fry and Paulette Nelson. Thank you!

By the way, Jim Fry and Paulette Nelson are odd people. It's a fact! They live on the Finlandia Lane side of the Contemporary Building, which contains all the odd people — who live in odd-numbered units, that is.

The Ecuadorian Way side of the Contemporary contains all the even-numbered units. You see?

Speaking of Ecuadorian, here's another odd thing: The delightful and friendly Rafael and Dila De La Paz are from Ecuador, but they live on the Finlandia side. Happy 92nd birthday, Rafael!

I'm always scrounging for quarters to use in the laundry room. Those in the know told me to get together with Mert Roth for quarters. I've done so several times now, and her baggie of change is always full.



I asked her how she managed to acquire so much change. Without a word, she pointed to a chair in her living room. I was still puzzled. From her son when he comes to visit, she said. He sits, he reclines, he sleeps in the chair, and coins fall out of his pockets!

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Contemporary. See you next year!



Contemporarian and avid gardener Jackie Rappolt was among the crew that helped clean up the grounds following Irma.

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Family gathers in the Smokies for reunion



The colorful, wooded, fall foliage of the Great Smokey Mountains called to four generations of the family of Hans and Rosemarie Niewelt as they joined together for a delightful family reunion.

Hans's sister, Brigitte Nawrath, and her daughter, son-in-law and young granddaughter arrived here from their home in Germany for the occasion. Brigitte's granddaughter speaks a lovely, fluent English.

To accommodate the 20 family members, Hans and Rosemarie's daughter, Karen Phillips, arranged to rent a spacious, cozy, six-bedroom cabin in Sevierville, Tenn., surrounded by tall trees teeming with the bright hues of autumn.

Karen and her husband, Phil, traveled from Kentucky, as did her two daughters and their families. Hans and Rosemarie's daughter, Nancy Niewelt, and her partner, Tammi Crawford, came from Illinois. Hans and Rosemarie drove from Clearwater with the rest of the family from Germany.

Hans and Rosemarie grew up in



Hans and Rosemarie Niewelt (center) with their four-generation family at their vacation cabin in Sevierville, Tenn. (Photo courtesy of Hans Niewelt)

Recklinghausen, in the northwest corner of Germany, but didn't know each other. He trained in Germany as a machinist, she as a beautician.

They arrived in the United States about nine months apart from each other in 1955, where they met at an adult English class at a high school in Chicago. They were married in August of 1956, two months after Hans joined the United States Army, where he proudly served for two years.

The couple put down roots in a suburban area of Chicago, where they worked and raised their two daughters.

Our November luncheon, held at Joey's Italian Restaurant in Palm Harbor

was enjoyed by over 30 of our residents and guests. A big thank-you to Joanne Wallend for once again organizing a very successful event.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin boards and above the mailboxes for announcements and more details about our holiday events.

Be sure to sign up for our annual holiday potluck supper, Friday, Dec. 15, in the kitchen/craft room in the East Activity Center from 6-9 p.m.

All of us at the Bavarian Chalet wish you and your loved ones a very joyous holiday season and much happiness and good health for 2018!



Building holiday party is Dec. 12

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Our building has been busy this month.

We want to thank all our neighbors who came to the building meeting in November and stayed to help decorate the building and core. It looks great and it is a lot of fun working together.

Please look for a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help take the decorations down. This will take place on Jan. 6, the Saturday after New Year's. It would be greatly appreciated if we get enough residents to help. This way it won't take long to get everything away.

Many thanks to Sue Pemberton, who organized the building Christmas party, which will be held Dec. 12. We had to confirm by Nov. 15, therefore reservations are now closed.

In January, we will be back to our regular Lunch Bunch schedule. As usual, it will take place on the fourth Tuesday. We will be going to brunch at Tiffany's Restaurant on U.S. 19 in Clearwater. Look for a sign-up sheet in early January.

Our neighbor, Penny Page, recently displayed her art at the Artist Guild of Pinellas. The event was held at Pioneer Park in Dunedin, Florida. Penny was very pleased that the show was successful and she received great feedback from spectators and many successful artists about her paintings.

We wish all our neighbors and their families a wonderful Christmas and New Year's.

Don't forget that I would like to start the New Year with plenty of stories from our neighbors. Our families love to read them.

Espana building officers remain the same

The October pizza party and building meeting was held in the Espana's second floor lobby.

The Espana officers are the same as last year. Les Meneilly is president, Sheila Meneilly is secretary, John Fier is vice-president, and Linda Rice is treasurer.

This year we have a new Sunshine Lady. She is Lilli Scheifen. We thank Ellen Fier for all the work she did as the past Sunshine Lady, which also included posting the dates of our residents' birthdays and anniversaries.

The Espana no longer has wing captains. For those of you who don't know what a wing captain is, he or she tells the building officers what is happening on their wing, such as a resident going to the hospital so that the Sunshine Lady can send a card from the building. He or she also informs the building reporter as to a new resident so they can be introduced to you all.



Since there are no longer wing captains, I am asking all the Espana residents to please call me when someone new moves in so that I can interview them for our paper. I thank you for your assistance; otherwise I would have no way of knowing when we have a new resident.

We have a new resident on the second floor of the north wing. Bruce Laramee comes from Cambridge, Mass. He retired July 1 as a registered nurse. Bruce has a 10-year-old "puppy," a Jack Russell terrier named Maggie. Maggie is adorable and very friendly. I told her that I will have some cookies for her when she passes my door. She smiled.

The Christmas party will be held Dec. 4 at the Countryside Country Club, and by now you will have signed the attendance sheet. Each month my article must be presented to the editor of the On Top of the World newspaper no later than the 15th of the previous month. As of Nov. 15, I have no other knowledge about the Christmas Party. I will give you all the party info and who helped with the Christmas decorations in my January article.

I wish you all a very blessed and merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

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Poked my head out the door and got splashed. Workers were power washing our building in preparation for painting. What great timing! Hurricane Irma had deposited a lot of grime on the walls and windows and it needed a good cleaning. They even used some sort of soapy solvent to add to the spray.

Once the scrub job was done, they put at least six painters to work at various tasks on the decorative elements and walls. We are now beautifully English Tudor once again!

Our neighbor, Joanne Dameron, has joined the ranks of volunteers at the Good Neighbors Association. Besides chatting



The English Tudor Building gets a scrubdown and paint job while other enhancements are applied to decorative elements.

with her on her front patio, stop in to visit her at the Good Neighbors table on Mondays when the clubs are distributing information and selling tickets to our community events.

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Reporter has memorable time at 'Poldark' event



We are planning a welcome back event for our Loch Lomond Snowbirds in the first floor core to coincide with Christmas tree lighting and decorating. Keep your eye on the bulletin board for announcements.

I thought I would mention a lovely adventure I had in late September when I attended the first annual meeting of the Poldark Appreciation Society of North America in Louisville, Ky.

This is a new organization modeled after the Jane Austen Appreciation Society. Fans of Poldark, the BBC-PBS series, based on the 12 Poldark books written by Winston Graham in the 1940s, gather together to celebrate the author, to share experiences, to discuss various interpretations of the books and films based on the books, and to watch some films.

One of the most interesting aspects is dressing up in period costumes, and partaking of period foods, including a real Cornish Tea.



Loch Lomond reporter Sophia Kugeares poses with "Captain Poldark" at a recent gathering in Louisville for fans of the popular PBS show, Poldark.

We toured Locust Grove, a restored 1790s farmhouse that captures the era of the Poldark stories, post-American Revolution. The house itself has its own history, having belonged to William Clark, brother of George Rogers Clark of Lewis and Clark fame.

Topping off the weekend, we enjoyed a raucous dinner at the Irish Rover Pub in tribute to the star of Poldark, Aidan Turner, a Dublin native.

The best part of the Poldark Appreciation Society is that I have

jumped in to help out with the fan-fiction writing contest for next October's event, called Nampara Assembly. All in all, it was a fantastic literary and social weekend event.

While in Louisville, I also had the good luck to meet up with an old friend from my days at the University of South Florida and the USF Women's Club, Sue Doane, who was president of the club when I first joined in 1998. It was lovely catching up after 20-some years.

When I'm not traveling or teaching,



Sophia Kugeares, right, met up with an old friend, Sue Doane, and shared many memories of their times together.

of course, things pile up on my desk and my in-box. A couple of interesting items caught my attention recently. For example, did you know that "tomorrow" is one of the greatest labor-saving devices known to humankind?

Recently my friend Angela told me that her friend Grace was having an affair. Angela asked Grace, "Are you having it catered?" ...And that, my friend decided, is the definition of old!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and healthy 2018.

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Emerald Isle is proud to have among its inhabitants 94-year-old Richard Engdahl who lives with his daughter, Laura Engdahl, an accomplished artisan. Richard would have joined us sooner but he didn't retire until he was 90.

Richard is probably one of very few "purebreds," both sets of grandparents having emigrated from Sweden to Minneapolis, Minn., to seek religious freedom. Minneapolis is home to many Scandinavians, while St. Paul is home to many Irish. Did you know that?

Richard's father was a railroad postal worker on the Minneapolis to Duluth run, who sorted mail as the train went rumbling along. Interestingly, the mail train did not stop at the various stations it served. Instead, the postal worker had to grab his bag of mail, stick it out the window, and hang it on a hook provided for this service.

After high school, Richard attended a trade school for auto mechanics but then decided to get a degree at the University of Minneapolis in mechanical engineering and business.

Soon after graduation he was hired by NACA, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which ultimately united with other agencies such as Oakridge, Langley, and Goddard to form today's NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

At the Aircraft Engine Research Laboratory in Cleveland, Ohio (a branch



of NACA), Richard worked on gas turbine engines for jets. Here he attended Case Western Reserve to study electrical and control engineering and along the way, met his future wife, an accountant, at a dance.

His next employment was at Consolidated Controls in Danbury, Conn., where he worked in thermionics, converting heat energy to electric energy. Google it: you'll be fascinated, confused but fascinated. Always furthering his education, he also spent time at Columbia University in New York City, studying physics and other inscrutable subject matter.

After Connecticut, at age 73, he decided to start his own business in Virginia with a long-time partner. There they worked on "chemical vapor deposition ceramics" until he was 90. You won't understand this either when you Google it.



Emerald Isle featured resident Richard Engdahl and his daughter, Laura.

His sparkling Swedish blue eyes twinkle with joy as he enumerates his many accomplishments, most of which are incomprehensible to the average human

His daughter, Laura, attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. If you would like to check out her exquisite handmade jewelry (just in time for Christmas), go to Etsy.com and type in "meadowvalleydesign," a reference to their Swedish name, Engdahl.

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Much news from inhabitants of Azores

Azorians celebrated their annual outing to give thanks for another year of great friendships and camaraderie at Marguerite's Cafe in Dunedin. We felt we have much to be grateful for, especially the outcome of Hurricane Irma.

Carl Maietta certainly knows the way to his condo in the Azores Building. Carl recently sold his home in Massachusetts and will be wintering with us and summering at his cottage on Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Carl looks forward to a season of golf, the crystal blue waters of Clearwater Bay (always warm compared to the Atlantic Ocean off the Maine coast) and the many activities On Top Of the World offers.

Russ Heiserman and Sy Mackey spent 10 relaxing days in Maui, Hawaii, including discovering the river that flows through the tropical rain forest jungle. They particularly loved Lahana and the drive to Lana.

Brenda Geanakos watched her son, Nate Pleasant, spring over the ground as he competed in the New York City Marathon completing the course in 4.5 hours, a personal best.



Marie and Tom Pirrello crossed over both the St Johns and Matanzas rivers on their way to the oldest city in the country, St. Augustine. They toured all the sights, drank from the Fountain of Youth and marveled at the city decorated and lit up for the holidays.

Doris O'Meara, Barbara Huntley, Katy and Ford Gerritt, all members of the OTOW Good Karma Book Club, enjoyed the discussion of the November

book selection, "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith. All admitted they never would have chosen the book to read on their own, but once they started reading they couldn't put it down.

This story of Florida from the Cracker days to the 1980's was fascinating. It should be required reading for all new residents to Florida as it is for most of Florida's middle and high school students.

The book has been added to the OTOW Library shelf devoted to the Good Karma Book Club monthly selections.

The Azores' Holiday Party will be Dec. 7 in the third floor core.

Mr. Stork delivered these December babies in a red and green colored stocking: Al Sakey, Dec. 4; Mary Esposito, Dec. 12; Katy Gerritt, Dec. 12; Bettie Warner, Dec. 13; Anna Brinkerhoff, Dec. 17; Dave Eggleston, Dec. 20; Russ Heiserman, Dec. 25; Dyanne Dulmes, Dec. 28 and Jacque Breton, Dec. 29.

Happy Holidays to all.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

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Also check the board often for the sign-up sheets for the building luncheon, holiday covered dish/sing-along party, and any other event that may take place in this last month of this year.

We had a nice turnout for our October covered dish party hosted by Robin Harker held in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center. There was a wonderful spread available and, as usual, it was delicious.

Robin was pleased with the participation and the variety of food that put demands on the choices we were going to make on the first, second and third go-arounds.

We were also entertained with music provided by Lillian Klant's daughter,



Marianne Segal, on guitar along with Dave Austin, also on guitar, and Brian Markle, who chipped in with the vocals and the tambourine.

They played a wide range of music, from George Gershwin to the Beatles. Marianne also entertained us by offering unusual anecdotes about the musicians and their music. I think they enjoyed playing for us as much as we enjoyed



Participants at the November Valencia building luncheon, at O'Keefe's in Clearwater.

listening to them. Good job, guys.

November's building luncheon hosted by myself and my wife Pauline was held at O'Keefe's in Clearwater. The turnout was great, and for this, Pauline and I wish to thank everyone who came. As usual there

was a lot of noise and laughing which is a prerequisite for having a good time and getting ready for the holiday season.

Pauline and I would like to wish everyone the happy and joyful holiday season.

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During a South American trip recently, Fred and Candice Peace visited Machu Picchu, a famous 15th century Inca citadel in Peru. The site is nearly 8,000 feet above sea level.

Malaguena holiday dinner scheduled for Dec. 19

More than 30 Malaguena residents celebrated Oktoberfest at the annual Malaguena Oktoberfest Cookout on Oct. 28.

Held in our beautiful back yard, two residents were kind enough to lend their patios to the event, so there was lots of room. Residents provided appetizers, side dishes and desserts to go along with the bratwurst and burgers provided with building dues. Even the late afternoon rain didn't dampen the party. Residents provided a canopy for folks to sit under.

In travel-related news, Fred and Candice Peace (pictured) visited Machu Picchu, a designated World Heritage Site. One of the challenges is getting to the site. Some intrepid visitors hike several days up mountain trails, but Fred and Candice elected to take the train from Ollantaytambo and then a mini-bus to reach the site. They also met a shaman, a native healer. Both agree it was a wonderful experience.

Malaguenans don't have to go to Clearwater Beach to see the sunset — we can see it in our own back yard! Al and Pat Columbo host a Sunset Get-Together every Wednesday. Al discovered that the area near the dock is a perfect spot to watch the sunset over the lake.

Come on over an hour before sunset (check the newspaper or online for sunset times). You can bring your chair and a beverage. Some folks have a drum circle, so there's music, too! Feel free to bring an



instrument to play. Sunset Get-Together is every Wednesday evening and is open to all Malaguena residents.

It doesn't seem possible that we are talking about Christmas, but this, after all, is the December issue. This year we are having our holiday dinner at the Island Way Grill on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Signs and signup sheets will be posted on both bulletin boards. The cost of the dinner is \$21.50. For an additional \$5 you can take the Island Way Grill van.

We need to provide the restaurant with an accurate count by Dec. 12, so we'll have to have all payments in by that date. Details on who to give your payments to will be listed on the bulletin board posters. This is a wonderful event in a beautiful restaurant. A great way to celebrate the holidays!

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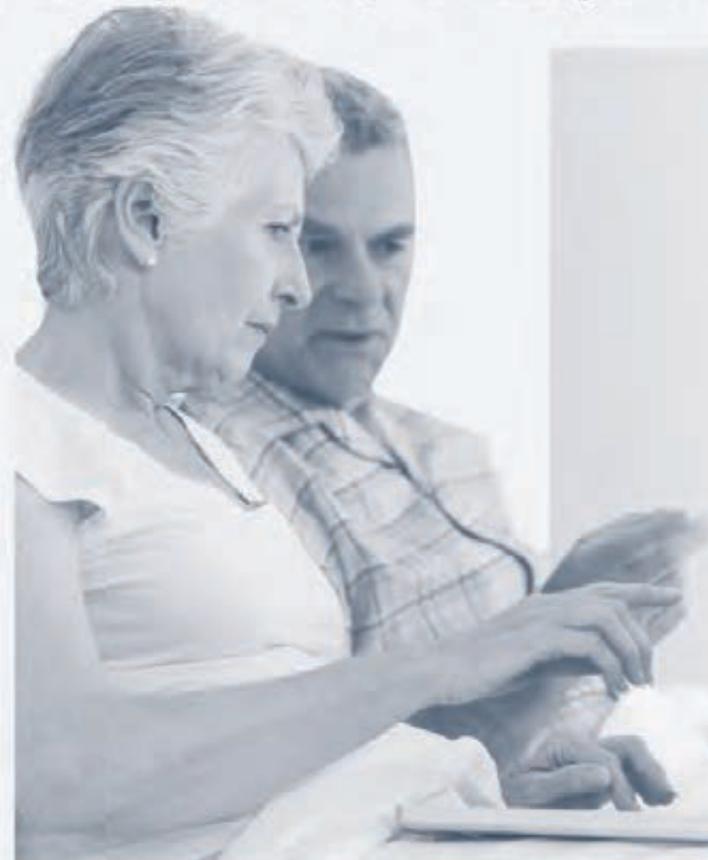
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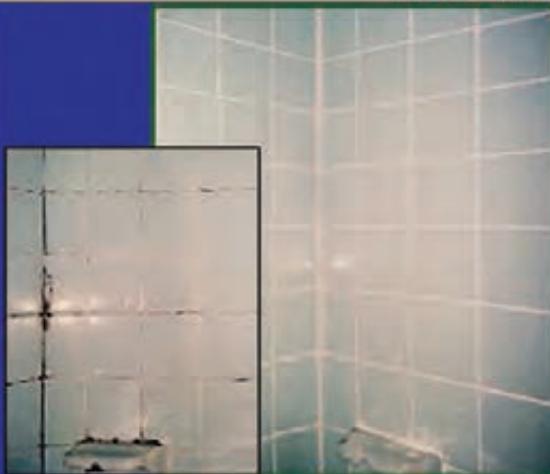
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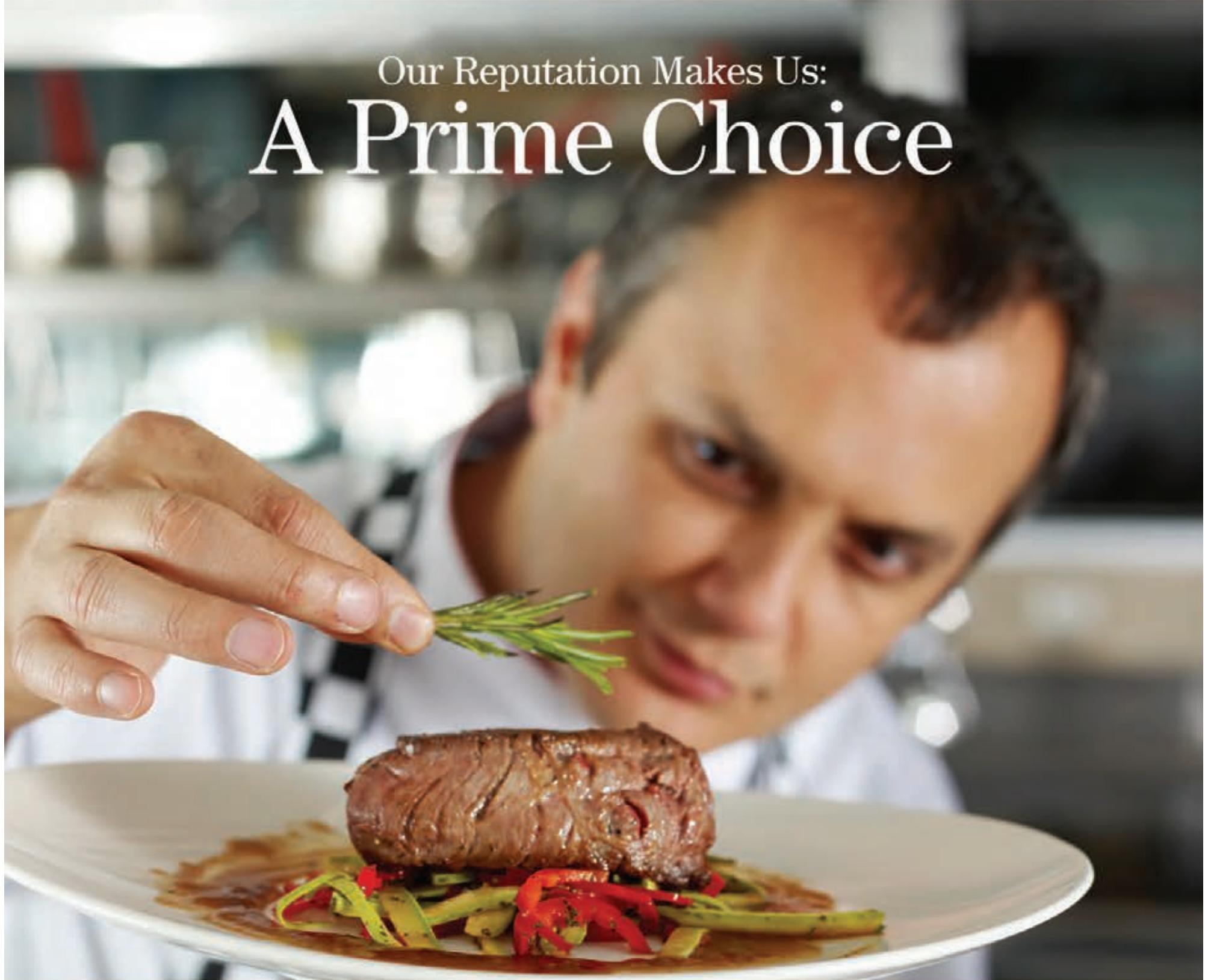
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