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For the past 25 years, Carol Jo Brenneman's home magically becomes a winter wonderland

By Doug Kates

Walk into Carol Jo Brenneman's condo and you will see a Christmas tree.

But that's not all.

Look around and you will discover Santa's Toy Shop, Santa's house, a village with shops and stores, a children's fun area, and an outdoor campground with reindeer and moose.

Did I mention snow? Lots of snow!

There's even a tree house.

Yes. All inside Carol's condo.

For the past 25 years, no matter where Carol has called home, she has always sacrificed her living room furniture for a winter wonderland.

Carol's coffee table disappears in December. It gets covered with a blanket of snow.

An antique loveseat hibernates in December. It is magically transformed into a snow-covered hill, which eventually becomes the campground.

And for the holiday season, a card table is no longer a card table. It becomes the foundation for the North Pole - of course, home for Santa's estate.

Best part is ... Carol currently lives on the first floor of the Dorado Building (83).

When you go out for an evening stroll and take in our community's holiday lights this season, you will probably see this very active winter wonderland through Carol's front window.

Did I mention it lights up at night, too?

Carol said she wasn't sure if she was going to continue her annual tradition this year, but neighbors and friends started helping out in November, and others have promised to even decorate the outside of her condo - on the condition her wonderland comes to life again one more time.

Carol said OK. But confirmed, this will be the last year.

The annual tradition starts with retrieving more than 25 boxes of buildings, trees, animals and artificial snow.

The whole process can take up to two days, and Carol admits, if she wakes up in the middle of the night, she might wander into her living room to move a building,



Carol Jo Brenneman's living room is transformed into a winter wonderland every December.

From her front window, you will be able to see 25 different buildings, lots of Christmas trees and a lot of snow!

switch trees, reposition the caroling singers, or check on the tree house to make sure everything is OK.

Carol's wonderland really is a dreamland. There are children playing in the snow, people singing outside a church and snowmen everywhere.

"It has to look real," Carol said. Not just the buildings, but the trees, too."

You'll even see racks of clothing for

sale outside one of the village shops.

There is a school and there is a bar and grill - but obviously not right next to each other.

If you are unable to walk by Carol's window this season, don't worry. Your community TV station will be out filming holiday lights in early December and will broadcast the best designs through Christmas Day. Watch OTOW-TV Channel 732

and you may see Carol's wonderland.

Also a reminder, if reading this story puts you in the holiday spirit, then plan on attending the OTOW Chorus holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. at the East Activity Center auditorium. The Chorus will be singing some of your favorite holiday songs and there is even a time when the audience is invited to sing along, too.

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Traditional favorites, sing-along, and more

Holiday concert Dec. 7 and 8



Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

Very soon the On Top of the World Chorus will be singing, "It's the Holiday Season, the obvious reason for being with family ... The gatherings with friends and family cause our love to grow. The gifts we give remind us of God's love so long ago."

It's good to be part of the OTOW family!

We appreciate the opportunity to combine beautiful, and sometimes amusing, words with sounds that produce musical harmony.

This is our gift to this family.

It is easy for us to enter the auditorium with smiling faces when you greet us with applause even before we reach the



The On Top of the World Chorus enters the auditorium to begin a previous Holiday Concert.

stage.

We consider that to be your gift to us. Thank you!

At this month's concert, you will hear several traditional songs that you look for-

ward to each year, along with some others songs that you will enjoy as well.

Our soloists will be presenting, "Ave Maria," "O Holy Night," "Jesu Bambino," "Christmas in Killarney," and "Santa

Baby."

The traditional sing-a-long is a favorite of Chorus members as we observe your enthusiasm and hope that some of you will decide to join us.

Concert performances will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

If you don't already have your tickets, they will be available at the door for \$5.

We invite anyone who enjoys singing harmony, just for the love of it, to join us when we begin preparations for our spring concert scheduled for March 28 and 29, 2020.

First rehearsal will be Tuesday, Jan 7, 2020, 7-9 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room, where weekly rehearsals will be held on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

For additional information, you may call Rod or Ilene Bargerstock at 727-408-5759.

One more line from our theme song – "It's Christmas time, that wonderful holiday season. Christmas is here!"

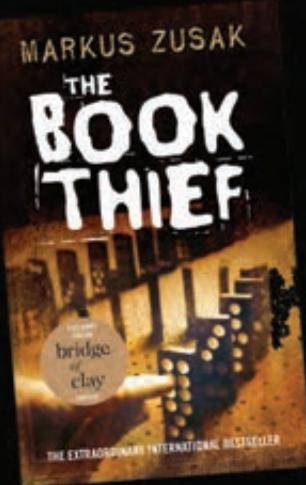
Come celebrate with us!

Pavilion Grand Opening Postponed



On Top of the World was scheduled to officially open the Pavilion on Friday, Dec. 6. This date has been postponed. Please watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 and the Box Office for updates on the official grand opening.

Good Karma Book Club



presents

Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020
Good Karma Book Club
guests will discuss
"The Book Thief"
by Markus Zusak.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab
 and share your thoughts.
Open to all residents.

The Good Karma Book Club will also meet on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020.
 If you have a book or author to recommend, this is the day to attend.
 All OTOW residents are welcome.



New Books at your OTOW library

- "Lethal Agent" by Vince Flynn
- "Contraband" by Stuart Woods
- "The Dark Side" by Danielle Steele
- "Surfside Sisters" by Nancy Thayer
- "Tidelands" by Philippe Gregory
- "Window on the Bay" by Debbie Macomber

Library hours are: 10-12 Mondays, 1-3 Wednesdays and 1-3 Fridays.
 We have books for sale (3 for \$1) hard back or paperback.
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Please follow all driving laws in our community

New laundry machines coming to On Top of the World and two seminars scheduled to explain payment options

Tis the Season

November brought us summer heat, the Fall Festival and the arrival of our northern residents.

It also gave us time to gather together, to give thanks and count our blessings with our family, friends and the On Top of the World community.

December brings with it cooler air and warmer hearts. It also brings the possibility of additional traffic in the community. Many residents will have guests visiting from out of town who are unfamiliar with the roads and traffic patterns. All vehicles must come to a complete stop at all of the stop signs in the community, and remember, the speed limit is posted at 20 mph.

Your Association continues to work diligently to coordinate speed enforcement within the community. Surprisingly, this has proved to be a long, thankless and unwieldy process. I am unclear as to exactly why. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

New Laundry Machines

In its continued commitment to the On Top of the World community, your Association has contracted with a new laundry vendor, CSC ServiceWorks.

Beginning in December, the existing machines will be moved out, making way for new washers and dryers that offer the most recent "smart" technology.

The new machines offer payment methods such as credit card, pay card or using a smartphone app.

With the smartphone app, you can also be kept up-to-date on the status of machine availability and know exactly when your wash or dry cycle finishes!

CSC ServiceWorks will be providing pay card stations at the East and West Activity Centers where you can purchase reusable prepaid cards.

Want more information?

Plan to attend one of two informa-



tional seminars held at the East Activity Center Auditorium on:

- Monday, Dec. 16, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Watch for additional information to be posted in buildings, in the OTOW newspaper, at the East and West Activity Centers, and on OTOW-TV channel 732.

Animals

Not only does Pinellas County have a very strict leash law, On Top of the World has strict rules with regard to animals residing in the community.

Animals brought into On Top of the World must be well behaved. Any breed, or variety of dog, cat or other animal, deemed especially aggressive or offensive may be excluded from On Top of the World. This is also true for any threatening or disruptive animal, as determined by the Association, in its sole and absolute discretion.

While outside the unit, all animals must be kept on a leash, or other restraint, and must be accompanied at all times by the owner.

Please don't allow your dogs to run freely along the edge of Lake Arbor for "exercise."

Animal feces must be picked up im-

mediately and disposed of properly by the dog's owner.

Your compliance with the above ensures a peaceful community for all residents alike.

Did You Know

Each condo unit must be used as single-family residency and for no other purposes without prior written consent from The Association.

No units may be used for business or professional purposes.

Each condo unit owner is required to keep and maintain his or her unit, as well as all fixtures and equipment located in the unit in good, presentable, and sanitary operating condition and repair.

Balconies, porches and walkways may only be used for purposes intended, not for hanging garments or the storage of household items.

Please refer to the Second Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association for a complete review. A copy may be obtained online at otowclearwaterinfo.com or by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Important CSO Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call rolls over to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request immediately to discern if it is an emergency or

non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are accessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items exclusive to the unit are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

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

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas.

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests. For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

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

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.

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

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2019 ends with completion of many projects

As you are no doubt aware, we are a few weeks away from an election to the Condominium Board.

This is serious business. Who wins a seat on the Board can have far reaching consequences for the community.

Serving on a condominium Board is a thankless position. There are residents who believe rules exist for other owners and not for them. These "bad citizens" degrade the community by their actions and cost the Association substantial time and money expended by the Board pursuing enforcement actions against them.

The enforcement process is a regulatory one defined in law that is followed to the letter. Enforcement is not rapid and this may draw the ire of the residents who may be adversely impacted by a "bad citizen."

When serving on a condominium board, any board member's personal biases and pet peeves must be set aside.

Too bad if you believe your neighbor is a jerk and annoys you. A board position can never be used to "even the score."

A board member's focus can never be on someone's private agenda. Put simply, personal "I wants" have no place at a board meeting.

If you expect to serve on the Board, all your focus needs to be on the greater good of the community. When you elect someone to the Board, make sure to vote/elect someone who can maintain that focus.

Tough budget decisions need to be made in the context of funding the resources it takes to operate the On Top of the World condominium community at the highest levels of service delivery. The focus can only be on items that positively bring benefits to all community residents equally. Every decision, whether it is budget based or about rules, translates into an economic cost that will be borne by residents and all decisions had better be worth the added cost.

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.

Your Board works closely with the Management Company to understand patterns within service requests. Ideally, the Board will analyze and try to understand potential situations that may evolve into a problem and then take steps to further prevent or avoid a bad outcome.

To that end, your Board and Management Company have been able to identify improperly sealed window replacements as a source of interior leaks.

Owners who have not had their HVAC units serviced are also a major concern. Failing HVAC systems are a source of leaks and water intrusion into adjoining units. This problem is costly both for owners and for the Association.

It is challenging to tease out meaning and build a more resilient partnership



between residents, the Management Company, and your Board.

A tremendous amount of work has transpired in the community during the first half of this fiscal year.

A special shout out goes to Corby Ratliff, who assisted with a recent landscaping project at the golf course.

Corby does fantastic work managing the day-to-day operations of the golf course and makes playing there a good experience for our residents.

Regularly scheduled work completed to date includes: 17 front facade painting projects; three back waterproof coating projects; four elevator equipment upgrades; eight elevator cab remodels with new lighting enhancements; four total roof system replacements; one shingle roof mansard replacement; four code compliant aluminum railing systems installed; 12 laundry room dryer venting systems installed; 420 new potable water service feeds installed; three partial streets repaved, three major intersections repaved/restriped, and seven parking lots sealed; bike lane markings installed on community's major thoroughfares; 60 sanitary sewer manholes remediated; and finally, storm drain line improvements.

On the recreation side of the sheet, at the East Activity Center the men's and women's shower rooms were remodeled; the pavilion project was finally completed; wood/toy shop and jewelry-making room had an air conditioning system installed; pickleball striping was added to the tennis courts; new horseshoe pits were added; the shuffleboard courts were resurfaced; new pool furniture was added; and the driveway was resurfaced. The West Activity Center dog park had the fence replaced.

Meeting rooms at both activity centers were assigned new names for ease of direction; TVs were mounted in multiple locations; wi-fi expansion was finished; LED light conversion was finished; electric charging stations for electric vehicles were added; and parking lot pylons were replaced.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: The final month of the 2019 calendar year will see our painting contractor transitioning to the application of rear waterproof coatings. Buildings 27, 30 and 37 are all scheduled for the month of December.

The painting contractor's processes includes a thorough pressure washing, followed by the sealing of any hairline cracks in the masonry, and then the application of a high quality coating.

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

No large scale projects are scheduled for the month of December.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Division, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

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

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice.

Residents are reminded 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. Only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. 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 unapproved items for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be pub-

lished in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

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

As noted in prior articles, the "clam-shell" 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. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are 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 recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

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

Final Thoughts

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

Voting for Board of Administration Ballot for Elections

In the November 29, 2019 mailing, you will find the Ballot for electing your Board of Administration. The following are samples of that Ballot (on green paper) and the envelopes to return your Ballot on or before the annual meeting December 19, 2019.



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

There are 10 candidates who submitted their names for election to the 7 member Board of Administration.



Return your Ballot as follows:

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



Thank You!

We are in need of resident volunteers for counting ballots at the annual meeting. If interested, please notify the Community Service Office by December 12, 2019.

Please consider a donation to Angel Tree or Helping Hands this holiday season

Fall Festival and Expo

Thank you to all those in attendance and involved with our 2019 On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 2.

We had a wonderful day, a great turnout and a lot of fun.

The feedback from residents and vendors has been even better than last year!

I want to offer a special word of thanks to the Good Neighbors Association. They put together an amazing volunteer team to ensure their food vending and our raffles ran smoothly.

Also, a special thank you to the Entertainment Committee for providing additional sound and tech from the sound booth location. I'm also grateful to the clubs that participated. We sold out of tables early this year and many clubs missed out. Next year we may offer more space to clubs with table-share opportunities.

Congratulations to Theater Workshop and the Entertainment Committee for winning the Best Decorated Table contest. We appreciate the time and effort that went into being creative with your space.

We actually had a record number of beautifully decorated tables this year so it was difficult to choose the winners. As it turned out, the two winners were located outside.

Next year we will ensure at least one prize is dedicated to an inside table, as well. We continue to make improvements as we develop this event.

We are still interested in receiving your feedback, as well as your suggestions, for next year's Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 7. Please complete the survey that was included under my November column or put your ideas in writing and drop them off to the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox.

Also, residents may email me activity-related questions anytime at: general_activity@otowfl.com.

Facilities, Pavilion and

Grill Reservations

With the grand opening of the new Pavilion Park quickly approaching, I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify the process for reserving the pavilion, grills and facilities:

Approved residents, tenants and clubs may stop in the activity office or simply call 799-2734 or email general_activity@otowfl.com with the dates and times you are seeking to reserve.

I will review the calendar for availability and place a hold on your date.

The next step is to complete a Facility Request form. I can email you the form or you can stop in the Activity or Community Service Office to pick one up. Please read and complete the Facility Request form and attach a refundable deposit in the amount of \$200 (check only made payable to "SCA").

Also, attach a copy of your updated activity card. Drop the form off to me in the activity office or to my mailbox in the Community Service Office.



If I do not see you in person, I will take the extra step to call or email you confirmation.

Last, the grills and pavilion are maintained by SCA and need to be unlocked for your events. The hours for the pavilion and picnic area are the same as the activity centers.

Renew Activities

Notice to all OTOW clubs and activity coordinators: Please see me Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 9-12 to renew your activities for January through April. These dates only!

Health Clinic Canceled

The Hearing, Balance, Vision and Blood Pressure Clinic scheduled for the third Monday of each month has been permanently canceled.

Please note the same vendors are frequently in attendance at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee the second Thursday morning of the month, 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Angel Tree

During November we celebrated the harvest with our Fall Festival and Thanksgiving tradition - an excellent time before the hustle-bustle to contemplate our gratitude as the holidays approach.

I believe as humans whether you are religious or not, we need to give but sometimes just need a little inspiration. Please look no further than the Angel Tree located at both the East and West Activity Center lobbies.

The organization sponsoring the Angel Tree is Pinellas County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (PCFAPA) and their mission is "To provide quality training, support and activities for 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 community children."

The program is 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, which contain tags with the names and wishes of kids in the program.

Please select a tag and give a gift to a child in need this Christmas. We will need your gift dropped off to the Community Service Office no later than Wednesday, Dec. 18.



Angel Tree

Countryside Cares Helping Hands

For many years, On Top of the World has maintained a food donation barrel in our auditorium for this amazing organization, Countryside Cares "Helping Hands" food pantry.

The barrel will remain in the auditorium for bingo night and larger On Top of the World events, but from now on we have decided to keep a permanent barrel in the Community Service Office.

Helping Hands is open to the public and located at 2565 Blackburn Street Clearwater, FL., 33763. Its phone number is 727-724-1290.

The hours of operation are:

Monday–Wednesday

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The program encourages and provides homeless and low-income families with tools needed to become independent and productive members of the community.

Helping Hands is stocked with donations from individuals and groups throughout the community and local food drives. Without our help, their shelves would be bare.

On Top of the World has been one

of their greatest benefactors and also a source for volunteers. We are also among the communities they serve. This shouldn't surprise anyone because after retirement the majority of us are living on fixed incomes trying to make ends meet.

Helping Hands operates on the honor system. If you feel you have a need, then you are welcome to pick up food and clothing. Proof of Pinellas County residency is all that is required. Show your Pinellas County driver's license or I.D. card, or a piece of mail.

If more than one resident lives in your household, the only requirement is to list their names and birthdates. No Social Security numbers or financial statements are required.

Residents in need may pick up the following food items on a monthly basis: Meat, dairy, fresh vegetables, bread and sweets. A replenishment of bread and sweets is available every two weeks if needed.

A men's, women's and children's clothing boutique is also located on the premises.

The items needed for donation are the same products you might have in your pantry, such as non-perishable items. Please visit the Helping Hands website for a list of commonly requested items and other ways to give, as well as volunteer opportunities. The Website is

www.countrysidecares.com/helping-hands/

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23, and Friday, Jan. 24 at the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found in the On Top of the World newspaper on page 52.

Activity Card Information

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

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

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

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool.

As a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Seasons Greetings

On behalf of the Community Service Office and all of the SCA staff, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Nancy's Bulletin Board

Master the Possibilities
DISTANCE LEARNING

Live Speaker!
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

Avoid Probate Without a Trust
December 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Instructor: Jerry Colen



Many of us have come to believe that in order to avoid probate proceedings at our passing, we need to have a living trust. But do we? Attorney Jerry Colen will be here to tell us of the many ways we can easily avoid probate without the necessity of having to pay the expense of a trust.

Course Fee: Free
Registration Required- Space is limited.

Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

NASA: Walking on Mars
December 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Video Presentation



Join us for a video recording of a presentation given by experts at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Through partnerships with VR and AR companies, scientists on the Curiosity Mars Rover mission are exploring the Martian terrain, engineers are finding new ways to collaborate on 3D designs, and astronauts on the International Space Station are preparing to perform their work more efficiently than ever before. The lead of these projects at NASA will share their progress so far, the challenges that lie ahead, and their vision for the future of VR and AR in space exploration.

Course Fee: Free

National Geographic Live! Why Four Cowboys Rode Wild Horses 3,000 Miles Across America
January 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Video Presentation



In 2013, filmmaker Ben Master, three of his friends, and 16 wild mustangs journeyed across 3,000 miles of some of the most rugged territory in the American West. This audacious trek—to inspire adoptions of wild horses and burros—has since inspired Ben to help others on their own journeys. View this special video presentation as Ben shares inspiring stories from the road and watch clips from his documentary, Unbranded.

Course Fee: Free

Register Today!
Visit the Activity Office
Call: (727) 799-2734
Email: general_activity@otowfl.com

Angel Tree in December
Select a name tag from the tree in the East Activity Center lobby, purchase a gift and drop off at the Community Service Office.

For everyone who already purchased tickets, don't forget Movie Day.
"It's A Wonderful Life"
Monday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m., EAC Auditorium

**Pavilion Park
Official Grand Opening
Tentatively Set for
Friday, Dec. 6
10 a.m. - Noon
Food, Music, Raffles**
This date could change.
Watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for updates.

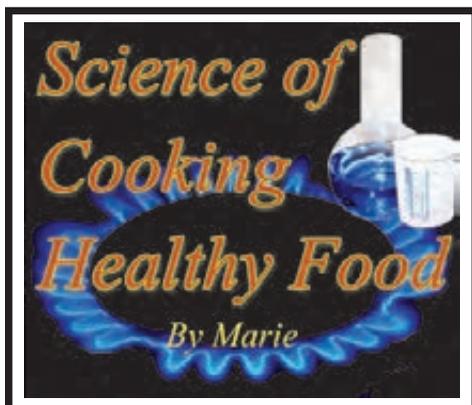
AAA Driving Course
January 23 and 24
9 am to Noon
East Activity Center
Crystal Beach Room
Registration forms on page 52.

Aging Successfully Series
How to Deal with Holiday Stress
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 10-11:30 a.m.
East Activity Center Largo Room

Bloodmobile Visit
Thursday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
EAC North Parking Lot



Christmas Oatmeal Crispiers



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 sticks butter, sliced into pads
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
(not quick-cooking or instant)
- 1 1/4 cup bleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup dried cranberries

Directions

1. Pre-soak cranberries. See directions below.
2. Adjust oven rack to middle position, preheat to 350°F.
3. Warm butter to about 105 degrees F.
4. Combine first eight ingredients in a medium bowl. Stir until no lumps remain.
5. Fold in oats, followed by flour and re-hydrated cranberries.
6. Form one-ounce balls with a 1-tablespoon scoop and arrange on parchment-lined sheet pans.
7. Let stand at room temperature for 25 to 75 minutes. The optimum time is 45 minutes.
8. Bake 15 minutes until pale gold around edges, but puffed and steamy in the center. Do not over-cook.
9. Cool directly on sheet pans until firm, about 10 minutes. Enjoy warm, or store in airtight container up to 3 days at room temperature.

Yield: 40 cookies

Rehydrating cranberries: Cover cranberries with boiling water in a bowl. Place lid on bowl. Soak for 10 minutes. Drain using a strainer and pat dry.

Disclaimer: Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health. This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

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Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

otowboxoffice.com



A descendant of the older Scottish oatcake, the oatmeal cookie became one of the most popular cookies in the United States.ⁱ The first oatmeal cookie recipe appeared around 1850. This recipe harkens back to the Scottish oatcake by featuring a cookie with a very crispy edge and a soft middle. It is the blend of brown sugar with white sugar that imparts this special texture.

Health Value

Oatmeal cookies were historically considered healthy. The oats are whole grains with complex carbohydrates and dietary fiber. Both provide “slow-burning” energy which can help keep you full for long periods and prevent spikes in blood sugar levels. Fruits, like cranberries, are also a good source of fiber and phytochemicals, which are naturally protective substances that can boost your immune system. But cookies are more of a splurge than a smart snack. The nutritional value of today’s commercial oatmeal cookie is virtually equivalent to a commercial chocolate chip cookie.ⁱⁱ The amounts of saturated fat and sugar in most cookies outweigh their nutritious qualities. When you make your own oatmeal cookies, my dear chefs, you have the opportunity to add nutrition. Using whole-wheat pastry flour instead of refined white flour won’t dramatically change taste, but will add more complex carbohydrates and dietary fiber. Substitute applesauce for some of the butter. It will slightly alter the texture of the cookies, but it will add vitamins and minerals and reduce calories per serving.

The Science

The unusual aspect of this recipe is a resting period during which oats soak up moisture before baking. This is why the cookies are thick and chewy.

Rolled oats are made by roasting and steaming whole oat groats, then sending them through a roller. Steam does something interesting: it pre-gelatinizes the starch, making rolled oats soluble in cold water.ⁱⁱⁱ This is the reason – if given sufficient time — that oats swell up with moisture from the cookie dough and soften.

Warm butter provides moisture to hydrate the oats. If the dough sits at room temperature for too long, the butter solidifies and the dough becomes hard to work. So form the raw cookies fairly quickly on the sheet pan. Then let the dough rest.

If dried cranberries are rehydrated, they will not compete with the oats for water. Plus, they will soften and be similar in taste and texture to a cooked fresh cranberry. Cranberries have a slight tartness that contrasts nicely with the sweetness of the cookie.

Cookies fresh from the oven are vulnerable to physical mishandling. By using parchment paper, you can remove cookies unmarred by spoon or spatula. Parchment paper is treated with sulfuric acid and silicone to make it grease-resistant, water-resistant, and oven-safe.^{iv} It’s the best cookie pan liner. If you choose to use wax paper, then cook the cookies for 12-13 minutes to avoid over-cooking as the sheet pan will be hotter.

Links

ⁱ huffpost.com

ⁱⁱ namamillers.org/education/oat-milling-process/

ⁱⁱⁱ wikipedia.org

^{iv} wikipedia.org



Informational Seminar to Learn New Washing Machines & Dryers

On Monday, Dec. 16, from 10:30-12:30, representatives from CSC ServiceWorks will conduct an informational seminar in the East Activity Center Auditorium to teach residents about new washing machines and dryers being installed in On Top of the World buildings.

The new machines cannot be operated with coin payments. There are three ways to pay. All three methods will be explained at the seminar:

1. Purchase a Special Pay Card
2. Use your own Credit Card
3. Download an App onto your Smart Phone

Anyone who downloads the App will be able to check availability of the washers/dryers in your building and will receive notification when your laundry is done. A second seminar will be Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. for residents who are unable to attend the December seminar.

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December

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

Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Passion for Pastels: Fridays, 10 am, Largo Room
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Largo Room
 Acrylic Painting, Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Largo Room
 Painting Workshop, Mondays, 9 am, Largo Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room (17th Oldsmar Rm)

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Belleair Room (12th Clrwtr Rm)

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 pm, Learning Lab

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

BEGINNERS DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Ozona Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Bob: M,T, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor 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, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

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

JEWELRY MAKING HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-12

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room (Dec. 18th Crystal Bch)

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

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

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Safety Harbor Room

TAI CHI

Tai Chi 18: M,W,F 2:45 pm, Exercise Room

Tai Chi 108: M,T,W,H,F 4 p.m., Exercise Room

Chi Kung Balance Matters: T,H 3 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Hatha)

Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Basic)

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

ZUMBA

Mondays, 11:30 am, Gold Chair Zumba

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 9 am, EAC Pool (Water Zumba)

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

Tennis / Pickleball Schedules

Women's Tennis

Mondays - 8 am
 Wednesdays - 8 am
 Fridays - 8 am

Men's Tennis

Tuesdays - 8 am
 Thursdays - 8 am
 Saturdays - 8 am

Pickleball

Sundays - 9 am
 Mondays / Thursdays - 5 pm
 Tuesdays - 12 pm

Activities below

SUNDAY

MONDAY

<p>01 Karaoke Party 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>02 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee. Boar 10:00 AM - Crystal Be (Veranda) Keyboard Club Meeti 10:00 AM - Palm Harb (Rainbow)</p>
<p>08 Chorus Concert 3:00 PM - Auditorium Pickleball Party 11:00 AM - Pavilion No.11 Austrian Alpine Party 2:00 PM - Pavilion No.37 Melbourne Party 1:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p>	<p>09 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium Movie Day 3:00 PM - Auditorium Keyboard Club Meeti 10:00 AM - Palm Harb (Rainbow) Baby Boomers Meeti 5:30 PM - Largo Room</p>
<p>15 Computer Club Party 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>16 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium Special Meeting All R 10:30 AM - Auditorium Zumba Party 6:00 PM - Auditorium Keyboard Club Meeti 10:00 AM - Palm Harb (Rainbow) Billiards Party 6:00 PM - Belleair Roc</p>
<p>22 Ent. Committee. Santa Arrives 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>23 No club informati Keyboard Club Meeti 10:00 AM - Palm Harb (Rainbow)</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 No club informati</p>

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DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	<p>03</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p> <p>No.90 Queen Victoria Party 5:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Theater Workshop Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Veterans Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Safety Harbor Room (Yellow)</p> <p>Good Neighbors Volunteers Appreciation 10:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 10:00 AM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p> <p>Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Canadian Club Party 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Socrates Cafe Meeting 10:00 AM - Safety Harbor Room (Yellow)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Newfie Group Meeting 6:00 PM - Clearwater Room (Crafts)</p> <p>No.44 French Ren. I Party 5:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Chorus Concert 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p> <p>No.53 Nagoya Party 6:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p>
	<p>10</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>No.29 Viennese Villa Party 5:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>Master The Possibilities Class 11:00 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>O.W.L.S. Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Democratic Club Party 6:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 10:30 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Socrates Cafe Meeting 10:00 AM - Safety Harbor Room (Yellow)</p> <p>No.39 Mallorca Party 5:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Art Guild Meeting 1:00 PM - Clearwater Room (Crafts)</p> <p>Canadian Club Happy Hour 4:30 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p>
	<p>17</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Ping Pong Party 6:00 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p> <p>Master The Possibilities Class 11:00 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Ladies Exercise Group Party 4:00 PM - Pavilion</p> <p>No.80 Orizaba Party 5:30 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise)</p>	<p>19 (no information tables)</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Party 5:00 PM - Pavilion</p> <p>Annual Meeting 10 am - 1 pm EAC Auditorium</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Socrates Cafe Meeting 10:00 AM - Safety Harbor Room (Yellow)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p>
	<p>24</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>Lambda Club Dinner 4:30 PM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No club information tables</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>Socrates Cafe Meeting 10:00 AM - Safety Harbor Room (Yellow)</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)</p>

<p>31</p> <p>Ent. Committee. Party 9:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room)</p>
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Having fun displaying handmade baby clothes are, sitting from left, Alana Grove, Phyllis Butler, Laverne Iorio and Pauline Segall. Standing are Theresa Mayne, Maureen Bjorgo, Marie Orlando, Norma Palmquist, Mary Crossen, Mary Lou Cichon, Betty Ingham, Betty Karabotsios, Eleanor Albano and Anna Georgiadis

OTOW knitters know how to make baby clothes

By Cheryl Butcher

Who doesn't like babies?

And who doesn't "ooh" and "aah" over tiny baby clothing?

So all of us knitters and crocheters in the Knitters Group are always delighted to get the chance to make baby items.

In October, a representative of the Lutheran Early Head Start program, Alana Grove, was put in contact with our group and requested help supplying their clients with baby items.

This head start group assists expectant mothers through their pregnancy period and afterwards with clothing as well as emotional support.

Our Knitters Group was uncertain

exactly what Alana needed, but we let our fingers go crazy and all sorts of things appeared.

On Oct. 30, Alana visited us and we were able to gift her with a table full of baby things made by our members. The table included baby blankets, sweaters, hats, bibs, jackets, as well as diapers and burping cloths.

Alana was delighted, spent time with us, explained the family benefits of their program and then left with a bag filled to the brim with baby clothes.

If you enjoy helping other people while also joining in friendly camaraderie, we would be happy to have you join us. We always welcome new hands.

Our basic mission is to supply lap robes and walker caddies to local nursing homes, and baby hats and blankets to the nursery at Mease Countryside Hospital.

Special projects are undertaken as identified.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room) every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

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 Association.



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displays will air on Channel 732 right through Christmas Day. No appointments will be taken for filming lights and once a building has been passed there will be no return. So please have your displays up by Dec. 9.



Guillermo Lopez and Melody Joy Rubin sing a 'drinking song' for residents who attended Get Acquainted Coffee in November.



Melissa Misener strolls through the audience while singing. On stage are Aaron von Allman, Melody Joy Rubin and Guillermo Lopez.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Get Acquainted Coffee holiday special in December

The biggest draw for Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee is always Opera Tampa and November was no different.

Singers from Opera Tampa made their second appearance of the year and the East Activity Center auditorium was filled again.

Melissa Misener, Melody Joy Rubin, Aaron von Allman and Guillermo Lopez performed for about an hour - many songs with all four performers on the same stage together.

Next for Get Acquainted Coffee is another crowd favorite - Academie Da Vinci student performers from Dunedin.

Last year about 25 students treated On Top of the World to a special holiday concert with songs and dances, and some

students played music instruments.

The concert is set to take place Thursday, Dec. 12, about 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

Club information tables open at 8:30 a.m. You can purchase tickets, ask about upcoming events or even join a club.

Coffee and cake will be served starting at 9 a.m. as Good Neighbors Association celebrates its 50th anniversary as a club. Election of officers also will take place.

There will be morning announcements, introduction of new residents and introduction of vendors.

Entertainment will follow, plus raffle drawings.

Don't miss this holiday edition of Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Academie Da Vinci singers will be here Dec. 12



Students from the Academie Da Vinci school in Dunedin will be at On Top of the World on Thursday, Dec. 12, to provide us with some holiday cheer. They will be singing, dancing and providing instrumental music. Don't miss it during Get Acquainted Coffee, which starts at 9 a.m.

Good Neighbors Association celebrates 50 years at OTOW with cake and coffee on Dec. 12

By Jim Bjorgo

As the On Top of the World community transitions from the minor chaos of November activities (Fall Festival, Flea Market and Craft Show) to the utter madness of the December holiday season, I would like to thank all of our Good Neighbors Association volunteers who help make all of our events successful.

I also want to thank all of our residents who attended our November events and plan on attending our future events. Without your support, our events would not be possible.

Our Get Acquainted Coffee / Donut Day in November was a terrific success. A packed house was in the East Activity Center auditorium to see and hear Opera Tampa perform for us. These talented young people continue to please so many of our residents. We will continue to invite them back.

At Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Dec. 12, Good Neighbors Association has invited the young students from Academie da Vinci School in Dunedin to perform a special holiday presentation for us. It is sure to please.

Club information tables open at 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee at 9 a.m. The presentation will start about 9:30 a.m. This will be a busy morning as our club celebrates its 50th anniversary here in the



community. Good Neighbors Association was founded by Sidney Colen in 1969. We will celebrate with coffee and cake for everyone in attendance.

During Get Acquainted Coffee, Good Neighbors Association will also conduct its annual election of officers and board members for 2020. We introduced the candidates at our November meeting. They are as follows: Jim Bjorgo, president; JoAnne Dameron, vice president; Mau-

reen Bjorgo, vice president and assistant treasurer; Susan Trost, secretary; Roger Nicoll, treasurer; Joan Spook, board member; Jackie Miles, board member; Evelyn Simmers, board member and Randy Rienth, board member.

On Monday, Dec. 9, Good Neighbors Association will help On Top of the World present "Movie Day" in the auditorium with a showing of "It's a Wonderful Life." We will be assisting this event by serving hot dogs, chips and lemonade at a modest price for all to enjoy.

Good Neighbors Association will also be assisting the Entertainment Committee when Santa Claus arrives on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Next year Good Neighbors Association is planning its second annual Chili Cook-Off and Anything Chocolate competition on Feb. 26. Rules will be available in mid-December.

Also note, a Tin Can Challenge scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, has been suspended for now because of a lack of teams.

To all of our friends and neighbors here at OTOW, Good Neighbors Association would like to extend our warmest wishes for the holiday season, including Hanukkah and Christmas. Have a very merry Kwanzaa and blessed Christmas. And happy new year to all.



Jesters

Jesters holiday gathering set for Dec. 11

By John L. Hooker

December is, of course, a busy month for everyone, but it is especially so for The Jesters.

In addition to a full rehearsal schedule for their February 2020 show, December will also see the return of the club's annual holiday banquet on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Usually some Jesters take the afternoon of the party to transform the East Activity Center's multipurpose auditorium into a twinkling, glittering scene, fit to celebrate this season of light. For a change this year, the Jesters board decided to give everyone a more relaxed time by moving the party to a restaurant so that all the Jesters can celebrate equally.

An even longer relaxed time comes the following weekend when the annual holiday break puts a hold on rehearsals from Friday, Dec. 20 through Monday, Jan. 6, 2020. Rehearsals in the new year begin promptly on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

This year's show, "One Season Following Another," has performances on Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 7 and 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

Plan to stop by the Jesters information table Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center, from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m., to pick up your tickets for a mere \$5 donation for some of the best entertainment anywhere!

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Computer Club learns tips for better web surfing

Surfing the Internet is perhaps the No. 1 reason On Top of the World residents use their computers.

The OTOW Computer Club recently learned how to make browsing the Internet easier, faster and more secure. Members even learned how to recover lost passwords by using a little-known browser feature.

“There are many ways to easily tweak our browser settings,” said Computer Club President Joe Wisinski, who led the discussion. “We can improve our online experience by making a few simple changes.”

Using a Chrome browser, Joe demonstrated tips such as how to:

- Make the font size larger for easier reading.
- Set the “Home” page to your preferred site and give yourself one-click access to it.
- Delete your surfing history.
- Manage other options to enhance your Web surfing.



You can access all these settings, and many others, by clicking on three dots in the upper right corner of either the Chrome or Edge browsers.

About the Computer Club
The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to www.otowcc.com.

The graphic at right is what you see when visiting a Web browser. Clicking on the three dots in the upper right corner provides access to numerous useful settings.



Press Association staff gets a good refresher course on basic grammar and journalism style

By the time this year ends, more than 100 different people will have contributed to your On Top of the World community newspaper for 2019.

In November, Editor Doug Kates held his annual Press Association Writers Workshop to help those staff members improve their writing skills while breaking bad writing habits. Thirty people took advantage of the class.

“Newspaper writing is still basic English,” Doug said. “No one on our staff can invent their own grammar rules or writing style. Some learn bad writing habits, but in this class we try to correct what social media tends to promote.”

“Journalism is short sentences, short paragraphs and easy-to-read stories. Those in attendance got a four-year education in one hour.”

The biggest bad habit writers have picked up is upercasing words that should not be uppercase and some people want to use symbols to replace words.

The rest of the class was reminding staff we only print good news and we have a few guidelines in place to make sure only good news goes to press.

Doug previewed a newly-designed shirt, which can now be purchased by Press Association staff. The shirt comes with a “50+ Year” logo on top of our community globe. It is embroidered, collared and comes in a men’s and women’s design.

The shirt was displayed at the class in a light blue, but staff will decide at the De-



cember meeting whether to choose that particular color, or select something in a darker blue.

Fourteen orders for the shirt were placed. There has to be 25 orders or the purchase will not be made. Anyone on staff who missed the meeting, but wants a shirt, should see Doug in the newsroom or be at the next meeting, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room, formerly the Veranda Room.

Cost is \$24 per shirt.

Also at the Writers Workshop, Doug told staff that a representative of the newspaper delivery crew will be at our December meeting to hear concerns about buildings not getting newspapers.

If your building is not getting enough



Pictured above, Editor Doug Kates refreshes newspaper staff on the grammar rules they learned in first grade. Below, is a new Press Association shirt on sale to anyone on staff. Dec. 5 is the last day to order.

newspapers, if you constantly find newspapers in trash bins or if you know of someone stealing newspapers, this is your chance to speak up.

Lastly, Doug told staff the deadline to submit stories for the January 2020 newspaper is Dec. 12. No stories will be accepted from anyone after this date.

Also, starting with January newspapers, OTOW News will no longer be referencing old room names from the East Activity Center or West Activity Center. Only new room names will be used.



All stories for the January 2020 newspaper must be submitted no later than Dec. 12.

We're going to try again ...

Gerald Colen seminar on avoiding probate without a trust will return to OTOW on Dec. 11

I am apologizing to all the folks who planned on attending my seminar, "Ways to Avoid Probate Without a Trust" which took place at On Top of the World in November.

My law partner, Rachel Wagoner, helped with the seminar presentation.

What happened was that the seminar was originally scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7. However, a very important personal matter came up for me and I had to change the date to Wednesday, Nov. 6.

I apologize to the 40 folks who showed up on Nov. 7. I am very sincere when I say how much I am truly sorry for the confusion.

I have rescheduled the lecture "Ways to Avoid Probate Without a Trust" for On Top of the World in Clearwater for Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

I hope you will all be there so you can hear what I have to say and please know that part of what I have to say will be my sincere apology.

Q. Why in Heaven's name should I have to sign a durable power of attorney when it gives so much authority to the person I will name to handle my affairs if something happens to me?

A. Great question! The answer is, sometimes events take place that we wish would never happen. I am talking about becoming incapacitated and thus not able to take care of ourselves, including our business and financial affairs.

If we do not have a durable power of attorney that complies with Florida Law, then how will our bills be paid, how will our business and financial affairs be handled, and who will be able to take care



of us?

So, if we have a durable power of attorney, we will have someone in place who can step in when we are no longer able to take care of ourselves.

Not one of us wants to contemplate that. But we must, because our business and financial affairs will not go away if we can't take care of them.

The fact that no one is named in a durable power of attorney does not mean that your affairs will just have to wait until you get better.

If there is no one to step in with authority under a durable power of attorney, then it is more than likely that a guardian will have to be named and that's through the Court system in the State of Florida.

Who will be named as guardian?

If you are lucky, it could be a close and loving child or relative.

But that person might be a professional guardian that is appointed by the Court.

In other words, someone who you don't want to look after you might just be that person anyway. So, having a durable

power of attorney makes the best sense.

Well, what if you do not feel comfortable with giving so many powers to someone even if they are a child or close relative and you love that person?

The durable powers can be modified to some extent to reduce some of the authority you are granting.

Also, if someone violates his or her trust fiduciary relationship, that might be a criminal offense.

My best thought for you: Speak with your attorney and lay out all of your concerns and see what he or she can advise you to do.

Q. What is the difference between a living will and a living trust and a will?

A. A living will, also called an advance directive, is a document that you sign where you state what your wishes are in the event you are in a terminal condition or end stage or persistent vegetative state.

In it, you name someone to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself. A living trust, also called a revocable trust, and sometimes called an inter vivos trust, is an estate planning mechanism where you sign a living trust document and then transfer your assets into trust with the purpose of seeking to avoid probate proceedings at a later time.

A will is a document that you sign and in which you set out your wishes as to what you want to have to your assets at the time of your passing.

Put another way, a living will, which, as I said is an advance directive, has to do with matters affecting your health.

A living trust and also a will, have to do with methods of planning your estate at the time of your passing so that your assets will be distributed to the persons or charities that you want to receive those assets.

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Editor's Note: In addition to the OTOW newspaper, residents can also watch OTOW-TV channel 732 and check the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) for the community's latest news information. If an event is rescheduled or postponed, your community TV station is the best source for the latest updates.

Actor, director, race car driver and ordained minister

Paul Newman was an American actor, film director, producer, race car driver, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

He was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Even though his father was Jewish, in early life Paul practiced no religion.

Paul was married twice. His first wife was Jackie Witte, whom he married in 1949 and had three children. He married his second wife, Joanne Woodward, in 1958. They met while he was appearing on Broadway. They had three daughters.

Paul was very faithful to his marriages. Once asked by a reporter about his fidelity, Paul quipped, "Why go out for hamburger when you have steak at home?"

Paul served in the United States Navy in World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He enrolled in a pilot training program at Yale University, but was dropped when his color blindness was discovered.

Paul's appearances on Broadway included, "Picnic," "The Desperate Hours" and the original production of "Sweet Bird of Youth."

He won many national championships as a race car driver in the Sports Car Club of America series. He was a race car enthusiast and raced several times here in St. Petersburg.

Paul was the founder of the "Newman's Own" food company, for which he

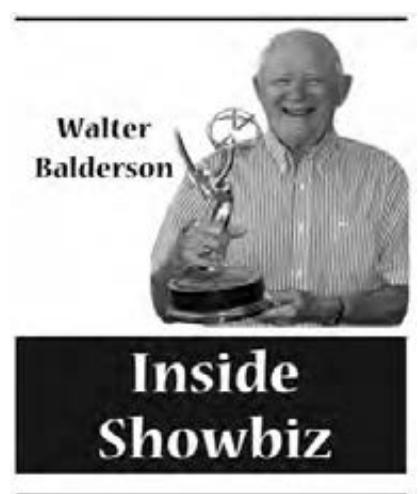
donated all profits and royalties to charity. He also was an ordained minister in the Universal Life Church.

A lifelong Democrat, Paul supported Eugene McCarthy, who was a US Senator from 1959 to 1971.

I had the honor of working with Paul as tape editor in two TV specials. He seemed to have no ego, did not consider himself a star and did not sign autographs. He said he considered making movies a job – just like any other job Americans go to everyday.

Paul died in 2008 with lung cancer. He was 83 years old. His body was cremated after a private service in Newport, Conn.

Paul was truly an icon.



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Festival sheds light on Art Guild activities

By Mary Slack Maynard

Art Guild members had a great time at the On Top of the World Fall Festival and Expo in November.

It was great to see so many people stop by the table and ask us what the Guild does and what classes we offer.

Even if you weren't at the festival, our instructors hope to see you during one of the art classes this season.

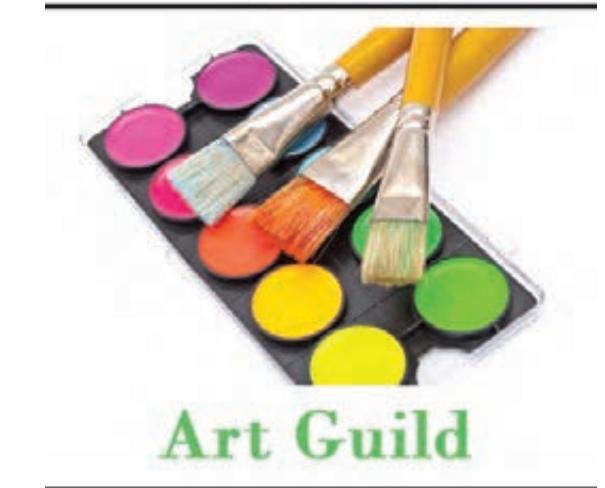
Whether your interest is in drawing, painting or pastel work, we have something for you.

The Guild also extends an invitation to those who don't want to take a class, but would enjoy getting together with other artists. Every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. we offer Painting Pals, which provides comradery. Come and work at your own pace. If you want it, critiques and help are available.

The first Guild meeting for the 2019-2020 season was held on Nov. 8.

Planning for the Spring Art Show is underway and committees are working on a number of other events.

After the business portion of the meeting, John Fier gave a presentation on his newest project called "Browntone Sketches." John has created watercolor sketches that provide the nostalgia of sepia photographs. He showed samples of people



Dale Stackhouse proudly displays 'European Marketplace' which will be displayed in the East Activity Center. Dale is the Artist of the Month for December.

and animal portraits in this medium.

Congratulations to Dale Stackhouse, who won the Artist of the Month competition for her watercolor painting, "European Marketplace."

Dale prefers small-scale paintings and likes to put people into her art. Her painting will soon be on display in the East Activity Center.

All who are interested in the Art Guild are invited to the next meeting, Dec. 13 in the East Activity Center Largo Room. Artists from Clearwater's 1212 Art Gallery will give a presentation.

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The East Activity Center auditorium was filled with nearly 70 vendors and even more visitors. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Food, gift bags, flu shots in high demand at 2019 OTOW Fall Festival & Expo



Pictured below the headline are outdoor scenes from this year's Fall Festival. Above is the north parking lot filled with vendors. Below is the Entertainment Committee in its colorful booth. At right are representatives of tennis and pickleball, who signed up new players.



Jim Bjorgo, from Good Neighbors Association, said his "hot dog stand" ordered more hot dogs and hamburgers for this year's Fall Festival than he ordered for last year's event.

Guess what? He sold out.

All the food vendors were very busy during the 2019 On Top of the World Fall Festival and Expo held Saturday, Nov. 2, inside and outside the East Activity Center.

More than 500 gift bags were distributed, dozens of flu shots were given and even more free house keys were made.

There was something for everyone.

Indoors, nearly 70 vendor tables were set up. Businesses that were represented included air conditioning, auto mechanics, insurance, veterans services, pest control, crafts and more. Publix gave out free flu shots. Some people got a free skin scanning.

Outdoors, Caribbean music played and residents visited the Flying Locksmith to get a free duplicate house key.

On Top of the World clubs and groups were represented, including Art Guild, Democratic Club, Republican Club, Theater Workshop, Jesters, Tennis, Pickleball, Entertainment Committee, TOPS, Good Neighbors Association, Knitting Club, Irish



Club, Snowbirds Club, World Quilters and Building Coordinators.

You could sign up for the new Pickleball Club and even purchase a new racket.

Ideas are already being tossed around to improve next year's festival. If you have an idea, share it with your favorite OTOW employee.

OTOW News



Pet of the Month

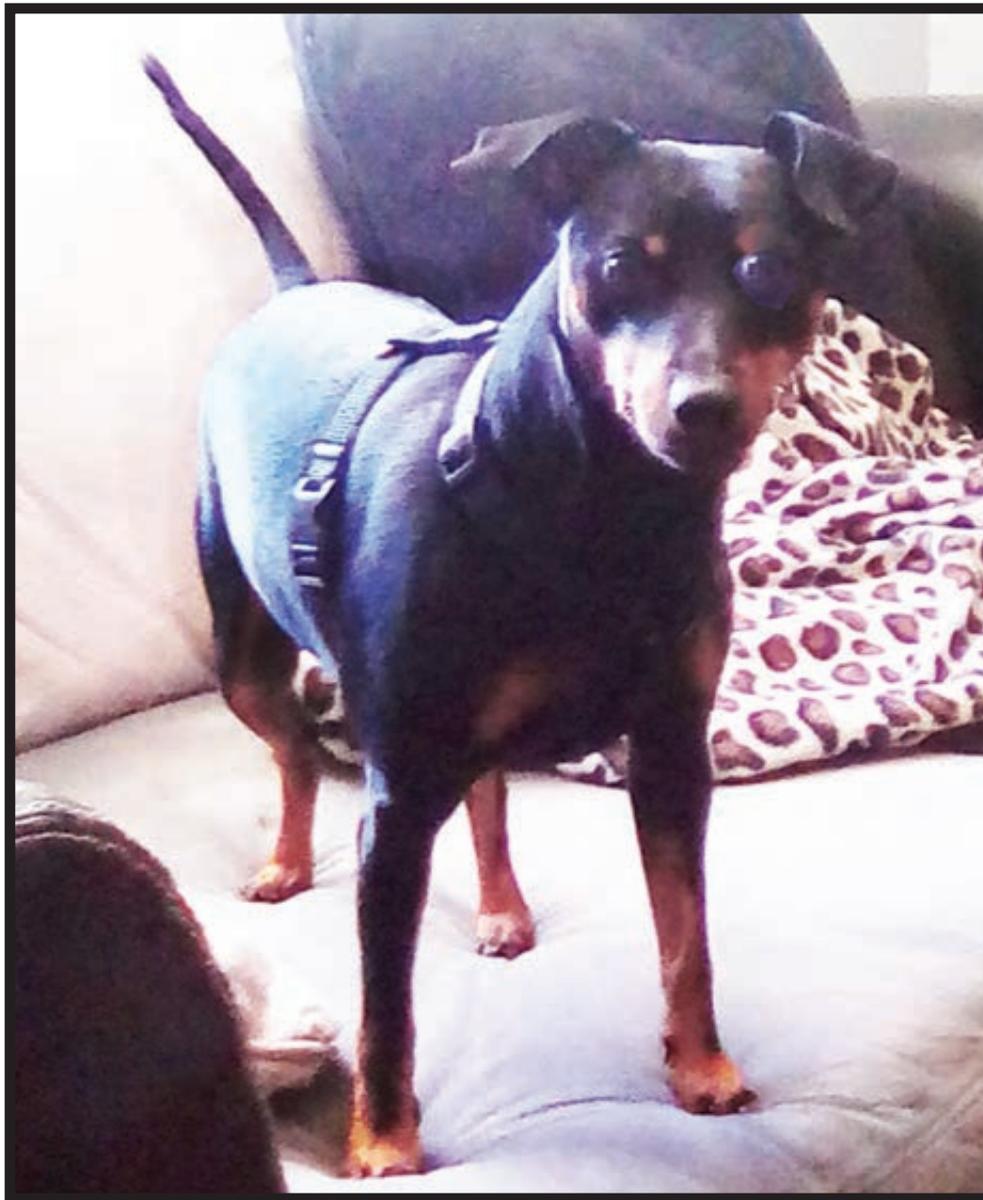


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Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com 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 of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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No more turkey - no more ham - break out the hot dogs in January

By Pat Hayes

Once again the New York-New Jersey Club had a blowout event in November.

The club hosted its annual "Harvest Dreams Dance."

A large number of members feasted on a ham and turkey dinner served by Mama Felice. Then we were treated to delicious homemade cakes by Lucy Greenhalgh.

Everyone danced away the calories to music by the "KP Duo."

Kate Kelly, director of Kimberly Home, graciously accepted gifts our members generously donated for the fifth year in a row.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this a very special evening.

Our next event is Coney Island Night at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. As you might guess, dinner will be Coney Island hot dogs with all the fixings. Music will be provided by KP Duo.

Then we are pleased to announce that on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, we will host a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.



New York - New Jersey Club

Cost is \$17 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Mama Felice will be serving lasagna (or spinach lasagna), meatballs, sausage, broccoli in garlic and oil, and salad. Desserts will be provided by Lois. Coffee, water and ice will be available. We are pleased to have booked "Denise with a Twist" as the DJ.

Please note the New York New Jersey Club is open to all residents of On Top



Enjoying last year's Coney Island Night are, left to right, Ann King, Anne Amature, Rita Levine, Barry Levine and Tom King.

of the World. Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5.

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Line dance to your favorite holiday songs on Dec. 17



By Leila Walker

During the month of December there will be many opportunities to celebrate the season.

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club will have a special celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the East Activity Center auditorium beginning at 1 p.m.

There will be refreshments and games as well as dancing to Christmas music, such as "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman," "Silver Bells," "A Marshmallow World," "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," "Jingle Bells," "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bell Rock."

You are invited to join us! Dress in your favorite holiday outfit. Dance with us to experience the joy of line dancing and the season.



This is the line dance group that enjoyed our special celebration last year. This picture includes dancers from the OTOW Line Dance Club and the Snowbirds Line Dance Club. Many dancers are members of both clubs. We all share the love of line dancing and take every opportunity to celebrate that love!

If you are a beginner dancer, try the Line Dance Club's 1 p.m., Tuesday session or the 8:30 a.m. Saturday session. Regular classes are held after the beginner classes.

All classes are held in the EAC auditorium.

If you are an early riser, consider our 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be seen on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on Facebook.

There are line-dance-at-home videos available on OTOW-TV weekdays at 11 a.m. Try one in your living room and see if you like it.

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.



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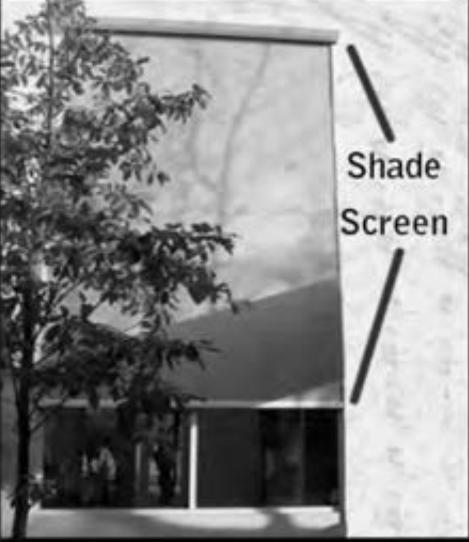
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Lambda will get in the holiday spirit with a Christmas party and Christmas Eve dinner all in December

By Bruce Lovett

It's beginning to look a lot like Lambda ...

Oops. I mean Christmas.

No. Maybe I really do mean Lambda.

At Lambda Club, we really know how to do the holidays up right.

We started off the season with our semi-annual picnic at Philippe Park. There was an outdoorsy group of more than 30 and enough food for hundreds.

Dave Beaven, our fearless leader, manned the BBQ, whipping up hamburgers and hot dogs. As if that wasn't enough, there were fish tacos, countless salads, two different types of chicken wings, deviled eggs, crackers and cheese, and a sandwich platter.

Needless to say, no squirrels left hungry.

We followed that up with our Jimmy Buffet parrot-head monthly social. It was



a party to beat all parties. But what happens in the East Activity Center's Largo Room stays in the Largo Room. So no more can be said.

That same room housed our Thanksgiving Day feast where Dave went from

BBQ apron to Martha Stewart cooking up a couple of turkeys and a mess of gravy while the rest of the club brought the fixings. And fixings there were a plenty - ranging from ham to pumpkin pie. It was a feast to be thankful for.

And we will repeat it again in the same room at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24, for our annual Christmas Eve dinner. Like Thanksgiving, please RSVP and tell us what you are bringing.

But first we have to survive our Christmas party on Dec. 12 - our most popular event of the year.

Merriment abounds, our pot luck buffet is always chock full of goodies as our members have started their Christmas cooking/baking. And old chestnuts may not be roasting on an open fire, but they will be playing on the boom box.

Most fun of all is our Christmas gift exchange. Everyone brings a wrapped gift

and no one knows what they'll go home with. Last year, one lucky club member went home with Wizard of Oz ruby slipper book ends. Think Santa really found the right chimney that night.

Please note that although our monthly socials are usually on the second Friday of the month, this year our Christmas party will be on Thursday Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Largo Room so as not to conflict with Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus Christmas Concert to be held on Friday, Dec.13.

Do you need more information on this event, or any event, or have any questions concerning Lambda, an OTOW social club serving their LGBT residents, neighbors and friends? Visit our Web page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>, contact us by email at lambda@gmail.com or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

We are also on Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Last chance to purchase tickets for Italian-American Club Christmas luncheon

By Maryann Fontaine

The final day to purchase tickets for the Italian-American Club Christmas luncheon is Monday, Dec. 9.

Lunch will take place at Alfano's. Cost is \$25 for members only. There will be a cash bar.

There is a mistake in a flyer that went out to all club members. Instead of Eggplant Florentine, one of the lunch choices will be Eggplant Parmigiana.

For a correct list of entrees and to purchase tickets, come to the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

On Jan. 22, from 5-8 p.m., our club will host a "Taste of Italy Dinner Dance" in the auditorium. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Music will be provided by Dino, who plays great dancing music.

Dinner will be catered by Felice's Italian Deli.

On Feb. 7, our club is hosting a racing afternoon at Tampa Bay Downs starting at 11 a.m. Enjoy a good buffet lunch before the races begin.

Feb. 19 will be sub sandwich day with games from 5-8 p.m.



Italian-American Club

The date of our picnic will be March 11 from 1-4 p.m. Instead of our traditional trip to Philippe Park, we are going to have next year's event at our own Pavilion Park. With a closer location, it will be easier for people to attend.

Mama Felice will cater so be prepared to exercise it off. There is a nice walking path to help.

March 25, from 5-8 p.m., will be our club's annual St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Music will be provided by Denise and Mama Felice is catering dinner.

Lastly, our annual pizza party will take



The Italian-American Club table is staffed every Monday and Thursday by Martha Gonnella, Sharon Adornetto and Roger Hebler (far end of the table). Missing is Sam Gonnella. Also in the photo above are Barb Hogan and Pete Marchetti (foreground).

place on April 17 from 5-8 p.m. Cost for pizza and salad will be \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

For all activities at the auditorium,

you may bring your own adult beverages.

On behalf of the Italian-American Club, enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

You can't have a holiday party without knowing which wine to buy

By Sheila Charette

The Baby Boomers are gearing up for the holidays and as always there is plenty to keep us busy!

The art of wine tasting is as old as the history of wine.

The Boomers wine tasting group recently sampled holiday wines. One tasted like wonderful crushed black cherries. Another like ripe strawberries. Our favorite was a red wine from the Rhone Valley in France.

And if you think the wines were delicious, the food was even better!

Hosts Cheryl and Tom Butcher prepared a variety of cheeses, smoked meats and salmon to pair and enhance the flavor of the wines.

Kudos to them for once again not only being great cooks, but also educating the group on wine pairings.

Ship ahoy Boomers.

Commodore Chuck McAllister and his lovely First Mate Theresa McAllister have organized a spectacular seven-night cruise for our group.

Theresa and Chuck will lead 50 Boomers and their guests on a cruise to remember. We will be visiting exotic ports in the Western Caribbean.

On board arrangements include a lavish private event exclusively for the Boomers on our last at sea day. Details to follow next month.

You can also join us on land with your "Jingle Bells" at our Friday afternoon music jams at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Christ-



Baby Boomers

mas carols are in the air and we love to sing along, as well as strum, bang and jingle.

Golf anyone?

The Baby Boomers are meeting up at the first tee of the nine-hole golf course on Mondays at 2 p.m. to tee off in foursomes.

On Jan. 16, 2020, some of our adventurous Boomers will go on a day trip to a special exhibit of Rainforest Masks of Costa Rica at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota.

As you can see, we Boomers don't let the grass grow under our feet.

Happy New Years and cheers to all!



Tom and Cheryl Butcher show off a food spread they created for a recent Baby Boomers wine tasting party.

(Photo by Dennis Telleck)

Many residents looking into their Irish and French backgrounds

By Joanne Cordes

Fun Fact: Interest in Irish heritage was the most common in our group meeting.

Our Family History Group meeting of November included several newcomers, some of whom were also new neighbors of our On Top of the World community.

Since we had a new group leader and also new members, we spent time introducing ourselves. What we learned is that we have some fairly fascinating backgrounds. And fortunately for us all, we also learned that we have many in our midst who have been engaged in research for decades and are uniquely experienced and willing to share their knowledge.

A popular topic of our group is DNA research results. Several commented that discrepancy is common when more than one vendor is used. Here is one example, mine: the Family Tree DNA Test found my background is 15 percent French and Ancestry DNA Test reported 2 percent French. More advanced tests typically use more markers and cost more. We will seek a speaker on the DNA topic for our December meeting.



Family History

Several in our group expressed an interest in digitizing personal family records. Dave Cordes offered to digitize family photos or documents, at no charge, if a media storage (USB flash drive or disc) is provided.

Our next meeting is Dec. 9. We hope you will join us. We'd love to hear your story.



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Snowbirds Club starts season with veterans dinner, travel meeting, and of course - line dancing



By Dale Stackhouse

The Snowbirds Club recognized and honored On Top of the World veterans at a party at the East Activity Center on Nov. 10.

Don Dinello gave a moving address, and musical entertainment was provided by Harold Wurtz and our own Doug Springer.

Exciting activities involving travel, entertainment and line dancing were outlined at the Snowbirds Club monthly meeting. Guest speakers were Marie Emmerich, owner of Advantage Cruises and Tours, and Adam Burr, director of sales at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Both speakers highlighted travel and entertainment opportunities offered by the Snowbirds Club.

Dolly Foland outlined the line dancing programs. All classes are on Wednesday mornings at the EAC. A class for peo-



The Snowbirds Club held a dinner to honor On Top of the World Veterans on Nov. 10. Pictured above are all the veterans who attended - nearly 40 in all. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

ple who claim to have two left feet, runs from 8 to 9:30 a.m., followed by Dolly's beginner class from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

A workshop for more experienced dancers, looking for a challenge, runs from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ed Foland discussed our upcoming dinner theater schedule for all three theaters ... Fletchers, Just For Laughs, and the Show Palace in Hudson.

All theaters offer good food and en-

tertainment at a reasonable price, and the Snowbirds will attend a show at one of the venues each month.

Registration night for Snowbirds Line Dancing was held on Nov. 17 with members enjoying an ice cream social and line dancing. If you weren't at the registration night, you can join the club any Wednesday morning during dance breaks. The cost remains at \$10 for the entire season, with veterans dancing for free.

Visit the Snowbirds information table at the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings. Pick up a full-season flyer and an OTOW map. Ed will be there to answer your questions, or he can be reached at (727) 417-3272.

Don't forget to visit our club page on the OTOW Box Office. First, go to otow-boxoffice.com; second, click on Club Web Pages; third, find the flying snowman and click on him.

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Veterans Group thankful for Veterans Day dinner

By Will Peterson

In the spirit of Veterans Day in November, I hope every one of our On Top of the World Veterans Group members had a great day and took advantage of a special offer provided by local retailers and restaurants.

Speaking of Veterans Day, I want to thank Ed Foland and the Snowbirds Club for honoring our veterans so elegantly on Sunday, Nov. 10 during a dinner in the East Activity Center auditorium. It was a great time and I know each and every person there enjoyed themselves.

It was truly a pleasure to see some of our World War II veterans in attendance.

The OTOW Veterans Group will hold our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in the newly named Safety Harbor Room, directly across from the Good Karma Café.

We plan on making this a pot luck luncheon and hope you can bring something for everyone to enjoy. It would be appreciated if you would let us know ahead of time what you plan on bringing, so please stop by our information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m. any Monday or Thursday, or email us this information.

Do you have any old cell phones lying around your condo? If so, we have a box at our table to collect them. So go through your drawers and bring them to us so we can redistribute them.

We are now planning our 2020 calendar of events to be given out to each member.

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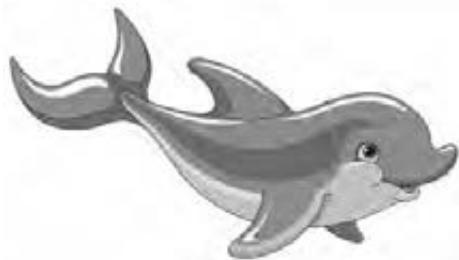
We will be discussing events for the new year. Among those things to be discussed are activities that our group would like to explore and also our Armed Forces Day annual event in May.

If you would like to be a part of any event planning, please let us know as your input is important to our group.

Remember, we will now be meeting the first Wednesday of every month starting in January 2020 in the Safety Harbor Room.

Volunteers are always welcome to help staff our information table. We have all types of information available that Veterans can use to find assistance for almost any questions they have about veteran's affairs. So stop by our table and ask about volunteering. Thank you for your service!

Annual Aqua Aerobics Fashion Show raises \$2400 for Suncoast Hospice



Aqua Aerobics

More than 140 people purchased tickets for the annual Aqua Aerobics fashion show to benefit Suncoast Hospice.

This year's event took place on Oct. 31 at the Dunedin Country Club and more than \$2400 was raised.

"It was a wonderful success," said Aqua Aerobics Instructor Irene Pappas. "Thanks to a well organized fashion show, no one had to go shopping at our neighborhood mall."

All the models were volunteers and all were beautiful. The attire they modeled was brand new and the extra items they showed off, such as purses, suited everyone's taste.

A special thank you to Charlotte Smedley from the Aqua Aerobics class. She sold tickets in the East Activity Center auditorium every Monday and Thursday morning for two months.

Everyone who purchased a ticket, and was in attendance, received a Bonefish Grill Bam Bam Shrimp appetizer coupon.

Models included Elsie Jane Anderson, Irene Pappas, Judy Hetrick, Gail Hochauer, Donna Zschlag, Sylvia Rieder and Lee Niley.



Here are some of the volunteer fashion models from the annual Aqua Aerobics Fashion Show in October. From left to right are Lee Niley, Gail Hochauer, Donna Zschlag, Irene Pappas, Elsie Jane Anderson, Sylvia Rieder, and Judy Hetrick.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Special gifts were given to the Aqua Aerobics instructors: Elsie Jane, Sylvia, Irene and Lillian Foy.

"A special thank you to all the volun-

teers and everyone for making this show so successful," Irene said. "We'll be back next year."

Aqua Aerobics takes place in the East

Activity Center swimming pool from 9-10 a.m. every weekday morning and is always free. If the outside temperature is above 62 degrees, class is in session.

Plans move forward for 25th annual Irish Club parade

By Barbara Rice

Green means Go.

The On Top of the World Irish Club is off and running for the 25th year.

Forty-three members gathered for a pizza party and business meeting on Nov. 13. Marching to the top of the agenda were plans for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Residents and their guests have been treated to this green gala in March for the past 25 years. Get your green ready for this special anniversary parade and celebration set for March 7, 2020.

Real, live leprechauns are needed to help with everything from traffic control to being flag bearers on the day of the parade. If interested, stop by the Irish Club table on Monday or Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center and speak with a member.

Christmas green will prevail at the club's brunch at the Dunedin Golf Club on Dec. 8 beginning at 11 a.m. Ticket price is \$25 each.

Terry Connolly will entertain club members on Jan. 15, 2020.

Nomination of new officers will be followed by horse races on Jan. 24.

Paul Duffy's variety show returns for more popular entertainment on Feb. 21, 2020.

Mamma Felice will cook up dinner and



Irish Club

members will cook up the dance floor on March 4. This dinner dance menu includes corned beef, cabbage, chicken and vegetables.

Officers for the current club year are Barb Lenzi, president; Liz Buckley, vice president; Bill Mooney, secretary; Rick Helton, treasurer; and Mike Cooper, parade coordinator.

Tickets for all Irish Club events are available at the club's table on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.



Irish Club officers are, front row, left to right, Liz Buckley, vice president and Barb Lenzi, president. In back are Mike Cooper, parade coordinator and Bill Mooney, secretary. Absent was Rick Helton, treasurer.



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**Christmas Dinner Dance
Dec. 6, happy hour Dec. 13**

By Shirley Hunter

Canadian Club Registration Night was a great success.

After signing up for membership cards and various activities, everyone gathered for a short meeting.

The evening was topped off with a wine and cheese party where conversations and laughter flowed.

You can still register for the Canadian Club in December. Please bring your On Top of the World Activity Card to the Canadian Club information table in the East Activity Center auditorium on any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Volunteers are very important to the success of our club. They are the reason we can offer so many fun activities. "Thank you" to those who have signed up so far.

If you would like to join this fun group, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Cornett Small at 727-754-3389.

Would you like to join us for a Blue Jays spring training game in their newly renovated stadium in Dunedin? We are taking orders. Read this newspaper and watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for an announcement of the exact date and opponent.

A Day at the Races will take place on Jan. 17 and our annual Canadian Club Golf Tournament will take place on Feb. 9 (rain date Feb. 16). If you are interested in attending any of these events, please con-



tact the organizer listed on the club calendar you received when you registered.

Our ever popular Blackout card night resumed on Thursdays starting Nov. 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

The holiday season is fast approaching. Our Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, starting at 5 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Remember to bring your tickets for a prize drawing.

Get into the spirit of the season at our second annual Holiday Happy Hour on Dec. 13 from 4:30-7 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Bring your voices as we sing along to our favorite Christmas songs. BYOB, a glass, some ice and an appetizer to share (finger foods only please). Paper plates and napkins will be provided.

Jolly old Santa surprised us with a visit last year. Who knows what this year will bring?

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Forty-four members of the Travel Club pose for a picture in front of a Christmas tree in Memphis, Tenn.

Rock and Soul in November, wildlife safari in the future - Travel Club members know how to have fun and learn

By Tom Jamrozy

Last month, the Travel Club took a trip that was not only a great time, but very educational.

We recently returned from Tunica, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., where 44 of us toured Memphis, Graceland, the Rock and Soul Museum, Sun Studios, Beall Street, St. Jude Hospital and the Peabody Hotel to see the famous ducks.

We stayed in Tunica and traveled every day to Memphis. On our way home, we stopped at the National Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Ala., which was



excellent.

This was truly a wonderful week with much thanks to Terri and Dick Mikszenas,

our hosts.

Our club also had our monthly Lunch Bunch at The Lucky Dill and a day trip to the Hard Rock Casino, which occurred after this was written.

There will not be a meeting in December so the new officers were installed in November. December is packed with events such as our holiday party on Dec. 5 at Countryside Country Club, a three-day, two-night trip to St. Augustine from Dec. 10-12, and a day trip to the Henry Plant Museum for their Victorian Stroll on Dec. 18.

The new Travel Club team has already announced events for the first quarter of the year. There will be trips to the James Museum of Western Art and Wildlife, a Caribbean cruise, a buffet cruise on the Calypso Queen and a Wilderness Safari, along with lunch bunches at Ozona Blue, Abe's and O'Keefe's.

Come and see what we have to offer at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. We will have a meeting in January 2020 and that date will be posted at our information table.

More goodies for our troops



On Top of the World bingo players collected basic goodies for our troops overseas and you can see the result of their generosity. Everything pictured above was given to resident Fran Glaros, center, who will ship the boxes in time for the holidays. Bingo also helped with postage.

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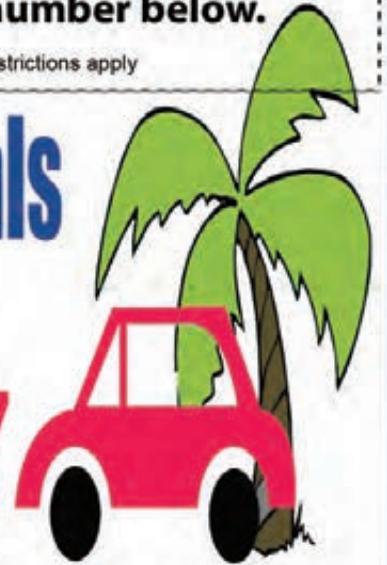
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Monthly Democratic Club meeting replaced with holiday dinner on Dec. 12



Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

There are so many reasons why the Democratic Club booth at the On Top of the World Fall Festival was a great success.

There was an increased number of members who volunteered to take turns staffing the booth.

We had good ideas for interesting decorations.

We had great participation from people who filled our ballot box and completed our issues survey.

We asked, who would you pick for President in 2020? The top three winners in our ballot box were Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg and Elizabeth Warren.

The four top concerns in our issues survey were climate change, support for the current Affordable Care Act, a minimum living wage, and safety of our elections.

In December we forego a meeting and replace it with our annual holiday potluck dinner. This event takes place on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6-9 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Our club provides the dinnerware and beverages. Each person brings a dish to share. RSVP is required because we need to know the number of table settings and amount of refreshment to provide.

For those who did not sign-up at the November meeting, you



The Democratic Club table at the Fall Festival was one of the more colorful, decorative, information booths at the whole event. Visit the Box Office to see this photo in color: otowboxoffice.com

may RSVP to Glenda by email at mgreenglen@gmail.com or by phone at 727-421-7628. You must include your name, phone number, and the dish you will bring to share. Be sure to indicate if you are signing-up for more than one person.

Guest speakers at the November meeting were Barbara Scott, chair of the Pinellas Democratic Party and Lisa

DesCoteaux, campaign committee chair.

Barbara explained the structure of the Party from the federal level down to precinct leaders and volunteer block captains. She also spoke of the need for sustainable funds and emphasized how cost conscious our county party is in spending those funds.

Lisa played a game called Who Matters More with the goal of changing our

attention to focus on the local level. The highest point in Clearwater is 30 feet above sea level. So who matters more: city commissioners or Senator Scott?

As campaign chair, Lisa asked that you contact her with the names of anyone you think would be a good candidate for any office in Pinellas County. She can be reached at lisa.descoteaux@pinellasdemocrats.com.



Chorus Concert on OTOW-TV Christmas Day

Please go see the Chorus Holiday Concert live on Dec. 7 or Dec. 8.

But if you cannot make it, or want to see it again, the entire concert will air at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24 and all day on Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Some holiday presents are more fun to make

By Bob Backlund

You can buy a puzzle at a department store for your grandkids, or you can build a puzzle in the On Top of the World woodshop.

That's what Fixers Club member Henry Santos did.

Henry, one of "Santa's elves," used his expertise and produced a unique gift for his great-grandkids. He made a puzzle out of wood with his great-grandchildren's names on it.

The puzzle was made on a shop scroll saw. After the letters were cut, Henry then painted each one by hand.

That was the easy part. The hard part is having to wait until Christmas to finally watch the gift get opened.

Annual Meeting

This is a notice of the annual meeting of the Fixers, Fumblers and Fiddlers organization.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday Jan. 15, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Craft Room, behind the Good Karma Café.

The meeting will include the elections of officers for 2020.



Author Cathi Chamberlain speaks at Republican Club meeting



Republican Club

By Marvin Lazernik

The On Top of the World Republican Club was privileged to host author Cathi Chamberlain at its monthly meeting in November.

Cathi spoke and answered several questions regarding her new book, "Rules for Deplorables," which compares Socialism to Capitalism.

Using the writings of noted Socialist Saul Alinsky, Cathi expressed her opinion about what is happening in today's world. She put in perspective the many differences between various political parties and candidates in the 2020 elections.

For those who missed this meeting, the book is available at Amazon.com and other outlets. You can also email Cathi and request for her current local speaking engagements at Cathi@RulesforDeplorablesBook.com.

On Dec. 10, our club will be hosting its annual Christmas party, dinner and town hall meeting.

The Club will furnish all utensils, beverages and meat. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite dish.

This event will be held in our regular meeting room formerly called the Sun-



Author Cathi Chamberlain, second from left, was the guest speaker at the Republican Club meeting in November. Joining Cathi at her display table are Edwina Schick, Susan Lazernik, Mary Jane Lofton, Ann Brown and Marge Sutton.

rise Room – now called the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Time will be a little earlier than usual meeting, but no earlier than 6 p.m.

On Jan. 14, 2020, Bernie McCabe will be our guest speaker. Bernie is the chief prosecuting officer for the Six Judicial Circuit Court of Florida comprised of Pinellas and Pasco Counties. He supervises more than 160 appointed assistants

who investigate and prosecute criminal and civil cases on behalf of the State of Florida.

We will have the opportunity to look inside the criminal system and receive firsthand knowledge.

On Feb. 11, 2020, Pinellas County Chairman of the GOP Todd Jennings will be our guest. We will learn how the county will assist us in 2020.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting starts at 7 p.m. Our speaker starts at 7:30 p.m. after adjournment of the meeting. This event will be in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

For additional information, call 951-377-0909.

Happy holidays and happy new year to everyone at On Top of the World.



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Be a good neighbor over the holiday season - keep your eyes open and make someone smile

By Dave Beaven

This month, kids across the country will be looking for a stranger committing a home invasion.

Description of the invader? Overweight, elderly male with white beard, red fur suit with white trim, and smokes a pipe.

This stranger goes by different aliases: Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, etc.

He has been reported to gain access to homes via the chimney.

He has been known to leave unattended, brightly wrapped packages behind while making his getaway by sleigh.

And he flies over On Top of the



World every Christmas Eve.

Neighborhood Watch will be on the lookout for this character, and other characters, in December.

We believe in the goodness of our

residents and want to keep an eye on the community to keep it safe this holiday season.

You can help.

All kidding aside, if you see something unusual in our community, do call the Pinellas County Sheriff. It's not really Santa we are worried about, but other characters who may not be in the Christmas spirit.

Also pay attention to neighbors in your building. There are many residents here who may need some help. They may live alone or have no transportation.

Consider striking up a conversation.

If you're going to the store, offer a ride or volunteer to pick something up that they need?

Or you could just occasionally stop by and check in to see how they are doing.

Little acts of kindness can make a big difference in another's quality of life - especially at Christmas.

Doing good also gives the doer a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Our Neighborhood Watch motto is: We watch out for each other. This month, we wish everyone in OTOW a happy and healthy holiday.

If you want to find out more about us, go to our official Webpage at: <https://areawatch2020.blogspot.com>.

We are also on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Lawn Bowl Club will take a season off as repairs are necessary to community courts

By Bob Laplante

Florida weather this past summer has not been nice to the On Top of the World lawn bowl courts.

SCA is currently seeking bids to resurface the courts, but the extent of the damage will not allow the Lawn Bowls Club to play on their home courts this winter season.

The silver lining is that lawn bowling has been a premier activity in this community since the earliest days of On Top of the World. This is evident by major

Lawn Bowling

renovations a number of years ago which saw not only the development of a first class playing surface, but also enhanced aesthetics in the appearance of the area.

The community can be optimistic that lawn bowling will continue as a pre-

mier activity for active seniors at OTOW.

Lawn bowling is a sport that permits competition beyond OTOW. Through membership in Bowls USA, members can compete in the area or throughout the USA. A number of our members have had success in local, regional as well as national competitions.

Two of our residents who have had success at the regional and national levels are Cathy Mills and Sandy Wall.

Sandy is currently a member of Team USA representing the country in interna-

tional competition and has just returned home from the World Championships in Australia.

Sandy, like many other players, was introduced to the game here at OTOW. Although the original goal was to provide an activity to be enjoyed by residents, she is now traveling the world and competing.

Club members and the community at large will be kept informed of the lawn bowl courts status as this season's plans are determined.

Theater Workshop auditions set for Dec. 9 and Dec. 11

By Laurie Fischer

Theater Workshop's 50th anniversary show is ready for auditions!

There are many surprises awaiting you in March 2020.

In conversation with Director Tony Baker, he disclosed some interesting details.

Auditions will take place at the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday, Dec. 9 and Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 12:30-3 p.m.

Tony will have lyrics printed and those auditioning should be prepared to sing music from the show.

Musical Director Tom Portsmouth will decide who will sing the songs chosen for the show.

Rehearsals will begin in January 2020 and will be held every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. At auditions, you will be asked to disclose any conflicts with the rehearsal schedule.

Rehearsals will be split between singing, dancing, comedy and skits.

Tony has enjoyed performing music all his life and has appeared in several Theater Workshop and Jesters shows. This show will be his directorial debut.

The 50th anniversary show, according to Tony, is a collaborative effort involving



the board and several volunteers over the past few months.

Tony and the creative team have watched past show videos from 1994 to the present to get ideas for next year's show. In Tony's words, "It has been a team effort."

Everyone is very excited about the celebration that will take place.

The show will recreate and celebrate Theater Workshop's 50 years as an On Top of the World club. It will be a combination of dance, comedy, skits and music.

Tickets will be available starting Jan. 8, 2020, from any cast member or at the



Tony Baker, left, is director of this season's 50th anniversary show.

Theater Workshop information table in the East Activity Center any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10 a.m.

The show will run from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15, 2020. Friday and

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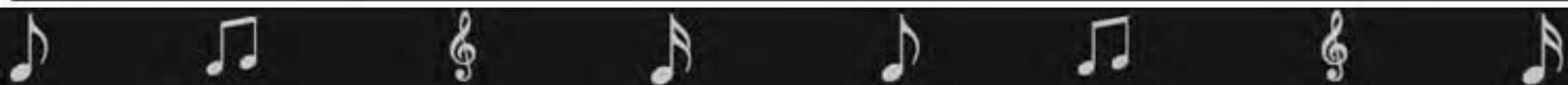
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS' A CROWD PLEASER

Chorus Director, Clarence Mills

Ray Hoffman

In an impressive display of musical talent and interpretive ability, the OTOW Chorus, under the dynamic and forceful direction of Clarence Mills and Ray Murfin, presented its Christmas Concert, "Sounds of Christmas," to overflow audiences in the Auditorium December 14 and 15.

ENTERTAINMENT COMM. CONCLUDES YEAR WITH OUTSTANDING SOCIAL EVENTS

Ruth Hoffman

THANKS GIVING DAY DANCE

The Dinner Dance on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, with Agnes Ohlson, Chairman, and Carl Miller, Vice Chairman.

Owners want TOW management to remain in present form

Charles S. Aaronson

By a landslide vote, the owners of condominium apartments at On Top of the World have determined that the Board of Administration of the community should be retained in its present form. That result was announced by Sidney Colen at a special meeting in the Auditorium Monday, December 2. The more than 500 present heard Mr. Colen announce that of the 1,241 votes cast, 1,173 were for retention of the management operation as it is, while only 54 votes were cast for a change, a whopping 96 per cent in favor of the present operation.

The announcement of the result brought vigorous and prolonged applause. Mr. Colen, in acknowledging the spontaneous outbreak of approval, said he did not consider the vote in any sense "a mandate" for his operation.

Santa, Florida style and Mr. C.

The Joe Saint Trio kept feet moving and hips swaying with his delightful rhythms and appropriate numbers. Pictorial pumpkins, turkeys, Indians, and Pilgrims abounded.

Santa is coming followed by a sold out New Year's Eve bash

By Marvin Flam

Are you ready to celebrate the 2019 holiday season at On Top of the World? For the past 50 years, the Entertainment Committee has decorated the East Activity Center auditorium and presented exciting entertainment celebrating the season.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, Santa will make his annual trip to On Top of the World direct from the North Pole. He will arrive at the EAC auditorium at 2 p.m. Santa enjoys talking to each child and has a gift for each one, and as each child tells Santa what they want for Christmas, the elves will be taking notes.

Come and bring children of all ages to enjoy the fun. There will be holiday caroling and lite refreshments provided by the Good Neighbors Association. There will be photo opportunities with Santa and surprises in the spirit of the joyous holiday season!

No tickets are required for this event. It is free!

The annual "New Year's Eve Dance" is on Tuesday, Dec. 31, starting at 9 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m. This is that special night when you open your closet, dust off your finery, put on those magical outfits and transform yourself into the youngest, "handsomest" people in the community.

We always have a good time as we ring out the old year and ring in the new year - 2020!

New Year's Eve music will be provided by "Flashback." At midnight, we will count down the last minutes of the old year and welcome in 2020 with free champagne, noisemakers and your friends and neighbors. Ice, coffee and snacks are provided.

No tickets are available at the door. The auditorium has already sold out. If you purchased a ticket and are unable to use it, there are no refunds. The Entertainment Committee does not have a waiting list so you would need to sell it on your own.

On Sunday, Nov. 10, the Entertainment Committee held its annual meeting. The 2020 Entertainment Committee Executive Board was elected and installed. Members are: Mary Ann O'Neil, president; Karen Safee, vice president; Marvin Flam, treasurer; Marian Leamy, assistant treasurer; Sue Watlington, secretary; Mike Wood, assistant secretary; and Directors Connie McDonald, Lucille Greenhalgh, Kirk Safee and Susan Carlson.

In 2020, The Entertainment Committee will be celebrating 50 years of bringing entertainment and fun to OTOW residents. All residents with a current activity card are members of the Entertainment Committee. Thank you for your support the past year!

Your Entertainment Committee wishes you a happy and healthy new year!





In the spirit of the holidays, ladies dedicate one night to 'beating' their neighbors

By Sandy Mulholland

What's crackalackin in the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club?

The gals were all winners on Tournament Night, Wednesday, Nov. 6.

How is that you ask! All winners?

Rather than playing 8-ball or 9-ball, the ladies switched to a billiards game called Screw Your Neighbor. The goal is to sink all your opponents' pool balls leaving only your own balls on the table.

With three players, the balls are divided into three parts: 1-5, 6-10 and 11-15. Once a player's balls are absent from the table, she is out of the game. The winner



is the last gal standing.

It could have been you!

Does this stir your fancy?

Then stop by the West Activity Center Billiards Room this Wednesday around 6 p.m. to meet this awesome group of ladies. Membership is only \$10 annually; however, you can try out the club for three consecutive Wednesdays before you decide to join or not.

Pool sticks of various weights adorn the walls for your choosing if you do not have one in your possession. Thus, fretting is not needed!

Denny Balderson and Ed Solivan, the coaches, will give you some tips on improving your game skills or introducing

the game to you if you are a novice.

The ladies start their warm-ups by 6 p.m. and games commence at 6:30. If you are reading this, your interest is apparent so come on by and meet the ladies.

Our group's Christmas holiday celebration is set for Dec. 19 at Olive Garden so you will want to join the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club before that date.

Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Wednesdays. The ladies will be taking time off to spend with their families - as you can.

Fun, fashion (a pink T-shirt) and fortitude - come join us!

Golfers should refresh themselves on club rules

By Robin Goralczyk

Attendance in the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League is growing each week.

People are enjoying the Florida weather and doing well on the links. The 2019-20 league directory is now available. Each member should check with the ladies in the green house for your copy. We are grateful to Sheila Meneilly for putting this together.

We are happy to welcome another new member, Song Kyong, who lives on Sumatran Way. Please introduce yourselves and help her with the local course rules.

The monthly chairperson for December will be Donna Osborne. She is available at 727-726-6550 if you have questions. The monthly chairperson for January will be Maureen Stewart. She is available at 727-726-3183.

Tee times are scheduled for each member, each week. They are posted on the course bulletin board and online at otowladiesgolf.com.

Each week the ladies in the "green house" need to know if you will be golfing the following week. Please be sure to call and notify the monthly chairperson

Ladies 18 Golf

of any changes you need to make prior to Tuesday.

If you are a cart rider and cancel at the last minute, your partner may have to pay both halves of the cart. You are expected to pay for half the cart the day of golf. The schedulers do their absolute best to keep riders paired up.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 4

Our league Christmas Party will be held at the Clearwater Country Club. Gloria Sayer and Gwen Wyer will be hosting the luncheon. We thank them for all their work and preparations. Cocktails begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$20. Cocktails are on your own.

Feb. 11

Plan on playing in our Jack and Jill Tournament. Karen Beaver is the chairperson for this event. Information is available on our Website and questions can

be answered by the ladies in the "green house."

Our monthly golf clinics, to be held at the driving range at the Dunedin Stirling Links, will begin in January 2020. All questions can be directed to Sharon Hackenmiller by phone 727- 475- 9312 or email, rhackenmiller@comcast.net.

The clinic is free. The number of spaces is limited and you must purchase a bucket of balls in order to participate.

Congratulations to our weekly winners.

On Oct. 15 in Flight A, Kim Norried took first place, followed by Sharon Hackenmiller in second, and Nancy Lo and Gina Yoon tied for third. In Flight B, Donna Smerz was first, Katie Quelch was second and Donna Osborne was third. In Flight C, NatSue Dawson and Sheila Meneilly tied for first, Gail Ducharme was second, and Gwen Lemke and Suellen Dow were third.

On Oct. 22, Ursula Taylor was first in Flight A, with Kim Norried second and Nancy Lo third. Donna Osborne was first in Flight B with Gwen Wyer second and Donna Smerz third. Sheila Meneilly was first in Flight C with Rose Mulhall in sec-

ond. NatSue Dawson was third.

On Oct. 29, the winner of Flight A was Kim Norried, followed by Gina Yoon, Sharon Hackenmiller and Karen French. Donna Osborne and Debbie Figaski were tied for first in Flight B followed by Cindy Schell, Donna Smerz and Katie Quelch. Gwen Lemke was first in Flight C, followed by Sherry Ivey, Suellen Dow and Sheila Meneilly.

On Nov. 5, the Flight A champion was Sharon Hackenmiller. Kim Norried and Becky West were second, and Gloria Sayer was third. The Flight B champion was Katie Quelch, second was Karen Beaver and third was Debbie Figaski. In Flight C, Jacqueline Dolan was champion, Sue Ellen Dowe and Sherry Ivey were second, and Nate Sue Dawson was third.

A Scramble Tournament took place on Nov. 12. Sharon Hackenmiller was the Flight A winner. Becky West was second and Gloria Sayer was third.

Fran Zaloski was champion in Flight B. Nancy Lo and Katie Quelch tied for second and Kay Satterlee was third.

NatSue Dawson was the Flight C champion. Jacqueline Dolan was second and Gwen Lemke was third.

Jack and Jill Golf Tournament

- Save The Date -



The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League will host its annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

The rain date is February 18.

(More information in your January newspaper)

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Early in the season, but already OTOW softball players are racking up hits

By Bob Rittner

Numerous players impacted games offensively and defensively.

2nd Time Sports 14 West Siders 0

Star of the game, Don Stroehler, not only pitched a shutout, allowing just one extra-base hit, but also got four hits and fielded brilliantly. He caught a pop-up near the mound, grabbed a hot grounder and hustled to the third base line for a topped ball to get the force out at third.

Allan Bendert drove in runs for the fourth consecutive game, this time with two doubles.

2nd Time Sports 16 West Siders 12

This was a seesaw game that saw the lead change hands seven times with no team having more than a three run lead through the first seven inning.

It wasn't until 2nd Time Sports scored three in the eighth and ninth innings that a lead was more than three.

Henry Zussman's bases-clearing home run with two outs in the ninth inning put the game out of reach. It was his fifth hit, completing a cycle.

Playing first, Cindy McCarthy got a putout and then alertly threw a bullet home to nab a runner and complete a double play.

Softball

2nd Time Sports 12 West Siders 8

This was a close game, 6-5 after five innings with the West Siders leading. But, 2nd Time Sports broke the game open with seven runs over the next three innings on a flurry of hits, including triples by Jim Costello and Tara Gunning.

For the West Siders, Bob Fields, Mike Sieber and Alex Scaranda led with four hits apiece.

West Siders 11 2nd Time Sports 9

Welcome back Roger Hebel, who batted leadoff and blasted four frozen rope singles to lead the West Siders.

2nd Time Sports came back from a four-run deficit to tie the game and then almost tied it again in the ninth scoring four more runs.

2nd Time Sports 15 West Siders 9

Star of the game, Tara Gunning, subbed in the key shortstop position and performed impeccably on both defense and offense.

On defense, Tara made every play in her zone and on offense contributed with a double, a triple and a single

Joe DeChiaro hit two homers and Eddie Ramirez hit a triple and homer to lead the West Siders.

But Henry Zussman's league-leading fourth homer of the year and the triumphant return of Roger Martel, who stroked three hits, led to victory.

2nd Time Sports 8 West Siders 5

A furious rally in the ninth inning was cut short when Joe DeChiaro initiated a double play to stop the West Siders at three runs.

Henry Buyny's catch of a deep fly into center scotched an opportunity for the West Siders to score.

Bill Lepping had four hits for the West Siders, and after Lenny Segall tripled, Robert Bannick drove him in with a double and then scored on singles by Jim Tiano and Phil Goodwin.

Bob Fields fought a blinding sun to catch a fly ball that would have scored two runs had he missed it.

West Siders 10 2nd Time Sports 5

The West Siders broke a close game open in the ninth inning with three runs.

The first run was driven in by Joni

Edwall's hard single and the last two by a Guy Bertuzzi's double to deep right field.

Jim Tiano made a clutch catch in left field in the ninth inning.

West Siders 5 2nd Time Sports 5

The star of the game, Joe Maley, made two catches saving two runs.

The first catch was the game's turning point as with bases loaded and no outs he reached a dying quail, shuffling it to Joe DeChiaro, who threw home cutting off the lead runner.

Later, Joe Maley robbed a home run deep in center field.

Joe DeChiaro made the spectacular play of the game when he raced into center field for a relay and threw a one hop strike to catcher Roger Hebel to nab a startled runner.

For 2nd Time Sports, Lenny Segall drove in four runs with a homer and a triple.

Four players debuted today, and each got hits. Totaling nine hits were Bill Schwartz, Bill Holland, Bryan Wood and Don Marsden.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Tennis players already preparing for six tournaments next year

By Joe Spahalski

Members of the On Top of the World Tennis Club are praising the new courts. They are so fantastic that it seems we have upped our game. All we can say is "thanks."

During the rebuilding, most club members visited a lot of different courts and we are especially grateful to Dunedin for their hospitality as they welcomed us

Tennis

with open arms. We discovered that each court had a different way of playing open tennis.

We are in the process of determining what will work best on our courts and this

should be completed at our annual meeting.

We play "open tennis" six days a week from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Our current system is such that there is never over a 10 minute wait to play. Plays last for about 20 minutes and then you get a 10 minute break.

So future wannabe tennis players, retired players of all sizes, shapes or gender, we welcome you. Join the club and have

a lot of fun.

In December, we will be getting our skills ready for upcoming tournaments that will take place early next year. There will be a minimum of six different tournaments to enter so you have a great opportunity to get that elusive trophy.

Join the club to enter. It is so easy to do. Just show up and join.

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Phil and Donna Smerz win Guys and Dolls Tournament

By David Cox

There was a great turnout for the Guys and Dolls Tournament in November.

First place was won by the team of Phil and Donna Smerz, second place went to Guy Bertuzzi and Dottie Graham, third place went to Bob McGrogan and Cindy Dirico, and fourth place went to David Cox and Kim Norried.

Hamburgers, trimmings and beverages were served after the tournament.

Congratulations to Ronald Murray who had a hole-in-one on hole No. 16, a 135 yard, par 3.

Ron got his ace during the month of October in the Men's Golf League.

Golf Course Superintendent Todd

Men's Golf

Six said plans continue with work on cart paths, course enhancements and work on all ornamentals to the golf course. Plans also include spreading mulch on the "19th hole," under and around all the picnic table areas.

All seeding of wild flowers on specific areas on the nine hole course has been completed and the flowers are beginning to come up.

Here are results for recent Wednesday tournaments in recent weeks:

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the A Flight winner was John Taylor and runner up was Don Sorrenson. B Flight first place went to Dave Combs, runner up was Bob Ellis. C Flight first place went to Patrick Mahoney and runner-up was James O'Neil. D Flight first place was Dan Fletcher, runner up was John Lovasz.

On Wednesday Oct. 23, the A Flight winner was Ronald Huber, runner-up was Jere Keiser. B Flight first place went to Dave Combs, runner-up was David Saccone. The C Flight first place winner was Laurence Keaveney, runner-up was Dan O'Sullivan. The D Flight first place winner was Greg Murray, runner up was Jim McHugh.

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, the A Flight

winner was Don Sorensen, runner-up was Gary Sandine. The B Flight first place winner was Ed Fox, runner-up was Jack Sousa. The C Flight first place winner was Laurence Keaveney, runner-up was Jack Drewiega. The D Flight first place winner was Greg Murray, runner up was Jerry Allen.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the A Flight winner was Pete Gagnon, runner-up was Bill Haener. The B Flight first place winner was Richard Folger, runner-up was Jack Sousa. The C Flight first place winner was Greg Murray, runner-up was Ronald Murray. The D Flight first place winner was John Lovasz, runner-up was Bob Earley.

Fred Schick is first winner of a new Thursday Golf League season

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

It is wonderful to have our Snowbird friends return. We have an exciting year planned with many new events.

Fred Schick was the winner of the first competition of the year. Scott Rogers was second and Tim Carr took third place. Scott Rogers had the low gross round and took one skin. Lynne Godfrey, Jim Stewart and Bill Higgins collected one skin each. The long drive winners were John Maloof, Bruce MacPherson and CJ Messina. Harry Barbin was closest to the pin.

Bill Higgins recorded a wonderful round in capturing the week two competition. Dan Morey was second and Fred Schick took third place. Bill also had the low gross score and took two skins. Scott Rogers and Jim Keagy collected a skin

Thursday Golf

each. Harry Barbin took two skins. Ada Maloof, Fred Schick, Bruce MacPherson and Harry Barbin were the long drivers. Mike Marsh had the closest to the pin shot.

Here are the results for the final three weeks of the off-season.

Week 24 was won by Ken Smith. Tim Belcastro was second and Pat Mahony placed third. Harry Barbin was the low gross winner. Paul Meyers collected two skins. Bill Higgins, Pat Mahony, Bruce MacPherson and Don Hunter took one skin each. Bruce MacPherson and Paul Meyers had the closest to the pin shots.

Edmund Molina was the week 25 champion. Tim Belcastro was second and Dave Pittenger was third. Harry Barbin had the low gross round. Bruce MacPherson, Bill Higgins, Edmund Molina, Dave Pittenger and Fred Schick took one skin each. The closest to the pin winners were Fred Schick and Dave Pittenger.

The final competition of the off-season was won by Dennis Telleck. Dan Hyden placed second and Jerry Fugatt was third. Harry Barbin had the low gross round. Scott Rogers took two skins. Joe Wisinski, Tom Gerkin and Bill Higgins had one skin each. Angelo Santucci and Len Howell were closest to the pin.

Our league is a mixed league, providing an opportunity for couples to compete each week. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format. This

is a "quota point" system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota not directly against other players.

You don't have to join our league to try us out. 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.

Golfers sign in from 9-9:30 a.m. every Thursday.

You can find details and league standings at the On Top of the World Box Office Website. Go to otowboxoffice.com, look for the link for OTOW clubs and click on Thursday Golf League.

Mrs. Claus to distribute gifts at holiday luncheon

By Nancy Schifferle

The Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League will be holding its annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 12 at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach.

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift between the cost of \$3-5. Goofy gifts are welcome. These gifts will be randomly distributed by Mrs. Claus at the luncheon.

A sign-up sheet will be posted at the golf course Little House for reservations, which is mandatory.

At our general meeting in November, President Carroll Harris asked members for a moment of silence in respect to families and friends active in the military and as first responders. Gilda Gambacurta was presented with a belated trophy for low gross at the 2019 President's Tourna-

Ladies 9 Hole

ment last season.

Gilda will also be heading up a new community service committee for our league. We will be donating food for the Helping Hands Society. Donations can be dropped off at the Little House on Dec. 17 or April 17, 2020.

Also during our November meeting, we welcomed new members Celeste Pert and Cindy Dirico. Ruth Phillips will be a new member soon, after she completes her handicap.

Club members reviewed, updated and

clarified LPGA rules and were reminded to bring their pink rule books to each meeting.

New members are always welcome in our league. Please contact Carroll at (432) 528-8684 if you are interested or sign up 8:30 a.m. at the Little House at the first tee on the nine-hole course.

The following are recent results from our league:

On Oct. 29, Paula Ergang took first place in Flight A and Ann Stewart was second. Kathy Ahrens was first in Flight B. Cheryl Butcher was first in Flight C with Carroll Harris second. Celeste Pert was first in Flight D and Sarah Fergas was second. Ann Stewart had the only birdie.

On Nov. 7, Paula Ergang topped

Flight A, followed by Ann Stewart. Kathy Ahrens was first in Flight B, followed by Annie Jarvis. Lois van der Bogart won Flight C, followed by Carroll Harris. Celeste Pert won Flight D, with Nancy Schifferle and Elaine Ellis tying for second place.

On Nov. 14 there was a new winner in Flight A. Gilda Gambacurta took top honors with Ann Stewart second. Kathy Ahrens was first three weeks in a row in Flight B. Magdakese Nawrocky was second. In Flight C, Carroll Harris was first and Marge Sivek second. In Flight D, Lois van der Bogart was first and Penni Telleck was second.

From everyone at the Nine-Hole Golf League to everyone at On Top of the World, "happy holiday wishes."

Hole-In-One

Congratulations go out to Mike Walker who recorded a hole-in-one on Nov. 3 at the On Top of the World Golf Course.

The ace took place on hole No. 17. The witness was Mike's wife, Joy.



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**OTOW Punjab Building Flag Dedication Ceremony
Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 - Veterans Day**



Punjab flag waves again

By Doug Kates

Even if you had driven by and didn't know what was going on, you would have sensed something special was about to take place.

In the Punjab Building parking lot, 50 people saluted 50 stars on a flag that was finally back in service.

It was Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

Patriotic music was playing. A bagpipe was buzzing. People were dressed in red, white and blue.

On this day, Building 21 saw its American flag officially waving once again.

Some time ago, residents Angelo Santucci and Dave Hoffman discovered the flag stuffed in a storage room. There was only one thing that could be done. It had to wave again.

Angelo saw to it that new rope was purchased for the flag pole and a night light was added to the top.

Then, it was decided, returning the flag back to the building would be followed by a dedication ceremony. The flag would be raised in tribute of two of the building's oldest veterans - Harry Gilman, who attended the ceremony, and Jim Mayne, who passed away earlier this year.

Angelo told the crowd their flag was back. He presented one plaque to Harry and one plaque to Theresa Mayne, Jim's widow.

Roy Willis played all five Armed Services songs on his bagpipes, Taps was played to remember all our service personnel who never came home, and the ceremony wrapped up with "Proud to be an American."

It was a special day.



At left, Theresa Mayne receives a flag dedication plaque on behalf of her husband, Jim.

At right, Harry Gilman receives a flag dedication plaque.

Making the presentation was Punjab resident Angelo Santucci.

Photos by Doug Kates



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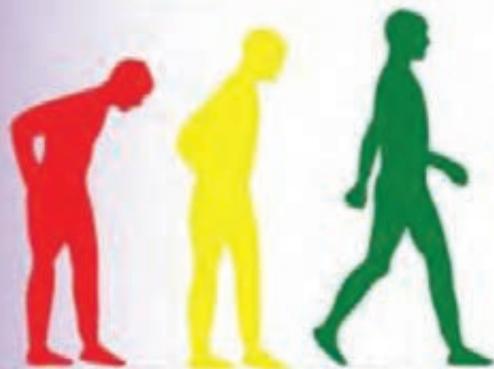
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A look back at the OTOW News December, 1994

- **Art Guild:** "The ability to draw is overall important," said Stephen Littlefield, demonstrator for the Nov. 11 general meeting. Practice is essential and he suggested two methods to help the artist: (1) Gesture drawing: simple, easy, no detail. (2) Contour drawing: eye, hands together starting at a special spot with the eye and follow contour of object slowly around and return to same spot, keeping eye on object until complete. It was most interesting. Mr. Littlefield is known for his block prints.
- **Line Dancer Club:** The annual Fall Line Dance Party was held Oct. 23 with approximately 200 in attendance. President Victor Figueroa presided. He planned a variety of familiar dances. Then, during the rest periods, we anxiously awaited the demonstrations of new dances and the winners of the Candy Guessing Contest. Bonnie Avatonio designed the posters and planned the contest. First place winner was Ann Langhorst and second place winner was Faye Mavromates. The "Grand March" was led by Margaret Kohler, Bea Cirri, Evelyn and Ed Kline.
- **Horseshoe Club:** The Horseshoe Club is off to a good trotting (or is it galloping) start for the 1994-95 season. Several members already here were not able to participate the first day of competitive pitching Nov. 1, but three new members were able to get involved right away. A warm handshake and welcome have been extended to all new members.
- **OTOW Shrine Club:** On Dec. 6 at 11 a.m., the OTOW Shrine Club will be having its Christmas Luncheon and Party at Kally K's on Main Street in Dunedin. Reservations are a must, as Santa Claus will be sending a gift for each lady present. All Shriners, wives and lady friends are invited. All widows of Shriners are especially invited, and Noble Dave Cochran will be paying for their attendance.
- **Punjab Building:** Joanna Sindoni flew in on Nov. 11 to spend 10 days with her folks, Rosanna and Joe Sindoni. Jeanne and Martin Engelsberg have returned from a visit to Boston to be with friends and family. Their daughter Audrey and husband Matthew came from Vermont to join them. They all attended a four-star wedding of the daughter of the flower girl at their wedding 43 years ago. Jeanne says, "I guess that tells you something of time passing by."
- **Saratoga Building:** Thanks to the almost 50 Saratoga Building residents who showed up on the second floor core for a short meeting on Election Day. Ivy Van Wingerden introduced Ida Kearns who told us about Wally Meyers' plan to buy some new simpler holiday lights to decorate the building in December. A vast majority of those present voted to spend \$200 from the building fund for this purpose. Thanks to all the people who contributed to the sidewalk cleaning on the Rhodesian side. Don't they look nice?



New World French residents enjoy a building luncheon at Leo's Italian Restaurant in Palm Harbor. A different restaurant to visit is featured each month.

Monthly luncheons are a fixture of life at NWF

Our monthly birthday dinner for the building was held at Leo's Italian restaurant in Palm Harbor. This is a monthly event. Virginia Upton is the organizer. We go to a different restaurant each month.

Virginia Upton, along with her friend, Fran Heffron, who also lives in On Top of the World, recently took a trip to Hendersonville N.C., to dog sit for friends. The house is on top of a mountain, with 180-degree views. They were able to watch sunrise and sunset from the deck of the beautiful home.

I took a trip to Venice, a fantastic city, and enjoyed using their water taxis (20 euros for the day). I then took a seven-day Greek Isle cruise, stopping in Dubrovnik, Croatia; Montenegro; Santorini and Olympia.

The ship docked in Santorini, near Fira, high up a hill. The only way to get to the top is by chair lift, winding steps (600 in all) or a donkey, which is a feat in itself. It is a very pretty island, all white houses,



some with blue roofs, and lots of narrow cobbled streets.

I then flew to Manchester, England, to visit family.

Overall, I used a total of four different currencies on the trip: dollars, euros, kuna and English pounds.

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The club meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room). We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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A look back at Espana's attempts at holiday lighting

A pizza party was held in the lobby in October. John Fier told me about 25 residents attended.

They were informed that in the last three years, 20 units have changed hands. They also were informed that we need help in many of the building activities, including Christmas decorations. Some of the residents who have been doing the decorations can no longer climb a ladder, so please volunteer to help.

As an original resident of the Espana, I thought I would give you some history.

For my first Christmas decoration in 1993, my son decided to accent the arches in front of my condo by taping white lights around all four arches.

The next year, in 1994, another neighbor decided to add white lights to his arches but, oh boy, was he mad. The first morning after he taped them up, he did not realize that the tape would break loose. It had to be pushed back up with a broom.

In 1995, as our building president, that gentleman got volunteers from each wing to install screws in all the arches so that holiday lights could be installed on the entire building without using duct tape.

Note: This practice is no longer permitted at On Top of the World.

As to the lobby decorations: In 1993, the building treasury purchased a tree and



the lights to decorate it. The residents were requested to bring a decoration to put on the tree when they came to the party, which was held in the lobby. The arches in the lobby were also outlined with garlands.

After several years of having our Christmas party in the lobby, we went to the Sunrise Room and later to various country clubs. Watch the bulletin board for the date and time of this year's Christmas party.

Long ago, Herb Cervinka constructed and painted a huge Santa that was lit with a spotlight and stood in the yard facing Americus Blvd. On some years, Santa held the American flag.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.



Years ago, Herb Cervinka constructed and painted this big Santa that, for many years, was placed in the yard of the Espana Building and lit with a spotlight.

Socrates Café discussion group holds first meeting

By Trevor Colby

The inaugural meeting of the Socrates Café was held on Oct. 18. During the first four weeks of our existence, the average attendance of 16 has been beyond our expectations. The subjects discussed have included: "How does money affect happiness?", "Why marry?", "What is cultural identity?" and "What is friendship?"

The concept of Socrates Cafés started in the early 1990s when freelance writer Christopher Phillips wondered what he could do to continue the efforts of earlier philosophers.

Today, there are more than 600 Socrates Cafés around the world in which people from different backgrounds come together to exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences. The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates promoted the idea that we learn more when we question and discuss our thoughts with others.

The answer for Christopher Phillips was to be a philosopher in the mold of



Socrates and to hold dialogues with anyone who would like to engage in a common quest to gain a better understanding of human nature.

The On Top of the World Socrates Club is delighted with the response we have received and we look forward to meeting anyone who is interested in developing their point of view with civility and respect at 10 a.m. every Friday in the East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room.

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Austrian Alpine's first Fall Fun Fest



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New resident Donna Gagnon brought her scrumptious pumpkin cake.

Many new residents are moving in to Austrian Alpine and the Fall Fun Fest was the perfect place to meet them.

As the weather cools and our activity levels rise, December and January bring a bevy of events along



Austrian Alpine residents enjoy pie and each other's company at the building's first Fall Fun Fest. Left to right are Donna Gagnon, Virginia McDowell, Joanna Hudson, Jim Lutz and Dulce Boyce.

with biking, pickleball, golf, Zumba, line-dancing and many more. Check the On Top of the World newspaper for listings.

Also, check our Austrian Alpine bulletin board for our building parties and get-togethers. We have a big one coming up in December!

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Let's get geared up for the holidays

'Tis the season to be merry — Christmas time is here. So much to do, so let's get going!

Parties of every kind, lunch with friends, gift giving, cookie exchange or just enjoying each other company. Just so much to get done.

These all are great things to do. There are many who will not be able to enjoy any of this. So open your heart this season and share some love and caring.

Get out and enjoy the weather, walk, drive, take your scooter — there is so much out there to see.

Join a club or group, see a show, go to the library, learn to dance, so many activities. All this and more here at On Top of the World.

Here's hoping everyone has a happy holiday season.

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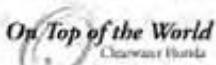
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Long-time Azores residents still active

The best part of writing this column is the opportunity to get to know — or know better — my Azorean neighbors.

This month I spoke with Tom and Marie Pirello, who have lived at On Top of the World for 19 “very happy” years.

Likening our community to a resort, Tom and Marie described enthusiastically participating in many activities, including line dancing, tennis, and golf. They also described the special camaraderie among Azores residents, built through volunteer and social activities and countless everyday kindnesses.

A highlight of their time here has been helping to enhance building life. Along with John and Dolores Parham, their good friends and world-travel partners of 53 years, Tom and Marie have organized social functions, decorated for the holidays, and more. John was the Azores building



captain for an impressive 14 years, and Tom was his assistant for many of those years.

Bob Kelly and Carol Gasparre are back from a wonderful week-long trip to New Orleans, filled with art, history, and filé gumbo. Highlights included visits

to historic plantations, the World War II and fine arts museums, and the Modern Sculpture Park. They also got to experience Halloween, New Orleans style, which is a trip in itself.

Many thanks to Eva Smith, who organized a fantastic Oktoberfest dinner for our fun-loving Azores residents. The chosen venue was O’Keefe’s Restaurant, which offered German entrees along with its usual Irish fare.

Given the warm and breezy weather, the group sat outside on O’Keefe’s lovely patio. At the end of the main course, everyone was treated to a Halloween surprise when the centerpiece pumpkin was uncovered to reveal an assortment of candy bars. I hear it made the rounds more than once.

Winter holiday planning has already started. Stay tuned!



Holiday lights video clips will be taken by the OTOW News staff From Dec. 9–13. There is no need to call for an appointment. Clips of the lights will be shown on OTOW-TV during this period and right through Christmas Day. Watch for your holiday lights on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

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Carol Mattana, winner of a recent drawing held by the sorority Sigma Tau ESA, relaxes on the sofa with a sorority representative, at right, and Carol’s daughter, Chris Mattana in front.

Granada resident wins drawing to benefit hospital

We had some excitement this past month as Carol Mattana won a basket of wine from a drawing to benefit St. Jude Hospital. This was through the sorority Sigma Tau, ESA.

In the photo is our winner Carol, with her daughter, Chris Mattana, and a sorority representative. Congratulations, Carol.

We had our luncheon this month at the Columbia Restaurant on Sand Key. This took place after this article was submitted. However, we always have a nice turnout for the Columbia.

We also had our “Gathering on the Green,” which was moved to Wednesday, Nov. 27, due to Thanksgiving.

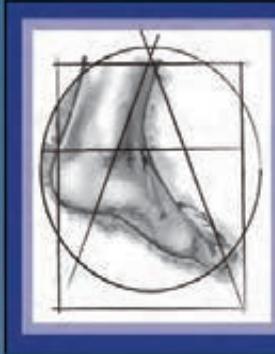
We will be decorating the building on Dec. 7 and, as always, we have posted a sign-up sheet. Coffee, donuts and holiday music will be available for our volunteers.

Our holiday party will be at Alfanos



on Dec. 9. We are asking people to bring a gift valued between \$10–\$15 if they are interested in participating in a gift exchange.

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Please remember Sharon Clifford's "Project Wrap" child book gift project. Designate a boy or girl book gift and drop it off at Sharon's happily-decorated place.

Also mark your calendar for the On Top of the World Chorus Christmas program on Dec. 7 and 8 at the East Activity Center. It promises to put all in the spirit of the season.

We were in Maine for Thanksgiving. Being in the cold, dark, icy, snowy, short days of little to no sun light and dressing like the "Michelin Man" makes one appreciate our little corner of paradise down here even more.

Russ Lamesfield celebrated his birthday at a recent barbecue. Russ apparently has found the Fountain of Youth — he simply does not age. Might be the workouts in our great gym and those walks with Lulu. We always have a nice crowd at our events.

Please look for the sign-up sheet and information on our holiday Christmas party



on the main bulletin board in the core.

Since this is the last article of 2019, thank you to Howard Rochte and Carroll Harris for being co-captains and for Howard's crime watch, also the flag guys, Steve Mezurek and Fred Schick, and the decoration crew, including Brian Lance and Steve Moore.

Thanks also to Brian Lance, general "everything" for celebrations. Let's not forget Russ Lamesfield, Karen and Kurk Safee and Connie MacDonal. You and all the unnamed volunteers help make the Villa extra special.

We want to wish one and all Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.



Russ Lamesfield happily cuts his birthday cake at a recent get-together at Viennese Villa. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

A thank you to the staff and crew at OTOW for making our life here enjoyable.

anniversaries, safe and happy travels to you and yours. Any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

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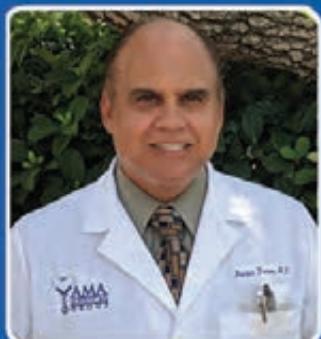
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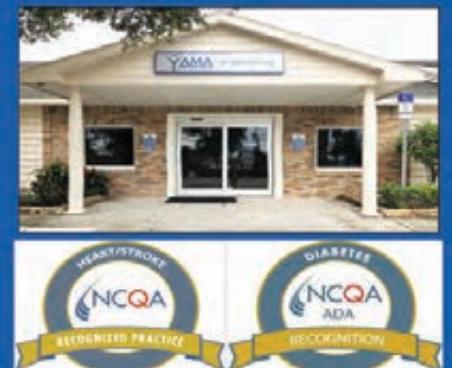
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Building tailgate party was enjoyed by all

Terri McPherson, our building's activities coordinator this past year, has done a magnificent job with her enthusiasm of selecting fun-filled activities which bring our building's residents together.

On Nov. 2, a tailgate party was held out in front of the Flamenco with 28 out of 35 residents in attendance. The weather was not too hot, rainy, nor windy, just perfect. This encouraged residents to linger after eating for some good conversation. Ironically, the date landed on Eileen Seen's birthday, so naturally, the residents serenaded her with "Happy Birthday."

Bill Gordon serves as our resident grill master, cooking up the most fantastic burgers and hot dogs ever made on his serving table.

Three other tables in our buffet line were covered with various relishes, salads, fried fruit quinoa, all provided courtesy of the residents of Flamenco. In addition, we had one full table of tempting desserts! All in all, a great time was had by all.



As for me, on Oct. 13, I attended my brother's wedding up in Cape Cod Mass.

When I arrived, I was met by a Nor'easter I have not experienced in over 10 years.

The weather remained rainy and cool until the day of the wedding, Sunday Oct. 13. It was sunny and cool, a perfect day for a wedding. It was a great respite from



More than two dozen Flamenco residents partook of a "tailgate party" in November.

the hot and sticky summer-like conditions here in Florida.

On behalf of the residents of Flamenco, I would like to congratulate and

thank the On Top of the World workers for the upgrade of our elevator. The work was performed in a very timely manner, and finished within the given time frame.



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Siboney ladies at Frenchy's Outback for the building's November birthday celebration.

Monthly ladies' birthday luncheons begin at Siboney

Our monthly ladies' birthday luncheons have begun here at the Siboney building.

On Oct. 29, we went to Duff's Buffet. There were 16 ladies in attendance. Two of them had a birthday: Linda Tarka and myself.

In November, we had a lovely luncheon at Frenchy's Outback in Dunedin. Audrey Decker was the birthday girl. If you would like to join us for your birthday, please see one of our board members.

On Nov. 16, our building went to Johnny's restaurant for a monthly outing. All residents were welcome to attend.

At our monthly meeting, many topics were discussed. President Bob Stone talked about the storage rooms and asked everyone to please stop putting things on the floor or in other residents' areas.

Our Christmas party this year will be held on Dec. 12 at the Paradise Restaurant



in Safety Harbor. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please attend if you can. It's a good way to meet your neighbors. Carpooling will be available.

Happy holidays everyone and a happy and healthy New Year. See you next year!

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American Gothic residents happy with new paint job

Who is that on the American Gothic building? Is it Superman? No. Is it a band of flying nuns? No. It's the painters!

Because of them, American Gothic has a new, bright, shiny face. These painters completed a lovely detailed job. American Gothic residents appreciate their work.

Hot, cheesy pizza anyone? American Gothic residents love their cheese pizzas. Yummy pizza slices were the order of the day at our Nov. 13 annual meeting.

While the group was chowing down on pizza, Dennis Telleck reminded residents to recycle their cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, and cardboard. Glass is no longer recyclable and remember no pizza boxes, shredded paper or plastic bags!

Jim Crawford reviewed our healthy financial status.

Ron Clements, our decorating wizard, presented a creative plan to decorate our neighborhood for the holidays. AG residents voted and gave Ron money from our treasury for his decorations.

Ron asked for volunteers to meet on Saturday, Nov. 30 in the core. AG is excited to have Ron make our neighborhood sparkle.

As always please check the bulletin board for updates.

Coordinators Joe Borowczyk and C.J. Messina have distributed a list of names,



condo numbers, and phone numbers of participating residents. Thanks and good job, coordinators!

It takes time and work to keep our building functioning well. You coordinators organize clean-out days for storage rooms and help keep us on track by patiently reminding us to follow the rules and regulations of On Top of the World.

Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Carrabba's. We hope to see you there in your twinkling best.

Our American Gothic is not just a building, but our neighborhood. It's a beautiful month in the neighborhood!



Ready for the holidays: American Gothic resident Diane Benoit and her dog, "Reeses," look forward to sharing holiday joy with their neighbors. (Photo by Dennis Telleck)

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Part of a group of 15 who attended a luncheon in November at Duff's Buffet.

Emerald Isle residents always finding neat things to do

No reason needed for a get-together! It's November and we haven't seen each other in a month — that's all the reason we need to schedule a luncheon!

Fifteen Emerald Isle neighbors met on Nov. 14, at Duff's Buffet, to enjoy a wonderful meal and great company! We all agreed that the food was a great value and the restaurant was conveniently located. Our luncheons are always filled with happy chatter about our interests.

Our residents are busy with the various activities we are involved with at On Top Of the World. Zumba, wine tastings, golf leagues, the knitting group, swimming, the pool leagues, etc. So you see, there's something here for everyone.

Plans are set for our holiday celebration. We will share the holiday spirit at an event on Dec. 5 at the Dunedin Country Club.



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! Enjoy renewing your spirit-filled and joyful hearts, and express your love for each other, your family, friends and strangers.

Dorado honors veterans with stories and memories

Dorado residents enjoyed a potluck dinner to honor our veterans and veterans' families. A few residents shared stories of their loved one's military service.

Nancy Coan shared her sister's love story, from high school to the Vietnam conflict. Upon her return, her high school boyfriend hitchhiked from Alaska, where he had served, to rekindle their romance. Now after 50 years, they are still married, living the dream here at On Top of the World.

I shared how my father was invited as a dinner guest at an officer's home where my mother was invited, too.

After dinner and an evening sitting on the officer's front porch swing, and four years of love letters to the soldier stationed in the Aleutian Islands, my father and mother were married. If not for the U.S. Army, I would not be here today!

We honored many by just mentioning their names, like all five of Gwen Lemke's brothers who served in the U.S. Navy, our own residents Peter Milner, who served in the U.S. Army, and Don Jones, who served in the Canadian Army.

Almost every resident has a family member who has served in one of our great



branches of the military. We, the Dorado residents, want to say "Thank you for serving" to any veteran reading this.

(Take a deep breath.) We are proud to be Americans and feel privileged to live in this great country, the United States of America, a country with freedoms like no other, to live in Florida, the Sunshine State, with wonderful weather year-round, to live in Pinellas County, where we have Clearwater Beach, the number one-rated best beach in the world, to live at OTOW, a retiree's dream, and to live in the Dorado Building with such fabulous neighbors. Wow! We are truly blessed.

'Bohemiafest' draws more than 30 attendees

This year "Bohemiafest" took place on Nov. 16. Over 30 residents participated in this event. It is our take on Germany's Oktoberfest. We hold this event a month late so that more of our returning winter residents are able to join in the fun.

The yearly menu consists of bratwurst, sauerkraut and German potato salad, topped off with a frosty pint. This is one of our favorites on the building calendar.

We decked the halls of Bohemia, on Nov. 30. The residents spent the morning decorating and putting up the building Christmas tree. The official lighting of the tree was followed by a wine and cheese party. This event prepares everyone for the onslaught of the holiday season.

The Bohemia Building girls sure know how to embrace the season!

For the fourth year, on the first Friday in November, the girls have trekked to the Tampa Fairgrounds to attend the Tampa Junior League Holiday Festival.

There are over 200 vendors from Tampa and beyond who promote their wares. Many of these vendors are small businesses that use this opportunity



to introduce themselves.

It is noted that very few visitors leave empty-handed. It is the perfect place to find that unique gift for that person who is hard to buy for.

After a visit to the festival, one works up an appetite, so it has become a habit to stop for lunch in Tampa. This year it was Irish 31, located in Westshore Plaza. As noted by its name, the menu focuses on Irish cuisine. If you have opportunity to visit this pub, the Boxy is a must-try.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone happy holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE OTOW NEWS

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OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart, Sprouts

Tuesday Mornings
Start time: 9 am

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza and Sprouts.

Tuesday Midday
Start time: 12:30 pm

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

Wednesday Mornings
Start time: 8 am
Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday
Start time: 11 am
Destination: Aldi and CVS

Thursday Mornings
Start time: 8 am
Destination: Publix

Thursday Midday
Start time: 11 am
Destination: Publix

Friday Mornings
Start time: 8 a.m.
Destination: Walmart

Friday Midday
Start time: 11 am
Destination: Walmart

On a busy day, please allow 30 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time.

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Sudoku is a numbers game. Pictured above are 10 rows of numbers and 10 columns of numbers. In each row and in each column, there is space for 10 different numbers (0-9). The same number will never appear twice in the same row or column. Start the puzzle by finding a row or column with only one or two blank squares. Through the process of elimination, determine which number is missing and write it in. As you proceed, you will start to discover that some rows and some columns become easier to guess the missing numbers, until you have filled in every square on the board. At the end, if you have a row or column with two-like numbers in it, you have not completed the board correctly. Try again. For more practice, visit the On Top of the World Box Office and play Sudoku online: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

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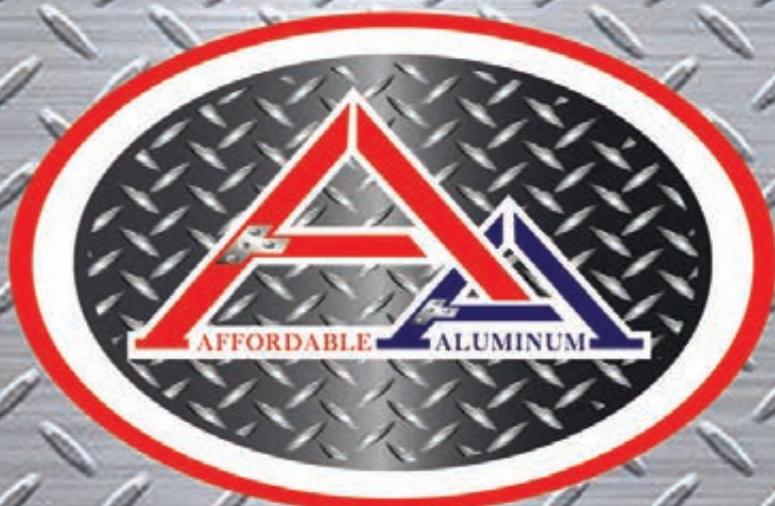


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