



## This Valentine's Day, EAC is hosting a wedding

By John Koning

The East Activity Center has hosted many romantic events.

How could it not?

When you combine the vast dance floor with soft lighting, some great music and a little wine, you have a tried and true recipe for romance.

So it only seems fitting that on Valentine's Day, in the pink curtained-Veranda Room, a romance that bloomed and blossomed here, would come to its charming climax with the marriage of two true romantics - Ron Marten and Lois Van De Bogart.

The story reads like something penned by the romance author Nicholas Sparks. Two strangers, both reeling from broken relationships, bump into each other while looking for love in other places. It is a truly magical story, but, unlike Mr. Sparks' fiction, this story is fact.

Ron and Lois first met here at the Snowbirds Club line dancing class in the West Activity Center.

For Lois, it did not start out as an "impressed-at-first-sight" experience. Ron's carefree dancing and unconventional moves were, quite frankly, annoying to her.

She asked herself, "why can't this goofball pay attention to the steps?" He was clearly getting on her nerves.

However, as time passed, Ron's quiet charm and warm ways began to melt the ice in Lois' veins.

Eventually, one fateful morning after her rigorous workout, Ron summoned the courage to strike up



a conversation with Lois that actually lasted more than an hour and caused her to miss her exercise class later that morning.

After all was said and done, the persistent suitor managed to broker a half-hearted commitment for one experimental bike ride with him.

Well, as fate (or shall we say Cupid) would have it, one bike ride led to another and then another until Lois finally let her guard down.

Then, on one magical morning in Safety Harbor, as they walked out to the end of the pier, Ron slipped his hand into hers. When that gesture of affection was accepted, it led to more and, eventually, that special first kiss by the fountain.

What impressed Ron the most was Lois' stunning smile, her gregarious nature and her smooth dance moves.

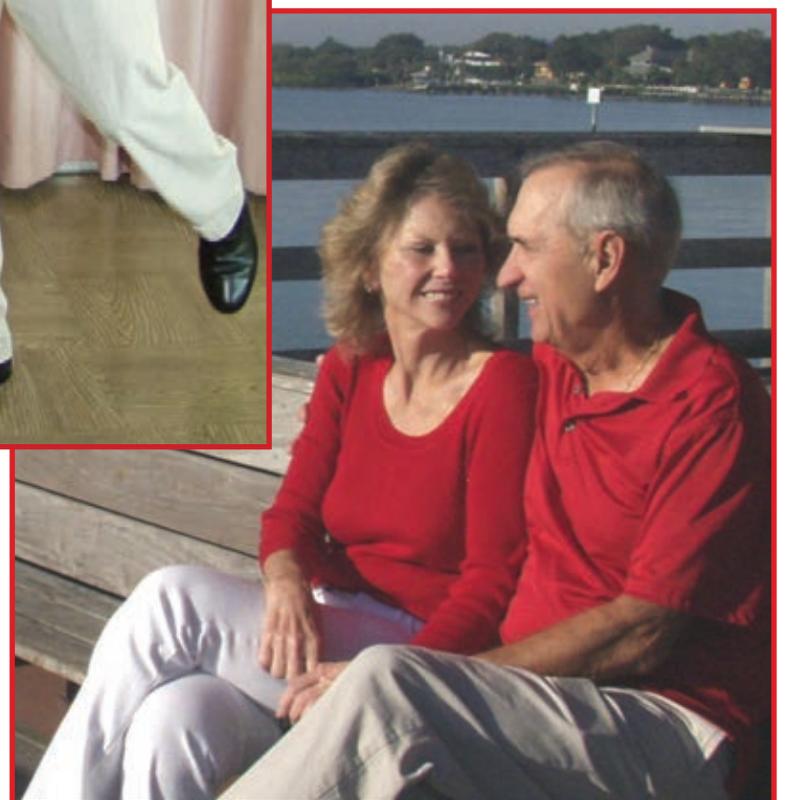
"It amazes me how she attracts people to her wherever she is!" he states emphatically. "She sees the best in people. That makes me want to be near her - just like everyone else."

As for Lois, she was drawn to the same thing that many of us see in this man. It is his gentle nature and warm presence.

"He accepts me every day just as I am," she says softly. "He shows me patience and grace on those days when I'm short tempered and impatient. I love that I don't have to pretend."

It's not hard to tell that these two love each other.

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You can see it in many ways but most clearly on the dance floor where they float across the floor in total bliss. It is a heart warming sight - so much so they won a dance competition at our last Jingle Bell Hop.

Feb. 14 promises to be a special day for Ron, Lois and their invited guests. They came here to On Top of the World. They met here. And they will be married here.

If you happen to run into Ron and Lois, wish them many healthy and happy Valentine's Days together.

# On Top of the World

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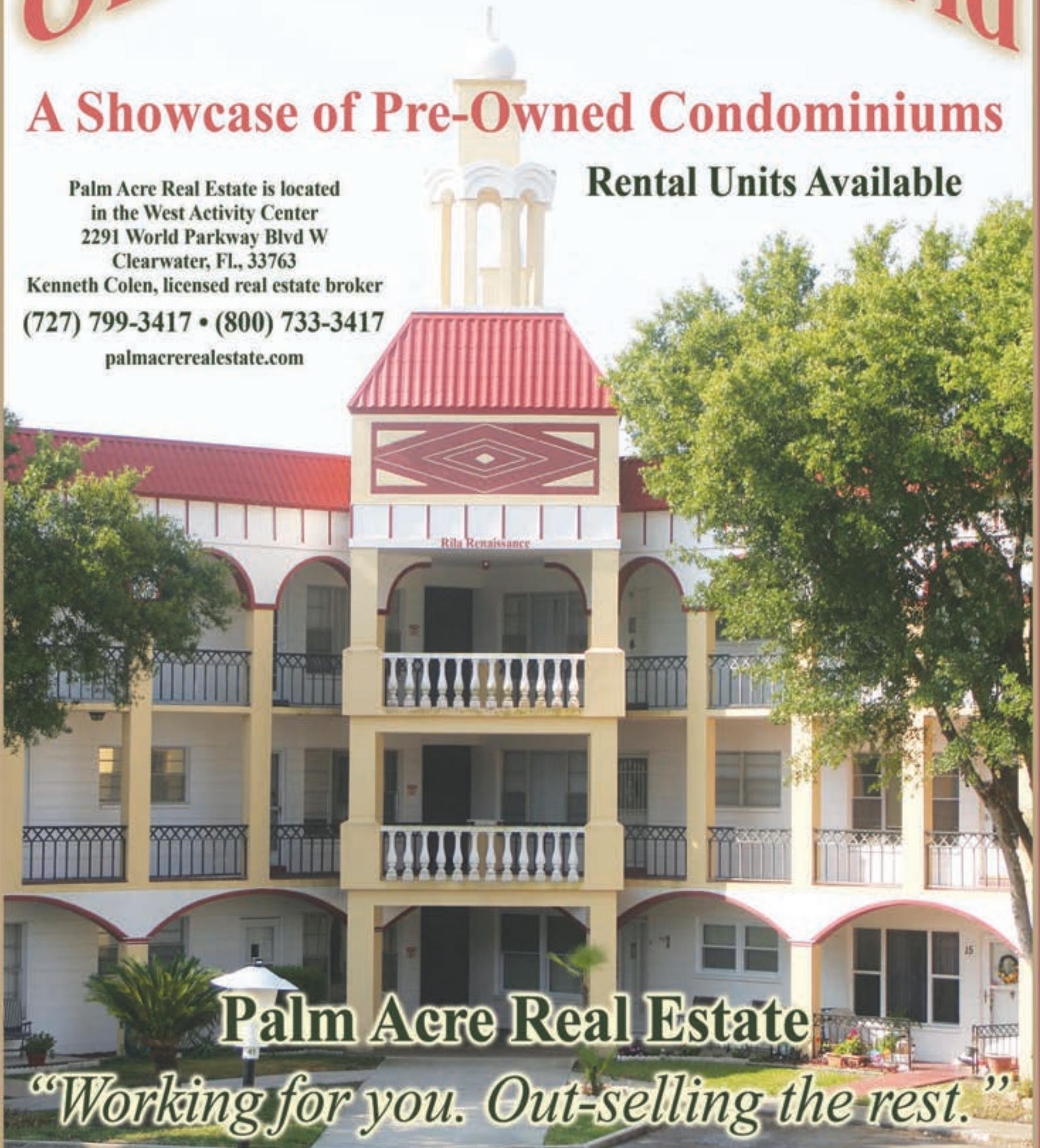
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# In memory, in tribute, and in going forward:



The On Top of the World communities are not just the vision of one man's dreams, they are the reality of dedication and teamwork.

Sixty-four years ago, Sidney Colen began to make his hopes and dreams a reality. He shared those dreams with a few people who were looking for a job, took out exactly one small loan, bought a vacant lot, built a home and sold it.

Mr. Sidney used the profits from the first home to buy another lot and build another home. He sold that home, saved most of the profits and used the rest to build another home.

As he repeated this pattern over the next couple of years, he began purchasing tracks of land and building subdivisions with many homes.

With discipline, vision and focus, Mr. Sidney multiplied his resources and he grew the strong foundation of his work family. I'd like to share a very small slice of the insight, dedication, innovation and courage which is the foundation of what we are today and which is still pivotal to our future.

Mr. Sidney grew our Company's roots deep and strong and was blessed to have a dedicated and loyal work family along the way.

One of the early members of the work family was John C. (Johnny) Gable. Johnny passed away November 2010. He was a special man and one of the original members of "Team Colen."

Johnny came on board looking for a job and stayed for a lifetime.

Johnny ran the truss mill operations during the construction of Kenneth City in the 1950s and then transferred to Clearwater when development of On Top of the World began.

For anyone who doesn't know, the truss mill was a magical place to be. By example: I recall many wonderful, sawdust covered afternoons with my sister, bouncing and climbing on



**On Top of the World founder Sidney Colen stands in front of one of his early work crews. Members of this same crew helped design and build where we are today.**

piles of trusses and hammering nails into scrap wood, while Mr. Sidney and the crew were working.

(Kenneth was an infant and home with Mom.)

My sister, brother and I grew up learning from men that could build anything ... I am confident Johnny's patience, kindness and knowledge was never tested more than when he and Ray Funk were teaching Kenneth and me the basics of Colen construction.

Building high quality, innovative homes and communities, keeping a successful business strong, and providing steady work for your dedicated employees, were stressed in every lesson.

They built a strong foundation from the ground up and they taught us well.

Johnny served on the OTOW Association Board for many years. His vast knowledge of the community's infrastructure, his resourcefulness and his can-do attitude were invaluable, as was his lifetime of selfless dedication to our work family.

Other gone-but-not-forgotten members of the original Team Colen are: Ray Funk, Doug Raymond, Rachel Mahany, Georgia Hass, Else Novack, Sam Holland, Sylvester But-

*To understand where you are going,  
it's good to know  
from where you have been.*

ler, Ray Holt, Herman Bradford, and Gene Alexander.

Our work family predecessors understood that in order to grow our company, dedication was a verb - not a noun. Can-do resourcefulness was always one of the tools in your toolbox. There was no such thing as "That's not my job," because whatever needed to be done was your job, and conservation of our fiscal resources was critical to our future success.

We never stopped learning and we took care of each other.

We saved up for things we needed and didn't over extend.

We focused on what we could make happen, rather than what we couldn't.

We never lost sight of our target market and what motivated them.

We were innovators, we were inventors and we turned dreams into

reality.

In 63 years, we have weathered shifting political climates, cold wars and hot wars, recessions, market crashes and attrition in our leadership.

Our company has grown from a rag-tag core of dedicated construction and trade professionals, to a diverse group of services departments.

The generation, whose dreams and hard work made us what we are today, understood that the keys to a sound, successful future were to be fiscally conservative, innovative, dedicated and selflessly loyal.

At no time in our history has it been more critical to remain mindful, connected, committed and aligned with and to the strengths, creativity and work ethic that has sustained us since the beginning.

It's everybody's job and our future must be earned every day.

# Time to think about your property insurance

In some ways, I'm glad to see 2011 end. It was a heck of a year for building-based events.

The latest matter relates to a fire within a single unit in building 56. The fire caused significant damage to three units: The unit above suffered a partial collapse of the floor as the fire was so hot it damaged the steel floor joists. The unit below suffered water damage. The neighboring units suffered only minor smoke and water damage. Other units were damaged by zealous firefighters using the ax to batter down a door to check for occupants (all very necessary).

The precise cause of the fire is under investigation. Possible areas of inquiry are (1) the heating/cooling system (HVAC) and (2) the washer/dryer. I'll address each point separately.

As to the heating/cooling unit, it is absolutely critical that you have your unit serviced annually. Failing to do so puts you (and your neighbors) at risk from damage from flooding if the condensate drain line backs up.

Additionally, if your HVAC unit has heat strips to provide heat, the heat strips may malfunction, overheat and cause a fire if the unit is not serviced.

As to the washer/dryer, unless you live in building 62 through 79, 85, or 90 through 97, all on the west side of Belcher Road, and you have a washer/dryer, it was installed without approval or guidance from the Condominium Association.

More to the point, it would have been installed without the benefit of using a licensed plumber or electrician. This leaves you, the owner, open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or fire.

Simply put, a dryer may result in an overload at the electrical panel because it is drawing excessive power. In some cases, we have found that unauthorized installations have used the same circuit breaker as the stove, HVAC and dryer.

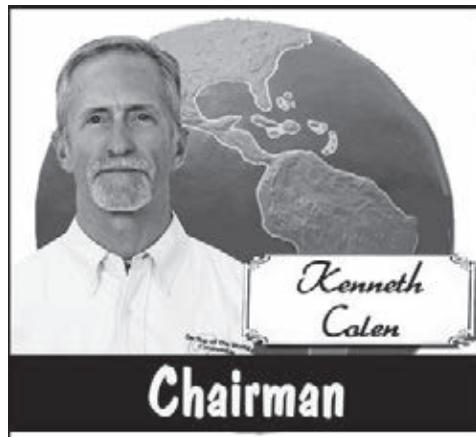
This is an open invitation for trouble.

Now really, is an in-home convenience worth your property, or, god-forbid, your life?

In an effort to keep residents informed, we will be posting weekly progress updates on the Association Website:

[otowclearwaterinfo.com/Building56](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com/Building56)

The Association has engaged a structural engineer to assist in making the assessment on stabilizing the damaged bar joists and in devising a recov-



ery plan. This will be a complicated restoration because the basic structure of the building is all concrete and steel.

The majority of buildings consist of poured-in-place concrete and reinforced steel footings, concrete block walls with steel columns, or steel reinforced concrete columns and poured-in-place steel reinforced tie beams.

The floor decks consist of poured-in-place concrete slabs, supported on steel bar joists and steel deck - all of which tie back into the reinforced wall systems just described.

Because of this superior design, damage was really very limited compared to the worst case.

This event also underscores the importance of keeping the Association informed of your emergency contacts. In this instance, neighbors were instrumental in helping us locate residents that were out of town.

Please help your Association by updating your emergency contact file. You may do this through the community Website or at the Service Department. All information is held confidential and only used in an emergency.

## Property Insurance

The other aspect to this tragedy, is that neither party carried an owner's insurance nor a renter's insurance policy.

They are looking at large dollar losses.

I cannot stress the point loud enough or long enough that it is the responsibility of each individual owner to make sure they have adequate insurance on their personal property and on that portion of your condo not insured by the Association's master policy.

Generally, owner property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the condo and on your personal property. Your Association's coverage ends at the interior finish on your walls. In other words, everything from the paint in is yours.

## PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME

1. Service HVAC units annually.
2. Use only licensed HVAC contractors, plumbers and electricians.
3. Adequately insure your property.
4. Update your emergency contact list.

The tile, carpet, cabinetry, appliances, plumbing above the finish floor, air conditioning, and other components are also all the responsibility of the individual owner to insure.

Insurance coverage is inexpensive and there is no good excuse to not have your personal contents insured for at least \$25,000. Remember, the Association only insures the structure. Contents are your responsibility.

Damage within the interior area of your home can become quite costly, especially if a leaking air conditioner or water heater causes damage in adjoining units. Costs of repair can really be large.

It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and owners are liable when they don't.

Proper insurance coverage will help save you large out-of-pocket expense if that happens.

The HO6 rider covers the insured owner for a portion of the deductible the Association maintains. Currently, your association maintains a deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence to property damage from any peril other than wind (such as fire).

Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have coverage in place and that it is adequate.

## Work Progress Outlook

### Painting/Waterproofing

The following buildings are scheduled for repainting work: Building 71 – Front Elevation – Feb. 29 and Building 73 – Back Elevation – Feb. 13. Remember, all start dates are approximate.

### Roofing

Building 85 re-roofing will begin this month after a slight delay.

### Flooring

Flooring maintenance is ongoing, depending on floor conditions. This maintenance work includes stripping and sealing of center core floor areas.

Floor replacement in Buildings 18A, B21 and B23 (second and third floor replacements), will be starting.

The installation may progress slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures.

### Other

Quarterly electrical meter bank inspections (no residents are affected by this work) will be ongoing. General small scale construction projects are ongoing.

The cupola replacement on Building 29, southwest tower will be started, as well as the ongoing structural work on the southeast stairwell. Saddle and I-beams will be installed on the northeast and northwest towers in that building as well.

A smaller support system will be added to all towers in Building 21.

In all these projects, we do not anticipate any disturbance or inconvenience to residents beyond construction noises.

Leaf removal projects (entire property) will be continuing through April. Tree removal began in January and will continue.

Fire extinguisher inspections will begin in late January and continue through the end of February.

Finally, Inspection Services will be continuing with landscape enforcement, clutter enforcement on the front and rear porch areas of condominiums (very dangerous in a high wind situation).

The tagging and removal of excessive furniture and clutter in the center core areas will be ongoing. Awning Inspections (all buildings) are ongoing.

### Pet Lovers

The new dog park should be getting the pavilion in late February. Access to the park will be from the West Activity Center parking lot. We will include ample shade and seating for owners, as well as watering stations (for the dogs). The park will be divided into separate play space for large and small dogs.

All amenities have their rules and this will be no different. The rules are there to encourage the safe and enjoyable use of the facility by both owners and their dogs.

# Thank you for the educational emails

As we progress through 2012, I want to thank you for your educational e-mails over the past year, especially the ones about cleanliness, bacteria, germs and diseases.

I am totally screwed up now and have little chance of recovery.

I can no longer open a bathroom door without using a paper towel, nor let the waitress put lemon slices in my ice water without worrying about the bacteria on the lemon peel.

I can't sit down on a hotel bedspread because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed.

I have trouble shaking hands with someone who has been driving because



**Marge Mayer**

## Marge's Humor

the number one pastime while driving alone is picking one's nose.

Eating a little snack sends me on a guilt trip because I can only imagine how many gallons of trans fats I have consumed over the years.

I can't touch any woman's handbag for fear she has placed it on the floor of a public toilet.

I must send a special thank you to the person who sent me an email about rat poo in the glue on envelopes because I now have to use a wet sponge with every envelope that needs sealing.

Also, now I have to scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason.

I can't have a drink in a bar because I fear I'll wake up in a bathtub full of ice with my kidneys gone.

I can't eat at my favorite restaurant because their chickens might be horrible mutant freaks with no eyes, feet or feathers.

I can't use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

Because of your concerns, I no longer drink my favorite soft drink because I learned it can also remove toilet stains.

Thanks to all of you, I have learned that my prayers only get answered if I forward an e-mail to seven of my friends and make a wish within five minutes.

P.S. I now keep my toothbrush in the living room, because I was told by e-mail that water splashes over 6 ft. out of the toilet.

"HAVE A GOOD DAY!"

Yeh. Right.

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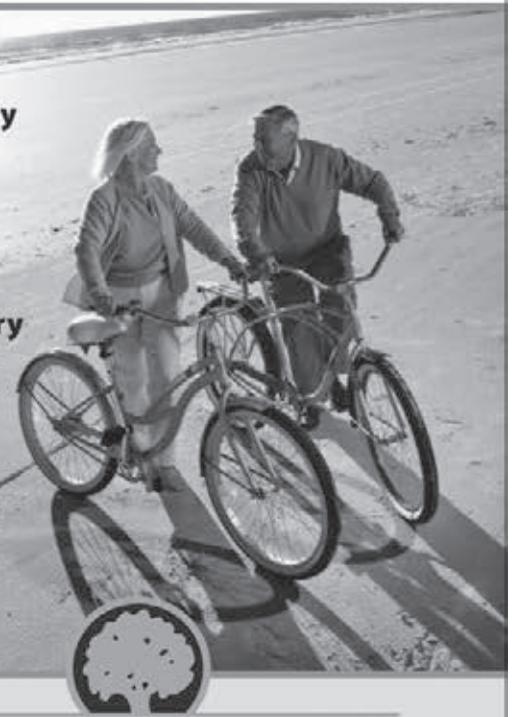
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## Need a new resolution? Visit a new shelf each month

By Joan Tannahill

Here we are beginning February, and if statistics are correct, most of us have already broken whatever resolutions we made for 2012.

However, your friends at the On Top of the World library have a suggestion for you. Next time you are in the library, visit a bookshelf you've never browsed before and make it a resolution to browse for something new there all year round.

Next time you are in the library, do as you usually do. Return books then go to the new book shelves, or wherever you start looking for books, and chose the books you want to read.

But, instead of immediately checking out, next go to a shelf you have never really looked at before!

Browse the mystery shelf or fiction shelf. Or, look for an author you have never read before, or have not read in a long time.

Maybe it's been a while since you last read a James Patterson or Belva Plain novel. Or maybe you'll find a author who has only written one or two titles.

Now you have a new spot on our shelves to browse.

A little reminder -- it's time to renew your library membership if you



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### Library News

haven't already done so.

Dues are only \$2 for the year and we appreciate small bills when possible.

As many of you know, we change the color of our library cards every year. This year's color is a bit difficult to describe. This best we could come up with was a dark fuchsia.

At least it is a distinctive color and you will be sure to recognize it when you are checking out books.

Also, remember, we always welcome book donations. If you've traveled recently and brought books back with you, if you no longer what them, we will take them.

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# Two months, two mad pets

I haven't been gaining a lot of fans from the animal world lately.

Three months ago, an On Top of the World dog named Gizmo was voted the Pet of the Month and I mistakenly ran the wrong dog picture in the December newspaper.

Then, in mid-December, I took my own dog, Montana, to the OTOW Greyhound Club holiday picture day fundraiser and decided to try something different for a change.

You see, every year the Tampa Bay Lightning Girls attend the fundraiser so people can pose their pets with them. Well, last year, Greyhound Club President Bill Sharpsteen walked into my office with a big smile on his face and showed me a picture of himself with the girls.

I said, "is that legal? I thought the pictures were just for pets?"

But Bill said, "no. Anyone can have their picture taken with the girls."

Well, this year I decided I was going to join my dog in the picture and sit next to the Lightning Girls myself.

To me, this sounded like a great idea, especially since the Lightning hockey team sent over two of their friendliest girls - Tricia and Courtney.

But what I didn't realize was that Montana didn't appreciate sitting



through this photo shoot on the floor by himself! For the past several years, Montana has always sat between the two girls, and trust me, he has enjoyed every moment. People shopping at Petsmart would always stop and look at the smiling dog.

But this year I sat between the two girls and I could tell right away Montana was not happy. Sure, he smiled for the cameras, but he didn't say a word to me during the drive home and he's been kind of grumpy ever since.

I'm kind of hoping Tricia or Courtney will read this and invite Montana to a hockey game, or I'll just have to stare at the calendar and hope December 2012 gets here in a hurry. Next time, we'll do it Montana's way.

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The On Top of the World Art Guild Artist of the Month for February is Marge McClure. In the picture is Marge (left) holding her award-winning artwork, while Neva Gamble (center) and Rosanne Moon (right) admire it. The artwork is a pencil drawing entitled, "Working on the Railroad," and will be on display at the East Activity Center through Feb 11.

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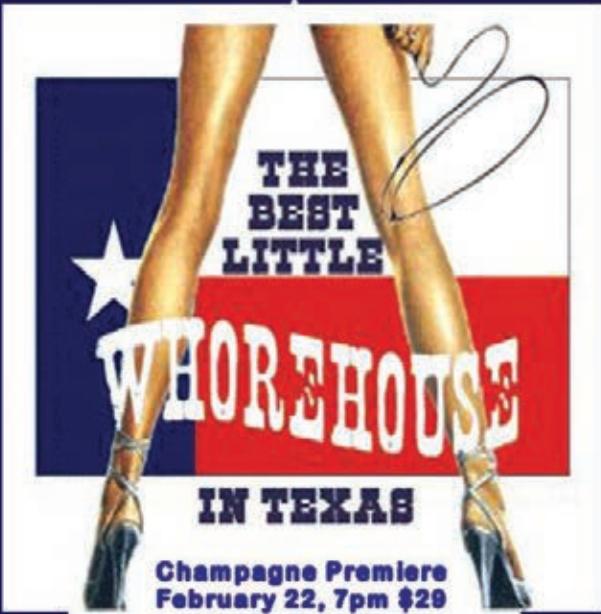
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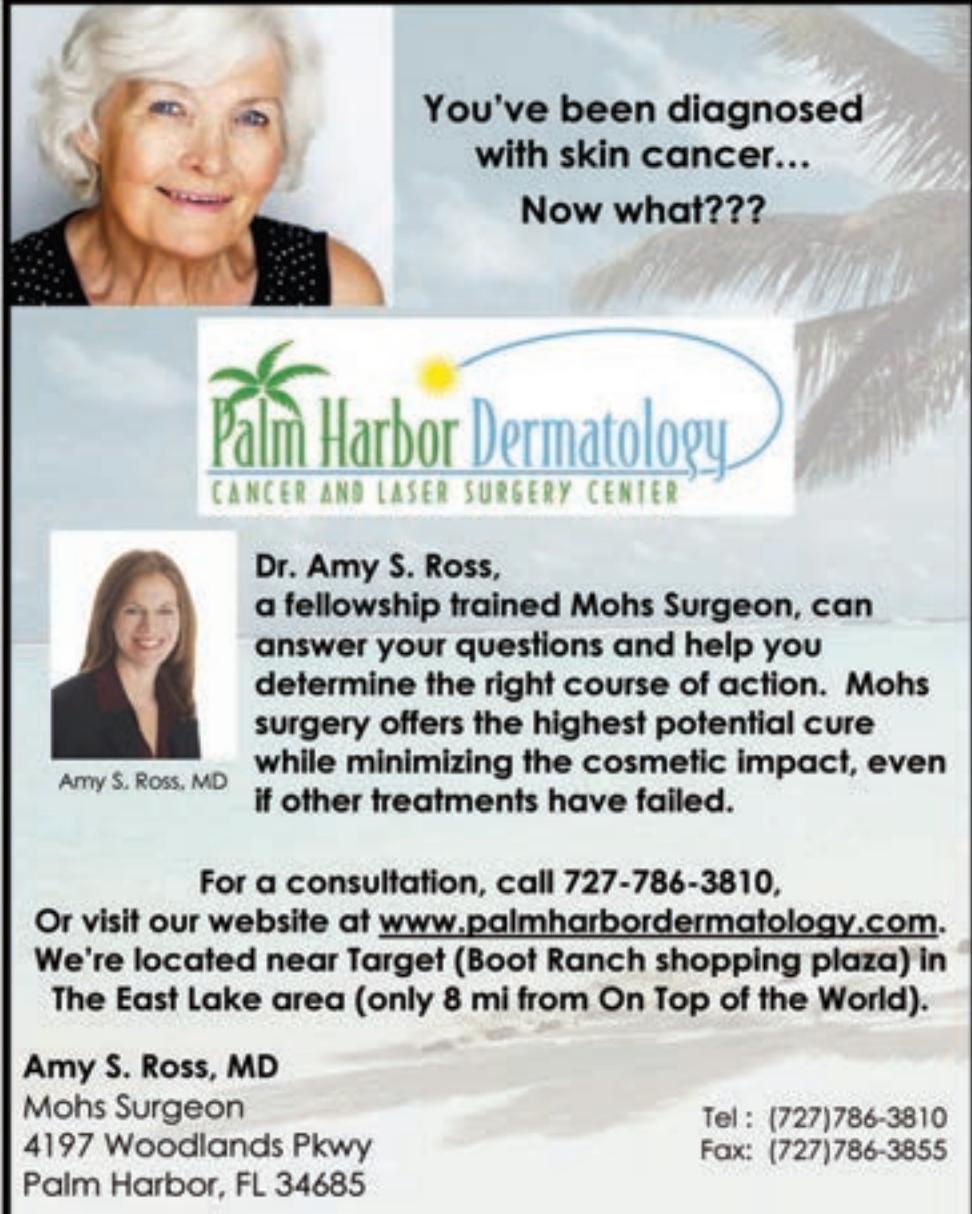
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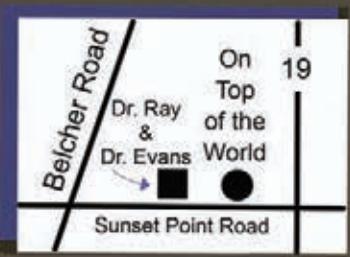
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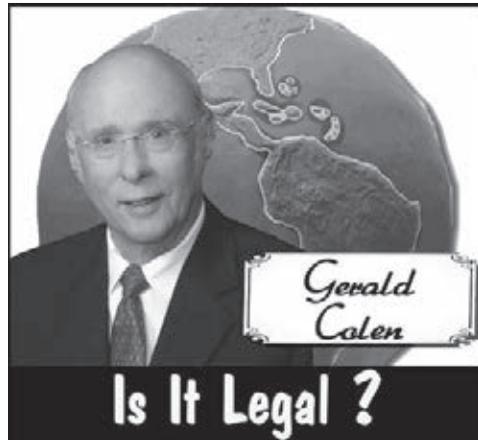


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# More on 'Power of Attorney'

Q. I received a communication from my attorney to the effect that although my durable power of attorney may "appear to be valid," there are certain provisions of the new Florida Power of Attorney statute that require that I sign, or at least initial, some provisions. Since my power of attorney was signed prior to enactment of the new statute, and therefore not initialed in some places, do I need a new one? Your comments please.



A. I think I have already addressed this in a prior column, but it bears repeating.

The new Florida Power of Attorney statute became effective on Oct. 1, 2011. There is a provision in the new statute which essentially says that certain authorizations given to an agent must either be signed or initialed next to that power.

These powers are sometimes referred to as "Super Powers." At least that's what the Florida Bar committee that drafted the legislation calls them.

Although all powers of attorney, whenever signed, are governed by the new statute. Nevertheless, there is a provision in the new statute that clearly states that powers of attorney properly signed before Oct. 1, 2011, are still valid. So there is nothing in the new statute which invalidates any previously executed power of attorney so long as it was validly executed in the first place.

HOWEVER, (yeah, there is always a however lurking around),

some Florida attorneys, and I am one of them, suspect that banks, credit unions, stock brokerage firms and mutual fund companies, are sooner or later going to refuse to accept powers of attorneys that were not signed before Oct. 1, 2011, or if signed before that day, do not have the same initialing provisions included in the document.

That being the case, I suggest that you discuss your specific durable power of attorney with your Florida attorney and see what he/she has to say.

I can tell you that a recent posting on the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys internet listserv, was from an attorney who reported that her client already received rejection notices for a durable power of attorney that was signed about 18 months ago. The reason for the rejection apparently had to do with the fact that the document did not comply with the new statute.

Q. You seem to be a pretty

knowledgeable fellow, so considering how little bank CDs are paying; do you have a suggestion as to where we can obtain a bit more income?

A. Sigh. I give legal advice. I don't give investment advice. I think I'll stick with giving legal advice.

Q. I recently discovered that my 78-year-old married mother is involved in an affair with a married man. Her present husband is not my father — this is a second marriage for her. When I confronted my Mother about this, she said it was only casual and I should butt out. However, I think there must be some illegalities here and would appreciate if you would somehow address some of them in your column.

A. I rather like your Mother's advice to you. I suggest that you follow it. As for me, I choose not to judge others with the hope that others will choose not to judge me.

Q. A longtime friend named me to be his Power of Attorney. He recently was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and now it has fallen to me to handle all of his business and personal affairs.

I am 73 years old, and, although I am in good health, this is a huge and unexpected burden for me. I never thought it would be like this when I agreed to do this. How do I get out of this so I can get about my life?

A. This points up my ongoing concern when folks choose to name a friend or acquaintance to be an agent in a power of attorney or a Personal Representative of a Will or Trustee of a Trust. The duties involved are almost always complex and carry potential liabilities with them. That's why, in my opinion, when there aren't trusted children or close relatives around, it's always best to name a professional who knows how to deal with all the issues.

My advice to you is simple: Get yourself to an attorney and do it as soon as possible, if not sooner.

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# Press Association already buzzing over ideas for 2012 holiday lights contest

The first On Top of the World News, Holiday Lights Contest, is now history, but reporters are already busy trying to think of ways to improve the event for next year.

At the Press Association meeting in January, there was early interest in dividing the contest into two groups – one division for two-floor condominiums and one division for three-floor condominiums.

Editor Doug Kates said this was a very possible idea as long as the newspaper could find a sponsor for two first place prizes. For the 2011 contest, Escot Bus Lines and the Hard Rock Casino provided only one first place reward, so having two divisions was not possible. OTOW News does not have a cash resource, so prizes have to come from trades for free advertising.

Other rule-change considerations included making each side of a building a separate competitor, but Doug said this idea would not work, because it's a building-wide contest. There would be too much monkey business trying to divide buildings into two or four parts, and explaining all the parts to judges. Plus, dividing buildings would negate the whole purpose of the contest, which is to encourage



## Press Association

participation and cooperation among all residents.

For other possible changes, Doug said registration may open to all buildings in 2012 (with no prior registration required). He said voting might be done on the Internet and judges could be anyone living in the community.

One building reporter, Ed Folland, said the contest will only be successful if people volunteer to help decorate their buildings, and the 2011 contest was proof that a majority of OTOW buildings are lacking volunteers.

Only eight buildings registered for the contest, and only a handful more decorated and weren't in the contest.

Further discussions on the contest will continue throughout the year.

In other matters, Doug announced the board is currently look-

ing at three possible locations to host the annual Appreciation Luncheon on April 5. There are two requirements to consider. One, the restaurant has to be an OTOW News advertiser, and two, the restaurant has to have a banquet room for 40-60 people.

More details will be announced at the February meeting.

Next, Doug asked those in attendance if they would have any interest in hosting an awards ceremony at the annual Appreciation Luncheon. He considered limiting the number of awards to two - one for Most Improved Writer and one for Story of the Year.

Doug suggested that he and Assistant Editor Dave Hart would choose the Most Improved Writer recipient. He wanted the staff to pick the Story of the Year.

The awards would be designed to be a fun climax to the end of the season. There would be no intention to singling out one reporter as better than anyone else. At the same time, no one should leave the luncheon feeling left out.

More discussions will take place at the next meeting.

Lastly, Doug told the staff to consider adding at least one more

night meeting to the yearly calendar in an attempt to get more newer faces at meetings.

A night meeting last November, which doubled as a writer's workshop, was very successful with nearly 50 people in attendance - many of which were new faces.

Currently, however, eight meetings are held in the afternoon, compared to only one meeting in the evening. Scheduling seven afternoon meetings and two night meetings may increase participation and feedback, plus, staff is required to attend three meetings a season to qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon, and many may not be able to attend day meetings.

To put things into perspective, about 80 people wrote stories in the January edition of this newspaper, but only 20 people attended the January afternoon meeting.

Doug would like to see participation increase, because the people who attend the meetings are the ones who help make the newspaper better and better.

The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, in the East Activity Center lower card room.



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## *Rosemary Clooney always had her voice*

After a tortured life and an abusive marriage, Rosemary Clooney emerged as one of the top female singers coming out of the Big Band era.

She was born in Maysville, Ky. Early in her career she sang with her sister on radio station WLW in Cincinnati. While there she was hired to sing with the Tony Pastor orchestra and moved to Hollywood.

Clooney's first recording for Columbia Records was "Come On-a My House." She hated the song, but it became a huge hit and launched her on her career. At first she refused to record the song but was told that it would violate her contract with Co-



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lumbia Records.

She was married twice to movie actor Jose Ferrer who was 16 years her senior. They were first married from 1953 to 1961, divorced, and despite his open infidelities, again from 1964 to 1967.

Rosemary suffered much of her life from bipolar disorder. She revealed

this and other details of her life in her two autobiographies.

In 1968, after the trauma of being present when her good friend Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated, she suffered a raging manic episode on stage in Reno, Nevada, and soon was hospitalized for psychiatric care, at times in a double-locked ward because she had become so violent.

By the time she was seen in public again, she had gained a great deal of weight that stayed with her the rest of her life. However, her voice still had the same warm mellow sound.

Rosemary and Jose Ferrer had five children by 1960. Trying to maintain both family and strenuous career

demands, she became addicted to tranquilizers and sleeping pills. Her marriage and career began to crumble.

In her second autobiography, she chronicled her unhappy early life, her career as a singer, her marriage to Ferrer and mental health problems.

Her career was reborn after she appeared in a benefit with her good friend Bing Crosby in 1976.

Her huge home in Beverly Hills was once owned by George Gershwin.

She died on June 29, 2002, after a struggle with lung cancer. Her nephew George Clooney was a pallbearer at her funeral that was attended by many celebrities.

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# Greyhound Club to sell calendars

By Bill Sharpsteen

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We picked up three more greyhounds from the Second Chance at Life Greyhound Prison Training program in January. The prisoners are female inmates who teach the greyhounds basic commands. The greyhounds live in the dormitory with the prisoners. Some of the basic commands include sit, lay down, bed, shake, stay and even “Hurry” to go to the bathroom quicker if it starts to rain during your walk!

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## Greyhound Club

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They were nice enough to supply pictures for our calendar.

Now we need to start planning our participation in the Irish Club’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, as well as our ninth annual Birthday Bash and Greyhound reunion to be held in Philippe Park in Safety Harbor this spring.

More details will follow. Save

April 1 between noon and 4 p.m. to join us at this catered event. Tickets are just \$13 in advance and we serve from 1-3 p.m.

Well, all our Canadian friends and Snowbirds should be back by now!

Our winter schedule of club meetings continues this Thursday, Feb 2, at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We hope to have a lot of greyhounds there looking for your hands to pet them. Not only are they couch potatoes, but they’re also looking for love

Coffee and human treats will be available, so come meet a greyhound who will become your new “Fast Friend!”

All OTOW residents can attend our no dues club fun meetings. Come and bring your neighbors and friends. Enjoy meeting retired racing greyhounds to pet. Meetings are 10 a.m. in Veranda Room No. 2, second floor in the East Activity Center. Please mark

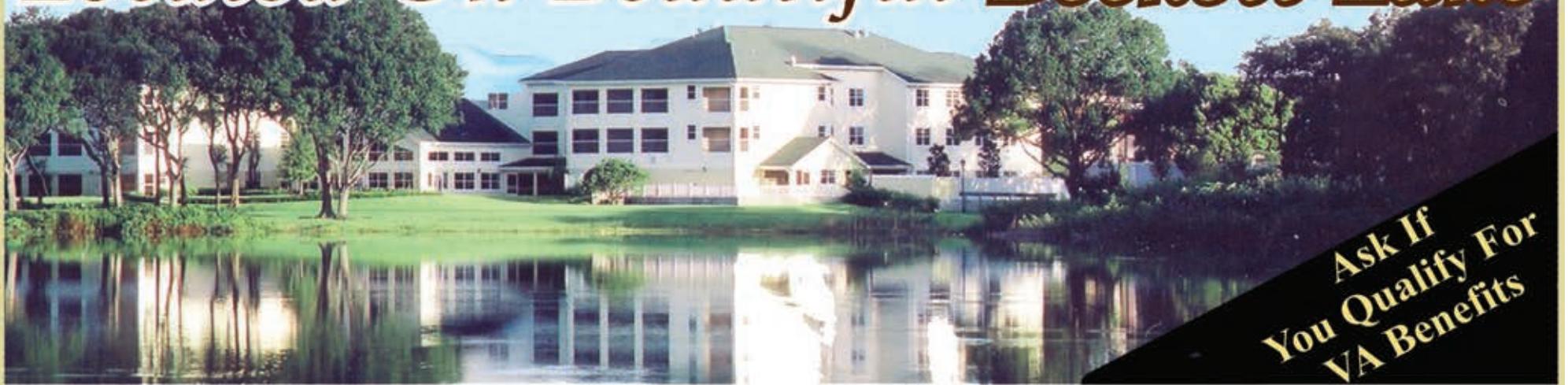
your calendar for every first Thursday, including Feb. 2, March 1 and April 5.

Join us for a musical event every third Friday (next Feb. 17) at the corner of Main Street near Second Avenue with others for a music fun-filled evening from 6-10 p.m. Park near the library off Second Avenue North off Main Street. Bring a folding chair, join us and walk the festival and listen to the music.

Our club has monthly visits to several area nursing homes! The residents really light up when they see the greyhounds and the greyhounds love the visit for all the petting they get! A win – win!

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## Club members met on Internet dating site and rewards keep coming two years later



### Hoosier Club

By Nancy House

There are 54 million single individuals in the United States and 5.5 million have used Internet dating services.

Most of the dating sites appear to be legitimate, honest sites, meant to help couples meet and in many cases develop close relationships.

Feb. 1 will be the two-year anniversary of an Internet arranged meeting for Niki Richards and John Armstrong, both Hoosier Club members.

They began communicating Online in December 2009. John shifted in his chair and shared, "Niki was the fourth girl on my list. I had already committed to three other ladies that I would meet them."

When Niki read this, she typed back, "Are you saving the best for last?"

On this first "date," they met at Dillard's in the Countryside Mall and then on to the food court for coffee.

Their conversation proved they had a lot in common. They both liked reading books better than watching television. They both preferred eating out at new restaurants, seeing new places, and traveling the U.S.

"It's important to meet someone you don't know in a very public place and in the middle of the day," Niki said. "You also can't always believe everything Internet daters tell you on your first date. Jack, my nickname for John, proved to be honest in everything he told me."



When Niki saw John Armstrong's name on the dating service list, she immediately took notice since her maiden name is Armstrong. She was born in Bedford, Ind., but her mother was a Hatfield descendant of the Hatfield and McCoy feud from Tennessee that went on for 100 years over a stolen pig. Her great, great, great grandfather was the Hatfield that shot a McCoy for stealing the pig. But love won out when a Hatfield finally married a McCoy.

John shared that his great, great, uncle was the lead man in the first touring stage play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" that toured through Indiana.

When John retired from International Paper in New York, he wanted to

see the world in an RV, but not alone.

First, he traveled to his brother and sister-in-law's RV camp near east Tampa. There he purchased an older RV, but now owns a brand new truck and fifth-wheel trailer.

He laughed as he said, "This new rig is bigger than the first apartment where I lived."

He was alone and wanted a friend and experienced female co-pilot to be his travel companion.

That's when he went on the Internet and found Niki, who had purchased a condo at OTOW in October of 2009. She too desired a male companion with whom to share new experiences.

Niki says we now call OTOW

our home November through May. Then, we head north for the summer and fall taking different routes to gather new information for our Websites, Snowbird RV Trails.com and Tampa Bay Snowbirder.com. Best values in travel, dining, and attractions are free to anyone who visits the sites.

John adds that we will travel as long as our health allows and plan to spend the rest of our lives in Florida at OTOW. We are a perfect match for each other because of our love for travel, for Florida, and for each other.

The next general meeting for the Hoosier Club will be in the EAC craft room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. New members and guests are always welcome.



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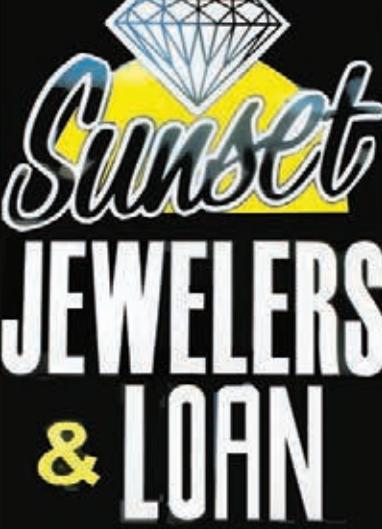
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# Canadian Club offers friendly competition for February

By Rollie Lapointe

The On Top of the World Canadian Club provides its members with activities emphasizing fun in retirement while fostering fellowship and mutual assistance.

While there are obvious chances for this (dances, tournaments etc), the weekly social game night is a great “mixer” opportunity for all members.

Social games continue every Thursday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please be a few minutes early. Bring some quarters if you are playing blackout - a simple game to master, and, by the sounds of laughter emanating from the East Activity Center, a raucous time is in the works for all who participate.

Game night is an excellent chance for members to meet new and old friends, since there is a rotation of players after every game.

At the same time and same place, bridge enthusiasts also gather to show their skills and profit within a great social atmosphere.

Coffee and nibbles are provided.

Contact Rob or Jill Orchard (669-5011), Grace Meehan (726-8016) or Tom McKee (470-9161) for more information.

Tampa Bay Downs hosted 97 members on Friday, Jan. 13 - lucky for some, perhaps! Highlights included a race named after the club, door prizes, a delicious buffet lunch, and, of course, good-natured banter about the various ways to pick the right horse.

This event sold out early, so keep this in mind for next year. Thanks to Rick Carr for organizing this popular outing.

Our President’s Ball took place on Jan. 27. More information in the next issue.



The annual Canadian Club Lawn Bowling Triples tournament will take place on Feb. 2 and 3 beginning at 9 a.m. each day with games running throughout both days. While it will be too late to take part in this year’s tournament, it would be great opportunity for residents to support their neighbors and friends and to get a taste of what this wonderful game is all about. There will be plenty of red and white showing as teams vie for the coveted trophy. For details, contact Bob Laplante (723-9674).

Two dozen volunteers are actively preparing for the Canadian Club Golf Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 19. Participation is capped at 144 golfers, who, for the entry fee of \$8, will form teams which will drive, chip, “iron,” wedge, sandblast and putt their way towards winning the prestigious trophy and bragging rights for the year. Many door prizes will again be offered following a delicious lunch. If you would like to participate, contact Bruce or Cathy Mills (559-1458). Last day for refunds is Sunday, Feb. 5.

Lastly, it is with regret that the executive board informs its members that the annual Spring Fling is temporarily on hold. It is the responsibility of the



Bruce and Cathy Mills along with President Marnie Carr and husband Rick enjoy the day at Tampa Bay Downs.

second vice president to organize this event, and, after repeated requests, no one has stepped forward to take on this responsibility. If circumstances change, the executive board will inform its members via its Website as to ticket sales, theme etc.

This dilemma also impacts the club for next season since two potential positions as of now are open. Plans for next year will soon be under way with only a President in place - obviously the executive board would be severely short-handed and limited in what it could accomplish. It is now crucial for volunteers to step forward for the positions of first and second-vice presidents. Please contact any of the executive to let your name stand.

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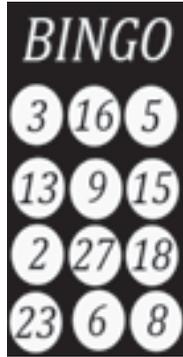
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# Bingo jackpots at state max



## BINGO

By Brad Day

On Monday, Jan. 9, bingo honored its volunteers with an appreciation luncheon in the East Activity Center.

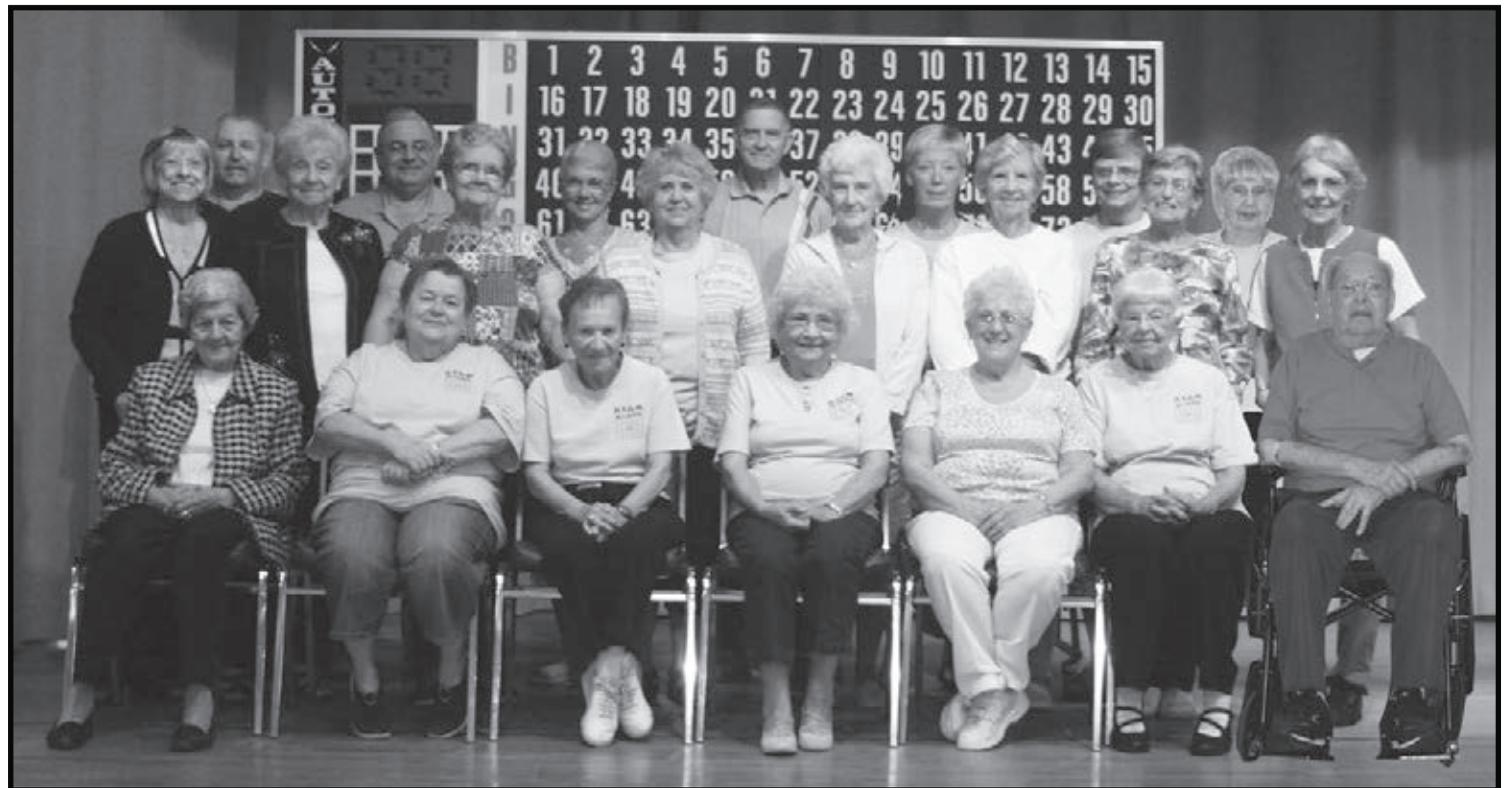
Twenty-one people were in attendance and enjoyed a pizza reward.

A big thank you goes out to all our volunteers - the folks in the funny green shirts. They're the ones who make it all come together every week.

For the month of January, bingo saw a good turnout. I just hope we can attract even more newcomers to our games.

We play bingo every Monday night, except for the usual holidays.

When attendance increases, the prizes increase. Our largest payout is



In the front row, left to right, are Lisa Diadjich, Julie Hagmaster, Ann Talner, Ann Maglio, Sandy Sanderson, Ruth Ewbank and Don Frederick. In the middle row are Arlene Kilpatrick, Margaret Young, Rae Marie Roberts, Barbara Hogan, Doris McKeon, Kathy Motriuk, Lil Ginn, Virginia Noce, Ellen Frederick. On top are Brad Day, Tom Mauro, Dean Darby, Pat Darby, Donna DiMeo.

the state limit for bingo prizes. That's when we have all you folks coming to join in the fun.

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## You don't need a partner to line dance

By Julie Narancich

On Dec. 20, line dance members enjoyed dancing to holiday music provided by Ellen Gilbert.

After a great time of dancing, we gathered together for a dessert party hosted by our social committee members, Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley.

The tables were beautifully decorated and members provided delicious desserts.

A raffle was held and three lucky winners won special prizes.

Thank you to everyone who attended this event and to those who provided the desserts.

Welcome back to our Snowbird friends. We hope you had a great holi-



day season and are glad to have you back at line dancing.

As we look forward to a New Year, we welcome you to join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We also provide beginner lessons

the first half hour of each session.

Please join us and bring your friends.

Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages. Because the steps are simple, and don't involve dancing with a partner, line dancing is ideal for singles and non-dancers. It works the mind, body and spirit, and is an excellent way to start the New Year.

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Chris Nason, our former reporter, for always providing interesting and informative Line Dancing articles.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!



*They may be cute. They may be friendly.  
But please don't feed the squirrels!*

# Fixers secretary has 35 years of experience in woodworking and 30 years as a firefighter

By Steve Stiffler

It takes a very versatile individual to fill the position of secretary of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers club.

John Koning is the epitome of that qualification.

John's 35 years as a licensed carpenter and cabinet maker qualifies him as an expert with all types of wood and power tools, such as the ones used in the On Top of the World wood shop.

He is always willing to share his expertise with his fellow members.

John comes to us from Ontario, Canada, where he attained the rank of Chief Training Officer with the Peterborough Fire Department before returning to trucks to spend more time with his young family.

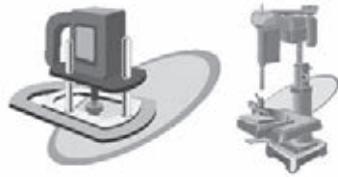
In 1998, the whole family moved to Australia for a year as part of a fire-fighting exchange program that saw an Australian family move to Canada.

John finished his 30-year fire-fighting career in 2010 as Captain of Firefighting.

John is a talented writer. While in Australia, he wrote 10 stories for children. When he returned home, John published four children's books under the company FISH Books — an acronym for Friendship, Integrity, Self-worth and Happiness — four principles in which John strongly believes.

John's book "Honestly Eric," a story about a young boy who grows up without his father, was published just days before 343 firefighters perished in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

John sent a copy of his book to each fallen firefighter's family in No-



## Fixers Club

vember 2001, along with his FDNY Tribute CD.

Patricia has been John's best friend for nearly 37 years and his wife for 33. They have reared two children, built or renovated nine homes, and traveled the world.

"Pat rescued me with her positive energy and unconditional love when my life was in a downward spiral after a rough childhood," John said. "In some ways, she is co-author of all my books.

"Pat and I moved here to escape the long Ontario winters, but found much more than that in the many warm and wonderful people we have met in our short time here," he added.

In the spring of 2011, John recognized the need for a comprehensive and interactive map of OTOW and spent the summer working on it back home in Canada. In October he launched it on the Fixers Website and the Snowbirds Website. Today it is available on all three OTOW Websites that John designed. You can also see the map and hear John's stories for children and his FDNY Tribute by visiting his Website — [www.johnkoning.com](http://www.johnkoning.com).

This year promises to be a busy



John and Pat Koning prepare for a relaxing bike ride,

one for the Konings, as both of their children will be married during the summer and early fall in their northern home.

By the time it's over, it will be time for another southern hiatus where his fellow woodworkers will welcome him.

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# 'A Really Big Show' to highlight about 50 memories from the Ed Sullivan Show

By Fran FitzPatrick

Mark your calendars to come see "A Really Big Show!"

The Jesters tribute to the Ed Sullivan Show will cover everything from pop to rock; from jazz to opera; and from tap to ballet.

This show has it all.

Three performances will be held on Friday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.

For a \$5 donation, general admission tickets will be available from your Jesters neighbors or by stopping by the East Activity Center on a Monday or Thursday morning between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Director Marvin Flam said the show will be an upbeat, fast-paced look at some 50 of the over 10,000



## Jesters

acts that appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show during its 23 year run on CBS-TV.

Music Director Donna Bittner and Chorus Director Bernee Krause say that the singers are in fine voice! Choreographers Sue Carlson, Lu Erskine, Sherry Ivey and Donna Ryan say the dancers are ready to step out! So be prepared to enjoy our wonderfully talented cast.

Cecile Sangiamo and Lorraine

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Mulrane are having a ball rehearsing their Beatles Parody; as are Betty and Tony Baker, Betty Eggleton, Eileen Hawk.

Carol Muntzenberger, Dan Moran, Roger Nicoll, Joanne Marick and Dottie Johnson are working on their comedy songs.

Tom Belizerian, John Kannaly, Joe DiTolvo and Brad Day will perform '60s hits. Pop and jazz by Donna Bittner and Ginnie Mucci, Mike Ka-

plan, Fay Rosenberg, Al O'Connor, and Bart Gooch are in the works.

Diane Cavanaugh and Bob Krause are just two who will bring you Broadway favorites, and our divas Bernee Krause and Arlene Kilpatrick will give us a taste of Puccini Opera.

So don't delay!

Get your tickets today!

If you need more information, call 723-0375 or Email: ac1392@aol.com.

The Jester monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center. Members are reminded to come join us for coffee, cake, and a little entertainment. Don't forget to bring your envelopes for the sold tickets.

Let's Get Together.

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# Strawberry Fling set for Feb. 4

By Edna Androvette

The Premier Academy Dancers entertained our club at the January meeting and they were a delight.

The dancers, ranging in age from 4-17, performed beautifully, the costumes were elegant, and the accompanying music was a joy to hear.

Well done!

Hopefully they will agree to return next year.

Welcome to all single newcomers to On Top of the World! For our February meeting we have planned a Strawberry Fling for Saturday, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlight Room. A regular meeting will be held after enjoying the Strawberry Fling.

Please purchase your \$3 ticket for this event on Monday or Thursday, 8:30-10 a.m., at the EAC. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Events planned for March are a fashion show/card party on March 24 - cost \$3, and a trip to St. Armand's Circle and Tommy Bahama lunch in Sarasota. The cost will be \$50. The date is Thursday, March 15 with our bus departing at 11 a.m. Budget now for this trip and sign up and you will have a great time.



## Singles Club

A big welcome back to Cele Radeloff, and we hope she is feeling better and can join us in our planned activities. We missed you, Cele.

Our annual picnic will be at Philippe Park in April. More information will appear in my March column.

Nancy Wikle has stepped up and agreed to help Lucy and Dorothy with our club's planned events, and we extend a big "thank you" to her.

Any questions about the Singles Club, please call Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460.

Mary Widman is our Sunshine Lady, so please call her with any information about an ill member. Her number is 796-1184.

Happy Valentine's Day and Honor Presidents' Day.

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# Some of our chorus singers leave for a while, but most of them always come back

By Dana Garlick

On Jan. 10, members of On Top of the World chorus returned to resume practicing for the upcoming spring concert.

It is always good to see familiar faces. It is especially good when members return, who have not been with us for a while.

Last year, long-time member, Carolyn Hunt, had a radical mastectomy. She has recovered and is doing very well now. At our first rehearsal for this season, Carolyn joined us once again. Asked about our upcoming concert, Carolyn thinks "people will really enjoy it."

Carolyn has been a member of OTOW chorus "off and on" since 1982. She and her husband Bob came here because her mother was ill. During that time, Marian Flat, the interim director for former director Louise Kelley, learned of Carolyn's musical background and asked Carolyn to join chorus.

Carolyn sang in the Racham Symphony Chorus with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She had sung in her Redford High School chorus in Detroit and then majored in piano, later majoring in organ.

After Carolyn's mother passed away, and being too young to live at OTOW, she and her husband moved to Palm Harbor for seven years, but returned to OTOW in 1995.

Carolyn and Bob have been active members of our the OTOW community ever since. Carolyn is busy taking care of the newest addition to their family, Fifi (walks five times a day, at least), and they both still work at the concessions stands when the Phillies are in town.



**Carolyn Hunt and her dog Fifi**

The best news is, Carolyn has now returned as a member of chorus. We are so pleased that Carolyn has joined us once again.

We look forward to new members also joining us. May they learn

about the long-time relationships we have among us and enjoy the singing.

Anyone who has had choral or choir or musical experience is welcomed to try us out.

This spring's concert theme is

Broadway Tunes. Rehearsals are Monday mornings from 10-11 in the East Activity Center Card Room, and Tuesday evenings 7-9 in the EAC auditorium.

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# OTOW has its own version of 'Rocky'

By Thomas Brennan

Hi neighbor. How in the world R U?

For the month of February, known as the month of "hearts" for Valentine's Day, let's meet the man of "rocks," Don "Rocky" Schlough. He is president of the Pinellas Geological Society, which meets once a month at the Largo city library.

Don wanted to be a geologist as a young boy, but God had other plans for what he should do with his life.

When asked how he got into collecting rocks, he said, "I was walking home for lunch one bright day when the reflection of a stone got my attention. I picked it up and that was the beginning of over 40 years of collecting."

He was born in Easton, Pa., and graduated from Wilson High School in 1957. Don went on to higher education at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., and earned a Bachelor's Degree in religion.



## Don Schlough

After working a few years as a psychiatric aid at Boston State Hospital, he felt he was "called to be of service to the Lord." So, back to school he went and graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., with his Master's Degree.

Don spent 35 years in Christian Ministry - 23 of those as a pastor.

The fact that he was able to move about the country in ministry gave him access to some great rock hunting areas. Also, he spent a couple of years as pastor to a military

congregation at a US Marine base in Jackson, N.C.

As pastor of his first church, which happened to be in Pilot Rock, Ore., he was near the Oregon Trail, which was a point of reference for wagon trains going West in years past.

Don recalled to me some of his church assignments. One had open space to accommodate 100 people, one had a leaking roof, another had coal bins in the basement, and one Lutheran church had beautiful stained-glass windows.

Stationed at one location for five years, Don built additions to the church, added a fellowship hall and a fireplace.

During his ministry, his parishioners raised money for the poor in Haiti, a mission in East Africa and 103 other countries.

Don met his wife, Patricia Newlen, through his sister, and they were married in

1965.

Patricia received a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and currently teaches a voluntary pre-K class.

Don and Patricia are the parents of three daughters, Kayla, Janelle and Sharon. Don says, "Our children grew up with two developmental goals. Catching their first fish and finding their first "keeper rock."

By the time they moved to Florida in 2002, Don had quite a collection of rocks. I asked where he keeps them? He said he sold them to the Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., where they are on display for the enjoyment of students.

He keeps a second collection at home.

What a great story. Between collection rocks and saving souls, you have had quite an adventurous life, Don. Thanks for your time and wonderful interview.

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# Actors picking up pace as 'Money' nears opening curtain in March

By Merle MacDonald

It has been said that money is the root of all evil.

This might even have been the case with Romeo and Juliette. Their feuding families were possibly fighting over land, which represented money. Had this not been the case, literature's most famous lovers would not have ended their romance tragically and might have had a happy Valentine's Day. Of course this would have caused a big problem for Shakespeare.

Ah! Yes! Money.

You can't live without it and sometimes you can't live with it.

But, boy would I like to try!

Maybe you can get some point-



## Theater Workshop

ers by coming to see the Theater Workshop show, "Money," which will be presented on Friday, Saturday

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and Sunday, March 16, 17 and 18 in the East Activity Center auditorium. Tickets are now on sale Mondays and Thursdays in the EAC from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or from Theater Workshop members for a \$5 donation.

Rehearsals are moving right along. Dancers have been spending days, nights and weekends practicing.

Singers are now working with live music. Actors are learning their lines and having lots of fun with some of their bloopers.

All are welcome to attend our general meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. The general meeting is usually held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. but for February and March the time has been changed to conform with rehearsal schedules.

We look forward to meeting and greeting guests. We will have no trouble finding something for you to do if you decide to join us.

We wish all you lovers out there a very Happy Valentine's Day.



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# Storyteller traces journey to new world

By Anne B. Watkins

Guest speaker, Donnarita Vocca, regaled us with tales about two of her Connecticut families in her talk, "The Revered and the Reviled."

The title alone had to get your attention, but Donnarita is an accomplished storyteller, with a knack for the dramatic, and when she talks, you can't help but listen!

She began rather benignly, telling about how the Prudden brothers, Peter and James, and George Spencer came to the new world.

The men all had one thing in common - their wives had sadly died before making the long journey. But the similarities ended there.

Peter Prudden came as a clergyman, and seemed to gather nothing but a good name as he bought land from the Indians and started a new church.

George Spencer, who arrived here with his daughter, didn't fare so well. He came as the servant of another man, and his employer died on the way. George was freed from his servi-



Virginia Rudolph, left, with Donnarita Vocca, seated.

tude, but then was left without a job. George was in trouble from day one. He was whipped for trying to steal a boat. He annoyed people by not going to church. And, he had a most unfor-

tunate-looking eye - he was probably blind in one eye from a cataract.

Eventually, poor George was accused of bestiality because a deformed piglet was born in the colony and re-



## Family History

sembled him, in that it had only one eye. Such was colonial justice!

Of course, the story didn't end there. These men naturally had offspring, and their children had children, until some 50 years later when the granddaughter of George Spencer married the grandson of James Prudden, the two colonial ancestors became the ninth great-grandfathers of Donnarita Vocca.

Our next meeting topic will be Heraldry on Feb. 13 from 1-3 p.m. in East Activity Center room No. 1.

# Time to think about Mardi Gras

By David Beaven

Laissez le bon temps rouler!

If you know what it means to miss New Orleans, you've heard that phrase before. Translation: Let the good times roll! And since it's February, it's Mardi Gras season, which means party time.

That's just what the Lambda Club will be doing at our monthly meeting on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Lambda Lounge. (Really the Crafts Room, but that doesn't sound nearly as festive.)

We encourage our attendees to come in mask. A photographer will



## Lambda

be on duty to take pictures of the celebrants. Dixieland jazz will be playing, and the punch bowl will be full of that signature New Orleans cocktail - the Hurricane.

Oh, and beads, beads, beads!

There will also be a king cake. You

have to be careful when eating it because there's a small figurine baked into it. You don't want to break a tooth. The lucky finder will be crowned king or queen as the case may be. See you there!

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all our gay and lesbian residents in the

OTOW community, but we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Spanish for beginners starts Monday, Feb. 6, from 10-11 a.m. Continuation of Spanish conversation starts Monday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m.-noon. French for beginners starts Monday, Feb. 6 from 2-3 p.m. Continuation of French conversation starts Monday, Feb. 6 from 3-4 p.m. All classes are in room No. 2.

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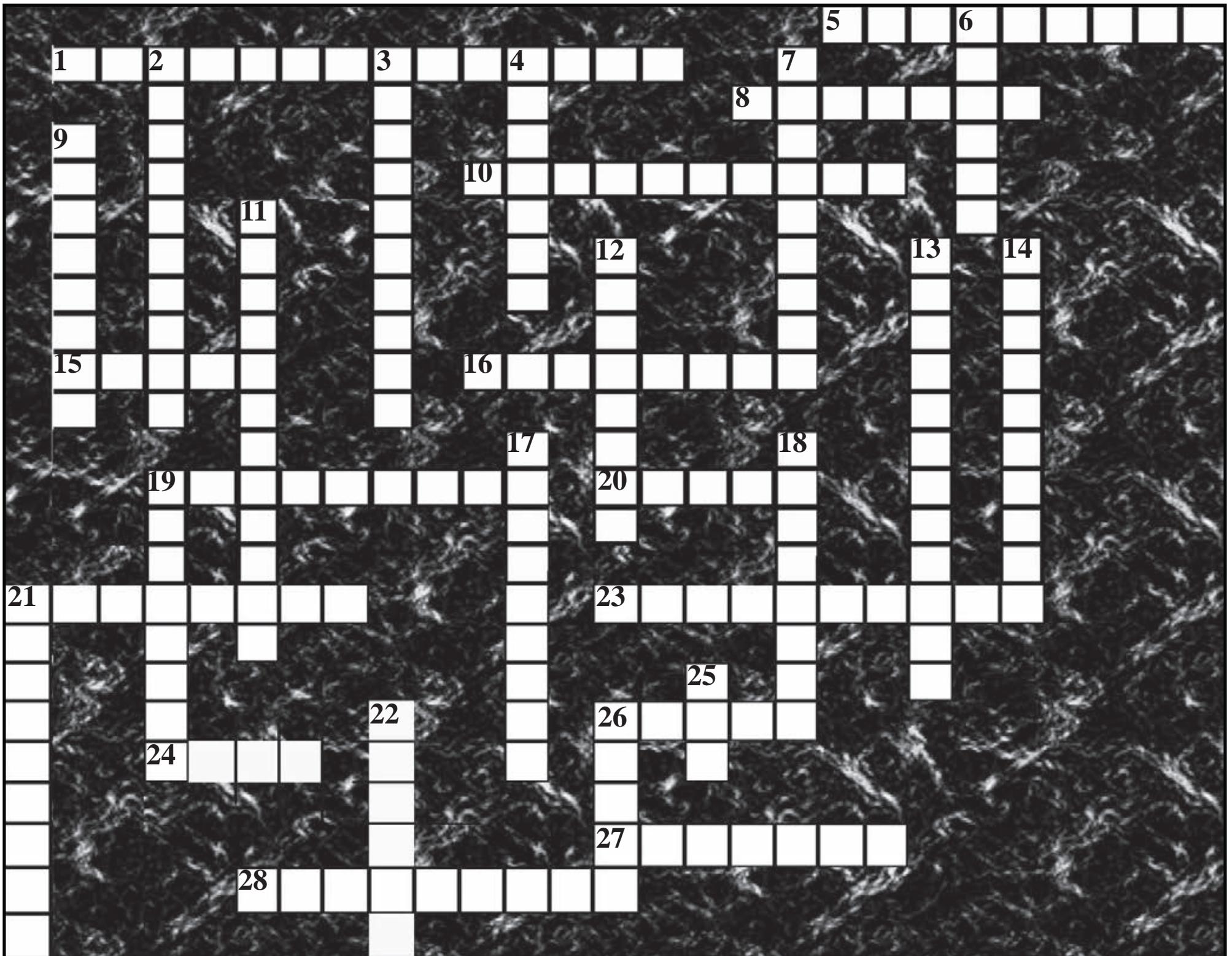
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# Have you been reading OTOW News?

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**You can find the answers to the questions below by reviewing the previous month's newspaper. The number in ( ) indicates the page number the answers appear.**

**ACROSS**

- 1. In January 1974, a new class started at OTOW which helped residents look at psychic phenomenas, such as telepathy. What was the name of this class? (56)
- 5. According to Marge's Humor, everytime someone says the dirty word "exercise," their mouths should be washed out with what? (6)
- 8. When visiting the OTOW Library, you will find large-print books against a wall nearest to what room in the EAC? (23)
- 10. What music group will perform here on Feb. 11 for the Entertainment Committee's Valentine's Dance? (39)
- 15. Fixers Club Treasurer Jim Calamas grew up in a house that always smelled like \_\_\_\_\_. (12)
- 16. Rancho Del Mundo resident Romaine Dowty volunteered Nov. 6 at a New York City sporting event. What was the event? (59)
- 19. According to Ottoman columnist Allen Winston, 100 years ago, in 1912, only 8 percent of all home had one of these. (53)
- 20. Some Snowbirds Club members have been infected with a need-to-travel disease. Recently, club members took a trip to \_\_\_\_\_ for a cure. (30)
- 21. One of the Tampa Bay Lightning girls who helped with the Greyhound Club's holiday picture fundraiser. (35)
- 23. In the middle of the 19th century, Dorado resident

- Leo McGinnis opened a business in Detroit and met many Detroit Tigers baseball players. What type of business did he own? (58)
  - 24. How many dogs were eligible in the OTOW Pet of the Year contest? (47)
  - 26. If you just saw the Chihuly Collection, you saw what type of art? (29)
  - 27. According to Ottoman columnist Allen Winston, 100 years ago, in 1912, only 14 percent of all homes had one of these. (53)
  - 28. Which building took second place in our Holiday Lights contest? (33)
- DOWN**
- 2. The Pennsylvania Club will be going to a place called the Mai Kai this month. What is the Mai Kai? (35)
  - 3. At the January Art Guild meeting, members learned a lesson in what artistic specialty? (18)
  - 4. January's Pet of the Month, Spirit, has been known to bring his owners gifts. What is the most common gift? (46)
  - 6. OTOW News recipe contributor Julie Hipp has a motto for fixing good snack foods. That motto is "the more \_\_\_\_\_, the better!" (14)
  - 7. Which building was featured in the Palm Acre Real Estate ad for the month of January? (2)
  - 9. Which building took first place in the OTOW Holi-

- day Lights contest? (33)
- 11. In February, the Family History Club has a guest speaker, Donarita Vocca, who specializes in \_\_\_\_\_. (20)
- 12. The Jesters' show this month will feature singing styles from Pop to \_\_\_\_\_ to Opera. (23)
- 13. OTOW offers a variety of outdoor sports, including lawn bowling, horseshoes, golf, tennis and \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
- 14. If making a Hot Reuben Dip for the Super Bowl, don't forget the final topping, which is \_\_\_\_\_. (14)
- 17. The main prize at Theater Workshop's holiday party was \_\_\_\_\_. (26)
- 18. OTOW residents Roger and Evelyn Guzman took a world cruise last year. Where was their first stop? (49)
- 19. The number of residents who usually attend Americana Building luncheons. (55)
- 21. The song "White \_\_\_\_\_" was written by Irving Berlin. (14)
- 22. Advice from Singles Club reporter Edna Androvette for 2012. "Share you wisdom, be kind, count your blessings and \_\_\_\_\_ more." (27)
- 25. According to Marge's Humor, brain cells come and go, but \_\_\_\_\_ cells stay forever. (6)
- 26. At the December Press Association meeting, members rejected changing the name of the newspaper. What name was suggested? (13)

# Baby Boomers tour old hotel, now Church of Scientology building



## Baby Boomers

By Katarina Tepesh

Last month our group enjoyed a tour of the former "Fort Harrison Hotel."

The hotel was built in 1925 with 11 stories, 220 rooms, three restaurants, a swimming pool and a ballroom.

In 1965, the Rolling Stones wrote their hit song, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" at the hotel's swimming pool. It's been beautifully renovated and is now used by the Church of Scientology.

Back home, the Baby Boomers had such a great time at the On Top of the World New Year's Eve party that our group vowed to go dancing more often and already purchased tickets for the New Year's Eve 2012.

Seeing "Dolphin Tale" the movie was everything they advertise and a lot more to us recognizing scenes from our local area. The next movie we want to see is Meryl Streep in award winning, "The Iron Lady."

Our group made its debut at OTOW's karaoke by belting out familiar songs like, "On the Road Again" by Willie Nelson and "I Can't Stop Lov-



Baby Boomers and guests pose in the lobby of the former Fort Harrison Hotel.

ing You," by Ray Charles.

Our group rides bicycles every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Meet in the East Activity Center parking lot to join us. Always consider safety and wear a helmet!

Please spread the word and notify friends that the OTOW Computer Club has installed a computer with a printer available to all members. Baby

Boomers can print emails and notifications of upcoming events.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow thru on organizing events.

Come to our meeting and join a lively group of individuals who are passionate about improving our OTOW community by making it even

a better place to live and play.

Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 1 and Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Veranda Room overlooking the swimming pool. For more information send an email to Katarina at [katarina2379@gmail.com](mailto:katarina2379@gmail.com)

Happy Valentine's Day!

## ID/Activity Card Information

Recreation/OTOW ID Cards are available at the West Side Activity Center every Monday morning from 9-11:30 a.m., except holidays.

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## OTOW Shriners to meet Feb. 6

All On Top of the World Shriners and Appendant Orders are invited to join us at our Feb. 6 meeting in the East Activity Center card room next to the OTOW library.

The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and information to follow. Any questions, call Bill Hiltz at 797-1606 or Fritz Kocka at 724-5922.

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# Snowbirds having a good time by land and by sea



## Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

There's a song by Brian Wilson and Mike Love of the Beach Boys that goes like this, "round, round, get around, I get around ..."

While the rest of the song might not apply, the leading lyrics certainly describe the activities of the Snowbirds Club since our last report.

Having just returned from a cruise to Princess Cay, Bahamas, Curacao and Aruba, our restless Snowbird seafarers are heading out to sea again.

This time they are heading out on a romantic Valentine's cruise around the western Caribbean.

Be still my rosy red heart!

Believe it or not, there are some of our Snowbirds faithful who prefer not to get their feet wet ... this month anyway.

They were treated to the musical antics and dancing in the Broadway hit "Hairspray" at the Hudson Show Palace.

Closer to home, our live theater fans were delighted by the wildly funny cast at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater with their rendition of Lie, Cheat & Genuflect.

One thing is certain – the lucky theater goers who attended were not cheated out of a great performance or



The Snowbirds Club cruisers enjoy a group dinner aboard the Crown Princess, the jewel of the Princess fleet. Standing from left to right are Bill Wilkie, Alice Wilkie, Virginia Place, Georgia Cirksena, Randy Cirksena, Angie Piazza, Niki Richards, John Armstrong, Jane Lee, Bill Lee, Russell Zurkan, Alma Solar, Dorothy Churchill, Helene Valentine, Sandy Sanborn, Ruth Roche, Ed Foland and Dolly Foland. Seated from left to right are Ron Huber, Bev Huber, Peggy Dugan, Lenny Tousignant, Ginny Tousignant and Joe Roche.

a delicious buffet.

Those who ventured by sea or by land have just enough time to do a couple of loads of wash before they head out again on our charter bus tours. This time, they are bound for the Kennedy Space Center, the everglades near Naples, a Hawaiian Luau at Disney World and the Strawberry Festival in Plant City.

You can hear more about all of these exciting adventures at our

monthly members meeting on Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

If you're busy that day, stop by the EAC any Monday or Thursday morning and visit our table. If you're shy, you can go to the Events Page of our Website at [www.snowbirdsotow.com](http://www.snowbirdsotow.com).

In light of recent events, here's a quick, life-saving quiz for you.

**Q:** Where are your building's fire

extinguishers located?

**A:** It varies, so go right now and find out.

**Q:** What are your first actions when you detect a fire?

**A:** Yell "Fire!" If you're in your unit, get out and STAY OUT. Then call 911 from another phone.

**Q:** What kind of fires are fire extinguishers used for?

**A:** Very small ones. Get out and call 911.

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## What's Your View?

By Bob Reis

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

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

Join us on any Tuesday. You



## Philosophy Club

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



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# St. Patrick's Day Parade set for March 10

By Mary Ann O'Neil

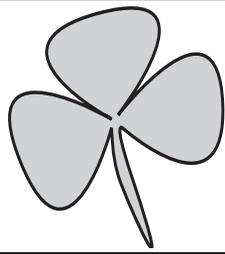
Once again, Cahal Dunne entertained us with a wonderful evening of Irish songs and humor.

If you missed the show, you missed an evening of great fun.

Our first meeting for the St. Patrick's Day Parade was held Jan. 10. If your club is interested in participating in the parade this year, please stop by the Irish Club table for dates of upcoming meetings.

Parade date this year is Saturday, March 10. This event is enjoyed by all the residents of On Top of the World.

Ken McBride "himself" will entertain us Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.



## Irish Club

Ken is a native of Waterford, Ireland. His expansive repertoire includes classical selections, the contemporary style of Frank Sinatra and Billy Joel, to some favorite songs of Ireland and a few Broadway Show Tunes.

You won't want to miss Ken's fantastic rendition of the "Phantom of the Opera."

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members. Why not reserve a table and have a fun evening out with friends. Tickets are also available at the door.

Tickets are on sale for our annual St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance scheduled for Friday, March 2. There will be great food, raffles and music. Cost for this event is \$25 per person.

All tickets for our events may be purchased Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center.

## Bring in your videos

On Top of the World TV-96 is planning on airing footage from the St. Patrick's Day parade and post-party on your Channel 96.

If you take video of the parade or party, bring a copy on CD to the newsroom. A compilation of videos will air later in March.

For those of you who are debating whether to participate in the parade, or stand on the street and watch it, rest assured - if everything goes well - you will be able to watch the whole parade in the comfort of your own home at a later date.

Drop off your video CDs between 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. March 12-15. A schedule for airtime on Channel 96 will be announced later.

## Trips planned for Savannah, Jekyl Island - anyone want to ride a riverboat?

By Walt Copeland

Our Christmas Party at the Island Way Grill on Sunday, Dec. 4, was another success, enjoyed by all.

The brunch, gifts and entertainment were spectacular.

In view of this, members at our recent meeting voted to return to the Island Way Grill on Sunday, Dec. 9, for the 2012 Christmas Party. Please make a note on your calendars. Also, please note our next meeting is on Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. at the East Activity Center.

The many fun functions for this year are as follows:

Jan. 28, Saturday, Derby Lane Dog Races, includes bus, admission, program, lunch buffet, taxes and trips. Bus leaves East Activity Center at 11 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m.

Feb. 3, Friday, Ground Hog Day dinner and party, catered, entertainment and dancing. BYOB, \$15.

Feb. 11-12, Saturday and Sunday, trip to Ft. Myers, visit a casino, Broadway Palm Dinner Theater and a paddlewheel boat ride with a buffet.



## Pennsylvania

Stay at the Hyatt Place Hotel. Included are all taxes and tips. \$229 per person/double, \$289 single. Leave East Activity Center at 7:30 a.m. and arrive back at about 6 p.m.

From Feb. 20-23, Monday-Thursday, take a trip to Nashville. Trip includes tour of Nashville, Grand Ole Opry, Arlington Winery and tour of historic Franklin. Accommodations at Holiday Inn, \$269 double, \$379 single.

March 11-13 trip to Savannah and Jekyl Island, includes Riverboat Cruise, trolley tour of Savannah, buffet at The Pirate House, dinner at Mrs. Wilke's Boarding House. \$245 double, \$295 single.

March 29, Thursday at 11:30 a.m., annual picnic at Philippe Park, Shelter 2. Catered, games and prizes. \$12.

March 31, Saturday matinee, Greatest "Little" Show in Sarasota. A circus with no animals, but high wire acts and trapeze acts and clowns. Includes a buffet at The Dutch Heritage Restaurant after the performance. \$63.

April 9-11, Monday - Thursday, trip to New Orleans. A walking out of the French Quarter with a guide. Natchez Riverboat Cruise, optional visit to the WWII Museum, costing \$15. Hot food buffets. \$269 double, \$379 single.

April 13, Friday, appreciation dinner at the East Activity Center. BYOB, 5 p.m.

Our thanks to you for participating in our events and know that our club is open to all residents of OTOW, regardless of your original home. We're one huge family. We are at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Stop by to see us!

## Stamp Club holds first meeting of '12

By Jim Sundberg

The long anticipated first meeting for 2012 was held on Jan. 17 in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center.

As always, it was a diversified group comprised of many serious collectors or a few looking for appraisals of family accumulations, but all willing to expand their knowledge of philately, which is what the club is about.

So don't forget our next meeting on Feb. 21 and bring your want lists. There will be plenty to choose from.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 847-951-2284.

## Art Guild Trash and Treasure sale Feb. 10

By Jean Doane

On Friday, Jan. 13, the Art Guild met for a business meeting, followed by a very interesting demonstration by Mike Lyman, who showed how cartooning can be used in paintings and other artwork.

It was an experience in thinking "out of the box." This is, of course, something artists want to be able to do.

The Art Guild is sponsoring a "Trash and Treasure" sale on Feb. 10 between 10 a.m. and 2

p.m. in the East Activity Center in Rooms A and B off the ballroom. Guild members will also have a short business meeting after the sale. Coffee and tea are free. Treats will be for sale.

The Spring Art Show will be Sunday, March 4, from 1-4 p.m. We would like to invite everyone to come and have tea and crumpets while you browse at the art created by OTOW artists. This has always been a very well attended event in the past, and this year promises again to be an excellent show and sale. See you there!



## Art Guild



# Gift Shoppe, Good Neighbors have new leaders with same last name

## Democratic Club



### Guest speaker to talk about the economy

Ben Farrell, political candidate in the upcoming election, will be the guest speaker at the Democratic Club's meeting 2 p.m., Feb. 23 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Ben is expected to speak about the impact of the economy on the elderly.

You don't have to be a member of the Democratic Club to attend. Guests are welcome.

An article submitted this month for publication was not permitted.

By Thomas Brennan  
Hi, neighbors, how in the world R U?

Have you noticed when people sit to eat, someone says pass the salt? People enjoy shaking things up.

For 2012 the shaking is in our Gift Shoppe. After two years of steering the Gift Shoppe in the right direction, Manager Doris Paino is jumping ship. Doris is now Madam President of Good Neighbors and has passed the reins of the Gift Shoppe to Eugene Paino, her husband, aka the cook.

Eugene, as manager, has the capable Rose Mary Plant as his assistant. Rose Mary tells me they will keep a large assortment of greeting cards, two for \$1. If you care enough for a really unique card, they have a small collection of handmade cards to choose from for a few pennies more.

You can find beautiful hand-knitted hats, mittens, scarves, baby blankets, stationery with your building's image, fine jewelry made with ordinary quarters, china paintings on white porcelain cups and dishes, along with mirrors and picture frames decorated with sea shells.

Such an assortment you wouldn't believe.

You must visit the Gift Shoppe and see for yourself. As the saying



### Doris Paino and Eugene Paino

goes, seeing is believing.

Thanks to Marion DeLucia for making a small shop so attractive.

Eugene came up with something new this year -- \$5 gift certificates that can be spent only at the Gift Shoppe. What a super idea when you want to thank one of your friends for doing you a good turn. What could be better? You may purchase these new certificates between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center where the Gift Shoppe is located.

A few of these new \$5 certificates will be raffled off at the new neighbors get-together on the second Thursday morning of the month. Free coffee and donuts are served in the

East Activity Center, along with a free ticket to the drawing.

We congratulate Eugene on his new enterprise and wish him good luck.

Doris Paino has gone from the frying pan to the fire as Madam President of Good Neighbors. In addition to the Meet Your Neighbors on Thursdays, Doris is now the overseer of the blood pressure program, clothing drive, flea market, Senior Expo, craft show, Caring and Sharing, Coffee Corner, and Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers.

I'm sure I missed something.

Doris, thank you for this update on Good Neighbors, and congratulations on your new position.

## This newspaper does not print political opinions

In case you are reading this newspaper for the first time, here is something to keep in mind each month.

OTOW News does not print political opinions or editorials for either the Republican Club or Democratic Club, nor is either club allowed to

write political views about the opposite club.

For 44 years this newspaper has printed only good news and is not intended to stir controversy. Space is provided in this newspaper for each club to talk about functions and events within the club.

The writers are encouraged to publish articles about club meetings, guest speakers, parties and outings.

If a club member believes an article misrepresents the club, then please contact the editor of this newspaper.

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# Race activities planned for Tampa Bay Downs and East Activity Center auditorium

By Gary J. Gates

Welcome back to all our northern travelers (aka Snowbirds, but I don't know if I am allowed to use this phrase).

Oh, what the heck, welcome back!

We have two items planned for February.

First, a luncheon trip to Tampa Bay Downs race track, on Feb. 2, with seating starting at 11:30 a.m. This is a joint venture with our friends, the New York/New Jersey Club. At this



## Italian American

writing, all tickets were sold out.

Next will be a "Night at the Races" on Feb. 15 in the East Activity Center auditorium after our general

meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m.

Coffee and soda will be available and the games will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a choice of Italian or American sandwiches, so get your tickets early. There will be a charge for the sandwiches but no charge for admission to the races, so bring a friend. Members cost is \$5, non-members \$6.

On March 21, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., we will have our St. Joseph's dinner/dance, with entertain-

ment provided by Robert and Sassy Keyth. They were our entertainers last year and were just great, so make your arrangements. Tickets are on sale now. Get your party together and select a table. Cost for members is \$16 and non-members \$20. BYOB. Catering will be by A&N.

On Wednesday, April 18, we will have our general meeting. We will have a pizza and soda party for our members, and this will be our last meeting this season. More about this later.

## Reserve a table now

# Flea market set for March 30

By Doris Paino

Well! Are you all being good neighbors?

This is my first official day as your Good Neighbors president. I hope you had a good holiday and you have my wishes for a happy healthy new year. I hope I can make it a happy one.

Forthcoming events:

The annual flea market will be held on Friday, March 30. You will be able to reserve a table on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. starting Feb. 2. Cost per table will be \$15. Come early to get a good spot.

There is a new rule this year - no selling old spouses. Just sell the old other stuff.

## Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

In April we will be having a spring fling straw draw like the one we had last year. We will be asking you to donate all those unwanted gifts you received at Christmas - you know, the ones you did not need. (But we love our children). We can use them as prizes. The children will be glad they won't have to get rid of them some day. Bring your unwanted, new, un-

used stuff to the gift shoppe between 9-11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Tell the volunteer clerk they are prizes for the spring fling.

I hope you don't win it back (ha ha).

On a lighter note, if there is anything Good Neighbors can do for you, please let me know.

As I tell my children, just don't ask for money.

Only kidding, we are not that cheap - ya right.

I look forward to the coming year with your help and "volunteering" to keep Good Neighbors running. We will all have a fun year.

See you at the activity center and keep laughing.



Civitan Club

## Fruitcake still available

By Carl & Betty Leiby

The holiday season has come and gone, but the famous Claxton Fruitcake is still available Monday and Thursday mornings at the East Activity Center.

It is a favorite by connoisseurs who enjoy the very best cake. Civitans have the cake available in one, two, and three-pound cakes. Our cost is reasonable.

Last month, the Civitan Club was pleased to bring distinguished Pediatric Neurologist Dr. Alan Percy from the Civitan International Research Center to speak to our members and guests on the topic of Rett syndrome. His information was indeed enlightening.

Members enjoy helping the Civitan Challenger Baseball team parents by serving their commitment in the concession booth at their league games. These parents act as team coaches, pitchers, catchers, and sometimes base runners for the players. There are six teams in this very special league.

New members are always welcome. Civitan literature is available at the Civitan table at the East Activity Center Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. Come see our Claxton Fruitcake display.

Call Carl and Betty Leiby for more information or home delivery, 791-3861.

## Here for the winter?

# Volunteers needed to deliver warm meals

By Carl & Betty Leiby

Change has caught up with delivery methods again. Now we are back to picking up the meals at the Dunedin Dining site once again. It means eight miles of driving added to the total mileage. We did enjoy that special treatment while it lasted.

Ask any Meals On Wheels volunteer why they deliver meals, and they will have a variety of reasons, but basically it is because it is "very rewarding." They are a very devoted group. We thank them!

Meals on Wheels will give assistance to residents arriving home from the hospital and needing help with meals plus a caring neighbor to check on them Monday thru Friday. Our



## Meals On Wheels

OTOW clients love their volunteers. They bring delicious warm meals. The meals are planned by the Neighborly Care Network Dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk, and often a dessert are included.

We welcome back our Snowbirds. New volunteers are always wel-

comed. The time required is from 10 a.m. to noon. The clients enjoy meeting new neighbors who help in this very special way.

The colorful Neighborly Care Bus will take residents to Dunedin to join other seniors for lunch and a social time of entertainments, cards, bingo and music. Service is also available to take seniors to Senior Day Care, and transportation to doctor's offices.

The neighborly Care Network has many additional services available, such as skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides. For services phone the Neighborly Care Network at (727) 573-9444. To volunteer for this rewarding service at OTOW, call Carl & Betty Leiby at (727) 791-3861.



## Platters shoot for second consecutive sellout at OTOW

On Feb. 9, we start off with The World Famous Platters.

If you saw them live, or saw photos of them in this newspaper after last year's show, you know it's a performance you don't want to miss.

The smooth and sassy Platters from Branson will take us on a sentimental journey to the time of drive-in movies, hot cars, slow dancing and that very first kiss. And the music's terrific, too.

The Atlantic City Boys will appear on Feb. 23. They pay tribute to what Broadway calls the Jersey Boys, and play made famous by such songs as "Walk Like A Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," and "Sherry Baby."

As I said last month, you're going to see two terrific shows this month.



**Rich  
Hayes**

**Chairman**

For Our Valentine's Dance on Feb. 11, we're delighted to have back, The Satellites. We call the dance, "Love Story," after the movie.

On Feb. 25, we have crowd-pleasing "Rebound" returning for our Happy Go Lucky Dance, also named for a movie. BYOB, and we'll provide

the coffee, ice, prizes, and give-a-ways.

If you don't dance, it's a marvelous opportunity to just take in the sights and marvelous sounds.

Feb. 12 is our free Sunday-In-The-Park and we'll have entertainment by Wally J and also provide free refreshments.

Rounding out our full month of entertainment, we want you to mark your calendars for a special performance by The Suncoast Symphony, which will be here on leap year day, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m.

Finally, we want to remind you to sign up early for our affordable trip to the Ringling Museum in Sarasota. Stop by on a Monday or Thursday morning at the East Activity Center for details about all our events and

special discount packages.

Remember that the Entertainment Committee is an organization that provides entertainment for all the residents of OTOW. Our business is carried out by the Executive Committee and over 75 volunteers who donate their time. We couldn't bring you the shows and dances at the low prices we do without their help. So when you support our shows, dances and trips, bear in mind that all surplus funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year go back into the community by way of chairs, tables, lighting and sound that everyone uses.

In short, when you support Entertainment Committee events, not only do you enjoy yourself, but you benefit your community.

## 2012 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE ATLANTIC CITY BOYS



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<p><b>SAT</b> <b>11</b></p>		<p>SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8  <b>LOVE STORY</b>          VALENTINE MUSIC BY THE SATELLITES</p>
<p><b>SUN</b> <b>12</b></p>		<p>SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2PM - FREE  <b>WALLY J</b>          FREE ENTERTAINMENT &amp; REFRESHMENTS - 50/50</p>
<p><b>THU</b> <b>23</b></p>		<p>THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$15  <b>ATLANTIC CITY BOYS</b>          A TRIBUTE TO THE JERSEY BOYS</p>
<p><b>SAT</b> <b>25</b></p>		<p>SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8  <b>HAPPY GO LUCKY</b>          MUSIC BY REBOUND</p>
<p><b>WED</b> <b>29</b></p>		<p>WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$8  <b>SUNCOAST SYMPHONY</b>          SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AT OTOW</p>

PREVIEW OF MARCH EVENTS

MARCH 8 - SHAE LAUREL SHOW  
 MARCH 10 - ROMAN HOLIDAY DANCE  
 TREASURE ISLAND SOUND

MARCH 11 - SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK-FASHION SHOW  
 MARCH 22 - RICK LARIMORE'S ROD STEWART  
 MARCH 24 - OSCAR DANCE - AT LARGE  
 MARCH 26 - TRIP TO RINGLING MUSEUM

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# Golfers present former ranger with a 'thank you' photo

By Pat Eastman

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association presented retired, longtime, OTOW ranger, Lenny Terenzi, a photo signed by their members.

On Tuesdays, Lenny would pull up to each group with a big smile and say, "I'm now seeing the best of all the rest."

He would then joke with each group.

"Thank you Lenny," from us. "You were truly the best of all the rest."

Upcoming events for this month include the Jack and Jill Tournament on Feb. 7, 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. The rain date is Feb. 14.

There will be a general meeting on Feb. 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

In March, we will have our Handicap Championship and Club Championship on the 6th and 13th. On March 28 we will have our Spring Luncheon at the Dunedin Country Club. Don't forget to sign up at the golf shack for these events.



Former OTOW golf ranger Lenny Terenzi receives an autographed photo from his fans.

There are only results from two weeks to report because Dec. 27 was canceled due to rain and Jan. 3 was canceled due to cold temperatures.

Of the two tournaments played,

some women won both weeks, including Cindy Schell with low gross in Flight D, Terri Mikszenas with low net in Flight C, and Pat Eastman with low gross in Flight A.

## Thursday golf league continues to grow

The Thursday Golf league is well into its second season and it continues to welcome new members each week.

Play begins each Thursday at 11 a.m. The league plays by USGA rules. Men play from the extended blues and both men and women play to a par of 67.

Congratulations go to the following winners of the weekly tournaments.

Bob Stoddard was our week five champion. Rich Raley took second place and Bruce MacPherson was third. Bob Odle and Rich Raley collected two skins each. Jack Huerter and Bruce MacPherson had one skin each.

Week six produced some low scores and Bob Odle returned to his winning ways taking a tiebreaker from Bob Stoddard, who finished second. Kim Norried had a great round and finished third. Kim Norried and Bruce

### Men & Women

MacPherson collected two skins each. Bob Odle and Bob Stoddard had one each.

Ian Miller was our week seven champion narrowly beating Vance Wilson with Ron Parham taking third place. Vance collected two skins. Bob Odle and Ron Parham had one each.

A large turnout for week eight produced a tight race. Jack Huerter held tough to take first place. Paul Meyers was second and Gary Bronson took third place. Skins were hard to get, Roland Provost, Don Hahs, Dan Morey and Vance Wilson collected one each.

Our league plays the OTOW version of the FEDEX cup, unfortunately without the well-known sponsor and the large cash payout. Each week, points are awarded according to how

the players finish that week. Accumulated points at the end of the season will determine the league champion and seeding in the match play tournament.

Bruce MacPherson is defending points champion and Vance Wilson was the match play champ.

This year's race is quite competitive. Bob Odle, with 18 points, continues as the leader in the standings. He is followed by Paul Meyers (17), Vance Wilson (16), Bob Stoddard (14), Bruce MacPherson (13), Ian Miller (11), Ducksie Stoddard (10). Jack Huerter, Rich Raley, Dennis Smith, Kim Norried and Ron Parham, all with (8), Paul Farrell (7) and Dan Morey (6).

New members are always welcome. The Thursday League is open to all OTOW residents, male and female. Anyone interested in joining can contact: Paul 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolff@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolff@aol.com)

### 18-hole Ladies League

One reminder before the results: When playing the regular Tuesday tournament, if your foursome cannot keep up with the group ahead of you, please split up into twos. This does speed up play and most times you can rejoin as a foursome.

#### RESULTS

Results from Dec. 20: Flight A low gross - Pat Eastman, low net - Sherry Ivey. Flight B low gross - Ann Wilson, low net - Thelma Jacobson. Flight C low gross - Nannette Rudolph, low net - Boots Stanton, Jane Hanley, Judy Garland, Marie Belliveau, Terri Mikszenas. Flight D low gross - Cindy Schell, low net - Sue Morse

Dec. 13: Flight A low gross - Pat Eastman, low net - Christine Miller. Flight B low gross - Radica Gosine, low net - Pauline Couture. Flight C low gross - Kay Satterlee, low net - Terri Mikszenas, Donna Meszaros, Nannette Rudolph. Flight D low gross - Cindy Schell, low net - Shirley Gibson.

### Ladies Bowling

By Lillian Ginn

Dec. 7: High Game, Donna Smerz-185, Lillian Ginn-182, Mary Hoyt-175. High Series: Donna Smerz and Lillian Ginn-451, Mary Hoyt-446. Pins over average: Eileen Bekofski-90 Splits: Jackie Kail 4-5-7, 5-6-10, 5-8-10, Madeline Nawrocky 5-6, Sherrie Ohl 5-7.

Dec. 14: High Game: Marge Jacobs-191, Mary Ann O'Neil-178, Lillian Ginn-177. High Series: Marge Jacobs-480, Lillian Ginn-461, Donna Smerz-454. Pins over average: Sandy Sanborn-64. Splits: Jackie Kail-4-5-7, Mary Hoyt-5-7, Gerri Corcoran-3-10.

Dec. 21: High game: Marge Jacobs-208, Shirley Bowers-168, Donna Smerz-158. High Series: Marge Jacobs-489, Donna Smerz-443, Shirley Bowers-425. Pins over average; Linda Gooch-44. Splits: Shirley Bowers-6-7-10, Mary Hoyt-5-10

Dec. 28: High games: Shirley Bowers-189, Linda Gooch-176, Cheryl Kutchinski-171. High Series: Linda Gooch-488, Jackie Kail-442, Glenda Greenman-428. Pins over average: Glenda Greenman-89 Splits: Sally Shevlin-5-10, Isabelle Houston-3-10.



# Betty and Tony Sulmonte win Scotch Foursome Tournament



From left to right are Ron Huber, Bev Huber, Tony Sulmonte, Betty Sulmonte, Bonnie Glover and Jack Glover.

(Photo by Ginny Tousignant)

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

I want to thank everyone for all their help with the Scotch Foursome Tournament.

Without you all, the tournament would not have been successful.

The weather was beautiful and the food great, but best of all it was fun to get out on the 18-hole course with friends.

Winners of the Scotch Foursome were, first place: Betty and Tony Sulmonte; second place: Bev and Ron Huber; and third place: Bonnie and Jack Glover.

The 50/50 winner was Gary Gates.

Congratulations to all.

Weekly awards for Jan. 10 were: A Flight – Joyce Harvey, Ellen Gilbert; B Flight – Anna Hyden, Marge Sivek, Ginny Tousignant, Dorothy Ryan, Theresa Gates; C Flight – Hilda Platte, Pat Palladino, Barbara Velky, Verona

## 9-Hole Ladies Golf

Titus; D Flight – Bev Huber, Claire Racine.

Feb. 14 and 21 will be our Flight Tournament. All As together, all Bs together, etc.

As of this writing, we have 51 ladies eligible to play in this tournament. It would be wonderful if everyone signed up to make this event successful.

You must be able to play on both dates to be eligible to be a part of this tournament. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board on the 9-hole course. You must sign up prior to Feb. 10.

We would like to remind everyone that you should be at the golf course a half hour before your tee-time each Tuesday morning.

Have a great month and let's keep those clubs swinging.

## Three-club tournament Feb. 15

# Freeze leaves one less day of practice for Jack & Jill

By Pete Milner

The first tournament of the 2012 Men's Golf League season began with a thud as we experienced our first freeze out.

When the temperature falls below 40 degrees, league play is suspended. Let's hope that we don't have too many of those days.

Stan Glenn finished up 2011 with a hole-in-one on the On Top of the World 18 hole course on Friday, Dec. 30. He holed out on the 13th hole with his trusty 7-iron. It was witnessed by April Glenn, Bob Purlee and Adele Purlee. Congratulations Glenn!

Feb. 7 should be a fun day with the annual Jack & Jill Tournament, which is sponsored by the Lady's 18-Hole League.

The rain date will be the 14.

## Men's Golf

Feb. 15 will be our three-clubs and a putter tournament with food and beverage after the event. This is planned with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Qualifications for our club Championship Tournament is only for members who have signed up. Remember to always check our scoreboard for league information and rule updates.

We have been handed a beautiful golf course. Please remember to repair your dimples and sand your divots. Our new golf carts and all tee boxes have plenty of sand. With thanks to all of Drew's crew for their hard work keeping it so beautiful.

# Horseshoe Club competes on Tuesdays, Thursdays

By Jerry Rice

The 2012 season has begun with 14 previous members and two new members so far this year.

Our previous members include Preston Asper, Charlie Bosio, Sam Bryant, Wade Candler, Jim Collins, Frank Deflorio, Dick Knight, Jim Manard, Roy Monteith, Jerry Rice, Jim Rudderham, Gerald Smith, Beech Thomas and Jim Williams.

We certainly welcome Bo Craddock and Lee Melanson as new members.

If you enjoy seriously pitching shoes for competition or just like to pitch a few old stories, you are welcome to join. Membership is only \$10.

It's never to late to join. Come and have some fun with the On Top of the World Horseshoe Club.

League play starts about 8:45-9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays with practice about the same time on Saturday mornings. If you have any questions, stop by the horseshoe pits and talk to us any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning.



## Defensive gem leaves opponents with only four runs

By Don Grabowski

Can you believe Scott Pharmacy beat OTOW 15 to 4?

Scott defense led by Howard Huff, Bob Fields, Bill Arkins and Bob Stoddard held OTOW to 17 scattered hits. They cut off rallies when it seemed OTOW was coming to life.

Scott players had at least four hits each. OTOW could do no better than Carm Costa and Glen Ohl with four hits each. Scott Players made outstanding plays to curb OTOW scoring.

**Dimmitt Chevy 13**

**Cody's Restaurant 6**

Dimmitt Chevy scored in every inning to beat Cody's Restaurant 13 to 6.

The winners were led by Paul Fice, Bill Arkins and Greg Zimmer, whom all had five hits each. Hugh Quirk and Bob Stoddard made a couple of defensive plays that shut down Cody's rallies.

Disappointing game for Cody's players.

### Softball

**Scott Pharmacy 15**

**Dimmitt Chevy 13**

Scott players hit with men on base as they beat Dimmitt Chevy 15-13.

Bill Bennet (five hits) Howard Huff (three hits) and Bob Fields (three hits) scored the winning runs.

Joe Maley and Tony Caputo led Dimmitt with four hits each. Jim Pollock, Hugh Quirk and Guy Bertuzzi helped the losers keep close. Close game, only because Dimmitt scored eight runs in the last inning.

**OTOW 14**

**Scott Pharmacy 11**

OTOW players bunched their hits to score the maximum three runs in three of the innings played.

This led to a 14-11 win for OTOW as Scott Pharmacy rallies were cut short.

Bob Rittner had a home run for OTOW and was the winning pitcher. Tony Caputo had four hits, including a double to score three runs.

For the losers, Pat Kennedy had five hits, while Joe Maley and Greg Zimmer chipped in with four hits each. Lenny Segal hit the longest home run of the season – over the left/center-field fence.

Nice to see our younger players uphold our history with great play and plays.

**Dimmitt Chevy 23**

**Cody's Restaurant 15**

Dimmitt Chevy blasted Cody's Restaurant 23-15. It was a hitting day for all Dimmitt Chevy hitters.

Paul Fice and Greg Zimmer had seven hits each (all singles). Hugh Quirk had six hits, and Tony Caputo, Bill Arkins and Bob Stoddard had five hits each. Guy Bertucci had only four hits, but one was a run-scoring double.

Cody's had hitters of their own, but none could match Dimmitt

Chevy's output. Lenny Segal had five hits with a home run. Pat Kennedy, Joe Maley and Bob Rittner had four hits each. It was a close game until Dimmitt closed it out in the last three innings.

**OTOW 15**

**Dimmitt Chevy 13**

Both teams hit the ball well as OTOW beat Dimmitt Chevy 15-13.

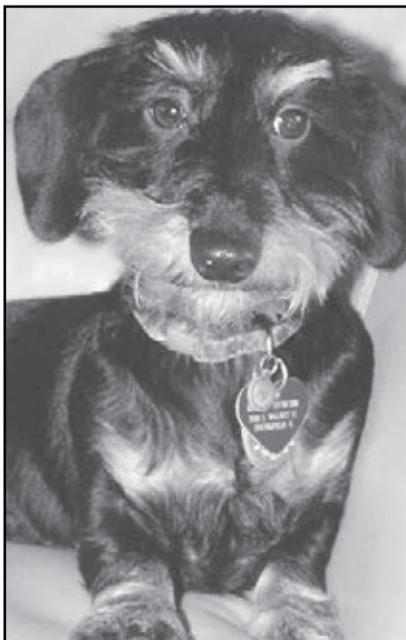
The difference was OTOW's ability to score three runs in four innings.

Dimmitt couldn't match that as they scored only two runs in most of the innings.

Trevor Dixon, Guy Bertuzzi and bill Rittner had six hits each. Lenny Segal had five hits, and Carm Costa, Bill Bennett, Pat Kennedy and Bob Fields had four hits each.

Dimmitt players played hard but OTOW rose to the occasion and kept them from scoring.

## Barklee named OTOW Pet of the Year



### TOP 4 CANDIDATES

1. Barklee 2004 votes
2. Laddie 1109 votes
3. Pearl 234 votes
4. Arby 111 votes

Barklee, the On Top of the World News Pet of the Month for October, has been voted Pet of the Year for 2011.

Internet voters gave Barklee 2004 votes for first place.

Laddie was second with 1109 votes, Pearl was third with 234 votes and Arby was fourth with 111 votes.

Barklee and Laddie were dogs. Pearl and Arby were cats.

Barklee lives in the Rizal Building (No. 18) and is owned by Judi and Larry Richardson.

Barklee spends her winters here chasing birds and squirrels, and spends her summers in Illinois.

Barklee is a mini wire-haired dachshund, who hopes to someday learn how to climb trees.

Barklee wins a full grooming from Barks and Bubbles, and a gift basket from Pet Supplies Plus. Photos will appear in the March edition of this newspaper.

### Four aces

## Richard Raley owes everyone a drink, not Dick Kronawetter

OK.

Let's set the records straight.

Dick Kronawetter does not owe everyone at On Top of the World a free drink.

Richard Raley does.

Back on Nov. 15, Richard aced the 160-yard, third hole with a 6-iron, but in the January edition of this newspaper, Dick was given credit for the hole-in-one.

Since the newspaper came out, Dick has been hounded by fans for a free drink - as is customary for anyone who records a hole-in-one.

However, starting today, you should be hounding Richard, not Dick. The statutes of limitations does not expire until next month.

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Congratulations to Nancy Lo for a great hole-in-one on Fridat, Feb. 13.

Nancy aced the 15th hole with a 5-wood.

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Bob Kaiser arrived back home at OTOW just in time to record an ace on Nov. 13. He used an 8-iron on the 149 yard 16th hole.

Witnessing the shot were Paul Farrel, Frank Spero and John Shearer.

Reports from the scene claim the crowd cheered.

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On Dec. 17, Charlie Hersh recorded a hole-in-one on the 16th hole.

His playing partners were Mysl Chronister and Joe Garardi.

Charlie used a 5-iron for the great shot and made the holiday season even more memorable.



# Don't peek in the window, come in and play pool with us

By Gail DuCharme

Are you one of those ladies who has been peeking in the Billiards Room window on Wednesday nights wondering "what in the world are they doing in there?"

We invite you to come in and see for yourself.

Observe us having fun.

Watch our competent instructors teaching us the tricks of the trade.

Or check-out Channel 96 OTOW for information and a quick view.

I'm one of those people who thought all you do is hit the cue ball and hope it hits the ball you are aiming to put in the pocket.

Imagine my surprise when I learned that billiards is a game of strategy, and hand and eye coordination.

But don't let this scare you. We have very talented and competent instructors.

These are men and one woman who have played and won many On Top of the World tournaments, as well as professional tournaments.

These people generously donate their time on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoon. Instructors like



**Tina Tucci, Maureen Doire and Elizabeth Asselta.**

Frank English, Andy Suhar, Ed Solivan and Terry Wittman teach us the strategy of pool. Will Schafer, program assistant, keeps precise score of wins during tournaments.

Thanks to all our support staff.

It is not a game of chance but a game of thinking and strategizing. With the help of our instructors we learn how to hold the cue stick, how to



## Que't Billiards

set up a target with a follow-through for the next ball. We learn the correct posture and eye position to hit our target.

On Jan. 4 the club held a round robin tournament. Members had the opportunity to put into practice the strategies they have learned.

Elizabeth Asselta and Maureen Doire tied for first place. In a playoff game Elizabeth took first and Maureen Doire placed second. A third place playoff was held between Tina Tucci, Rashanee Turner and Judy Garvey. Tina placed third.

Congratulations, ladies!

And by the way, Tina is a new player since October 2011. Tina can be seen on Saturdays practicing and receiving coaching from Ed Solivan or Andy Suhar.

## Allen Pier, Larry Wells win a pair of Scotch Doubles events

Allen Pier had a big month in the On Top of the World Men's Billiards League.

Allen posted one singles win in eight ball action, and teamed with Larry Wells for a pair of victories in Scotch Doubles.

On Jan. 9, Bill Robertson got things started with a victory in Flight A for Monday night 8-ball action. Joe Doire was second and Jim Anzalone was third. In Flight B, Andy Suhar was first, John Fier was second and Caesar Lemos was third.

A week later, Allen picked up his solo win, while Jim Anzalone was second and Denny Balderson was third. In Flight B, Andy Suhar won, Terri Wittman placed and Howard Wilson was third.

December ended with a pair of 8-ball, round-robin tournaments. On Dec. 19, Joe Doire was the winner, followed by Jim Anzalone

and Grant Anderson. A week later, Bill Robertson took the title, with Marc Schell in second and Joe Doire in third.

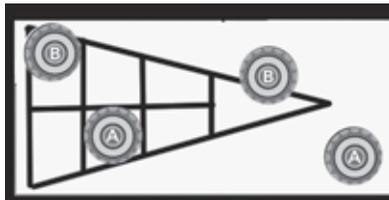
Lastly, there were five Scotch Doubles tournaments to report on. Allen and Larry won two of them. Hugo Orantes and Herb Jordan took first on Dec. 15, Jim Anzalone and Norm Theriault took first on Dec. 29, and Denny Balderson and Larry Wells took first on Jan. 12.



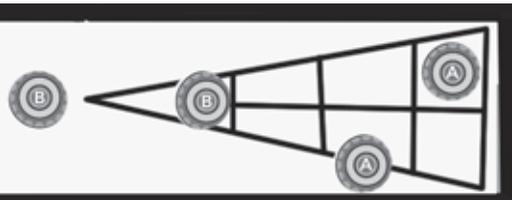
## Men's Pool



Allen Pier, left, and Larry Wells won a pair of Scotch Doubles tournaments to end the 2011 season and open 2012.



# SPORTS




**Val Varnell**

## War couldn't stop OTOW resident from learning her favorite game

By Laura Evans

Val Varnell, 3 years old and living in London, England, hit her first tennis ball while playing with her three older brothers ... and the only reason she was hitting then was because her mother said, "let your little sister play."

Anyone who watches Val play tennis at On Top of the World marvels at her natural talent. And hearing that she hit her first tennis ball at 3 years old, it is natural to assume that the following childhood years were filled with games of tennis and sports with her family. However, those carefree times of early childhood didn't last.

War interfered.

Val becomes an English War child, evacuated away from her family and home in London.

For the six years she was separated from her home and family, but continued to live her life according to her mother's advice, "Be nice and not make any trouble."

That advice was given to her just as she boarding an evacuation train, which led to a farm, where working and walking to school became her new childhood.

There was no time for games or sports. However, her natural ability to be athletic continued to develop.

Coming home after the war, Val resumed playing tennis. As a young student, Val was selected to play on the senior high school team and was invited to play against another team on the outer courts of Wimbledon All English Tennis Club.

**"If you find you are losing, slow down and go back to basics. The game will come back."**

As a result of these games, Val was approached to train with the possibility of later competing at Wimbledon.

Due to other family priorities at this time, Val was not able to accept.

However, she continued playing tennis, joining various clubs, and years later taught each of her three children to play while helping many other children.

When Val is asked how important it is keeping emotion in check during a game, she replies, "You have to concentrate and keep your cool and try to maintain a high level of focus."

And does she have a tennis hero?

"Rafael Nadal, because of his disposition and he never gives up trying. The hard work is only half of the win. The mental game is the other half. You have to have both, and he does."

Val gives her description of a competitive spirit as "love to play, love to win, yet accept losing. However if you find you are losing, just slow down and go back to the basics. The game will come back."

Good advice, for tennis or life.

***Jan. 30-March 3***

## Sign up for an upcoming tournament

By Charlie Christ

Now that some of us have warmed up, it's tournament time.

On Top of the World residents who play regularly are urged to sign up for at least one event. Half Court singles and doubles are open to all.

In mixed doubles, the number of women and men will limit partici-

### Tennis

pation by the other. Participation by the limiting element is based on those that have not participated for the longest time.

Each match will be posted on

Sunday prior to the week's matches. Dates or times may be changed, but the match must be played in the scheduled week.

Round one begins Jan. 30 and the tournament ends March 3.

So come out and watch the action. You may still play during our regular hours just for practice and to stay

in shape.

Always remember the winner is not necessarily the one who serves the most aces or hits the best shot. It's the player who gets the ball over the net last.

For questions call Dean Baker, the tournament director See you on the courts.



# SPORTS

## Wally Boudreaux and Pat Murray win Mixed Doubles Tournament to kick off 2012

Bob Miller, Marg Hachey and Ray Allard were recent winners from the Lawn Bowling Club.

They team together for victory in Triple competition on Dec. 17.

The second place team was Dorothy Gillis, Paul Juneau and Jacques Breton.

In Doubles competition, Tom Barrett and Brian Bedard were victorious, while Wally Boudreau and Paul McKinnon were runners-up.

On Dec. 24 the club held a Christmas Cheer competition.

Taking first place was the team of Hal Jacobsen, Mario Altieri and Denise Dion.

Second place went to Ian May, Wendy Colquhoun and Ray Allard.

The final event of the year took place on Dec. 31.

The winners were comprised of

### Lawn Bowling

a skip, a vice and two leads: Maureen Boudreaux, Bob Hughes, Cathy Mills and Hal Jacobsen.

The second place team was Rolie Lapointe, Edgar Hachey and Mario Altieri.

After the competition, club members gathered for a New Year's Eve party with hats and horns in the Sunrise Room.

Approximately 90 members and guests danced to the music of "Dave," who provided a great mix of tunes. Even the younger guests seemed to have a good time.

Many thanks to the organizers - Brian Bedard, Hal Jacobsen, Ian May

and their wives.

From Jan. 5-6, the club held a Mixed Doubles Tournament. For most of our members, this was the first "Whites" event of the season.

Trophy winners were Wally Boudreaux and Pat Murray. Runners-up were Cathy Mills and Peter Koukout-sis.

High three-game winners were Maureen Boudreau and Ray Allard. Runners-up were Brian Bedard and Jackie Bedard.

The high two-game winners were Marj Kells and John Hagle.

On Jan. 7, the club was back to normal jitneys.

First place was won by Norm Chandler and Rick Carr. Second place went to Bob Miller, Wally Colquhoun and Pauline McKinnon. Third place went to Brooke Reid, Betty McWhirter

and Mario Altieri.

On Jan. 12, the flag of Scotland flew proudly as the club celebrated Robbie Burns Day a wee bit early.

Champions were Bob Miller, Joan Miller and Jean Evans.

Second place was Edgar Hachey, Pauline McKinnon and Judy Fahey.

Third place was Tom Barrett, Eric Edwards and Joan O'Connor.

Thanks to Pat Murray and her able helpers, a lunch was served in the craft room. The 50/50 was won by Pat Williams.

On Jan. 14 another jitney was held.

The winning team was Tom Barrett, Bob Laplante and Sandy Wall.

The runners-up were Dorothy Gillis, Wendy Colquhoun and Christine Miller.

### Answers to January crossword puzzle

**ACROSS**

1. Chilidogs
3. Indiana
6. Squirrels
7. Thirsty
9. Santa
10. Greece
12. Smokies
14. Elvis
15. Maestro
16. Kidneys
19. Football
20. Egg-shells
22. Lambda
24. Worm
25. Leopard

**DOWN**

1. Cooks
2. Body-guard
3. Image
4. Disney
5. Outhouse
6. Scepter
8. Hoosier
11. Mosi
12. Sandbird
13. Sarasota
17. Elephant
18. Plum
21. Hoops
23. Coal

### Shuffleboard

## Learn Shuffleboard

President Marge Sivek

The shuffleboard players invite all non-experienced players to come to the shuffleboard courts on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

We will teach you how to play. Also, if you have played and are interested in the game, please come, we would love to meet you.

The following players have won three games:

November 3 - Bob Rittner, Charlie McKague, Marge Sivek.



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We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

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

## Line Dancing

Come discover line dancing on the East Activity Center ballroom floor.

We dance each Tuesday at 1 p.m. and each Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Stay for as long or short a time as you wish. For further information contact Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

## Stamp Club

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 21. The On Top of the World Stamp Club will be meeting in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room from 1 – 3 p.m. See page 35 for news of our first get together of the New Year which was held last month!

## Dancing using the Rungo method

Rungo Dance meets Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There are newcomer, intermediate and advanced levels. Have no worries, if this is a challenge we can assist with that very easily.

If you have any other questions please call 727-741-3337.

## Morning exercises start at 8 a.m.

Ladies, come join us every morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym room.

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and a short cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups.

On Wednesday and Friday mornings bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes while we work on improving muscle tone.

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



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**Max**

## Do you know someone who wants to be the Pet of the Month?

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month."

Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter the contest.

One pet will be featured each month.

To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information on why you think your pet should be chosen as our monthly celebrity (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: [bootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bootss@tampabay.rr.com). Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!

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Mallorca residents and friends prepare to board an Escot bus for the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. Mallorca was the winning building in the On Top of the World News Holiday Lights Contest. Part of the prize was a round-trip bus ride that started right in front of their own building.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## Holiday contest winners try their luck at casino

This past December, Mallorca residents proved they could decorate for the holidays, but the big question remained, “could they hit a jackpot?”

More than 40 residents and friends boarded an Escot bus on Jan. 20 and spent half a day at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.

The trip was the top prize for winning the On Top of the World News Holiday Lights Contest. Escot chipped in a complimentary round-trip bus ride, while the Hard Rock Casino donated free chips and a lunch voucher to each passenger.

Prior to boarding for the trip, those on the luxury bus were asked how many were going to the casino for the first time ever. Nearly 75 percent of the passengers raised their arms.

The trip started with smiles and

excitement, but as of press time, it was not known how many people came back millionaires.

This was the first year your On Top of the World community newspaper was in charge of a holiday decoration contest.

Eight buildings registered and participated. Mallorca took first place with 579 points, Modernage was second with 572 points and French Renaissance I was third with 542 points.

Also participating were Fujiwara, Rila Renaissance, Yoshimitsu, Azores and Avila II.

The week after the winning building was announced, the On Top of the World Press Association held a meeting and discussed the 2011 contest. Immediately, it was decided the contest should return in 2012, and there was

enough indication the contest actually did some good in bringing residents together for a beneficial cause.

However, there may be some contest adjustments for 2012.

OTOW News Editor Doug Kates said buildings may not have to register for the next contest. Judging may take place over the Internet, which will enable all buildings to compete.

Some residents asked to make the judging criteria more specific so everyone knows exactly what the judges will be grading.

Also discussed was the possibility of adding another division so there would be one for three-floor buildings and one for two-floor buildings.

There was some feedback that residents were not motivated to participate in the contest because they

weren't gamblers and weren't interested in a trip to the casino.

Doug said he would talk to this year's winners when they came back from their trip and would get their input on future prizes.

Other ideas already tossed around could include an all-paid trip to a dinner theater, to a spring training baseball game or a day at Tampa Bay Downs.

Escot has already indicated they would be back for the next contest to provide the transportation - it's just a matter of deciding where the winners want to go.

The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2 in the East Activity Center lower card room. The public is welcome to stay for the beginning of the meeting.



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# Adventure, fun and memories awaited these passengers

A vacation of friends ended up to be a true reunion.

Neighbors Guy and Kathy Bertuzzi and Bill and Arlene Bergen went on an 11-day cruise to the Panama Canal. The cruise was on the Holland American ship *Zuiderdam*.

The Bertuzzis and Bergens went with four other friends (see photo.) Five of the eight travelers are Chase Manhattan Bank retirees. Although every February there is a Chase retiree's luncheon in this area, the cruise turned out to be a better reunion with hilarious bank stories.

The cruise stopped at Half Moon Cay, the Bahamas, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Colon, Panama and Costa Rica. When we were at port, we all went our own way. When we were back on board, we all met for the team trivia contest which was played twice a day. It became a real competition between our team and other teams. We were usually beaten by one or two points.

Our last day at sea, we decided that all eight of us would compete as one team. We were sure to win! We were beaten once again, this time by a mother and daughter. It was a lot of laughs.



Guy Bertuzzi went zip lining in Costa Rica. No one in our group had the nerve to go zipping through the tree tops. So he went on his own. He came back with great stories.

Bill Bergen's favorite part of the trip was at the Panama Canal. The ship went through three locks. The engineering was amazing. Bill and his wife had a balcony room and got up before 5 a.m. so they could watch the whole canal experience. While passing through the first lock, the most beautiful and perfectly formed rainbow appeared in the sky before us.

Guy, Bill, family and friends totally enjoyed the whole experience



These eight friends, including the building reporter and her husband, experienced an awe-inspiring transit through the Panama Canal as part of an 11-day Caribbean cruise.

of the cruise including the service and fabulous food.

Please do not forget to check our bulletin boards for important news from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger. If you have any news you wish

me to put in our building column, please leave in the mail box under the bulletin board.

On behalf of the entire building, we hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day.

## Several new residents can be seen around the building

We had a nice turnout for our building Christmas luncheon. Thank you Gwen Nolan for hosting the party. I had the opportunity to meet some of our new neighbors at the luncheon. They all live on the World Parkway side of our building.

Sandy Wall is from Winchester, Va. Her aunt lived at On Top of the World for 30 years. Sandy was intrigued with our community, so she decided to live here part time. She retired recently from teaching elementary and middle school. Sandy and her two dogs, Buddy and Button, are enjoying spending the winter in Florida.

Carole and Virgil Meyer usually spend the summer months in Willmar, Minn. Virgil is a retired salesman from one of the large drug companies. Carole was a top-selling real estate agent in Minnesota for a number of years.

Florida seemed like the best place to retire (Carole's sister lives in Clearwater, as do many of their friends).



The Meyers love to play bridge. Sam and Millie Grandinetti are from Bridgeport, W. Va. Millie's brother lives at OTOW. Sam is retired from Lockheed Martin. Millie worked in a deli.

Millie is going to try and learn to golf. She also likes to bowl. Rumor has it the couple makes delicious Italian dinners!

Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents Day.

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## Karaoke event proves to be bigger success than envisioned

Well, we made it through another year. Hope everyone had an exciting time ringing in the New Year. We enjoyed going to dinner at Harold Seltzers, then a friend's house to ring in the New Year.

Our neighbor, Grace Hodek, spent the holiday season with her son and his family. She spent New Year's Eve with friends at Spoto's Steak House, then a little get-together at her home.

Our holiday karaoke party held on Dec. 18 was a huge success. An unexpected 60 people showed up. We had lots of food and raffle prizes to give away. We had 30 singers and many happy people. Our opening song was "On Top of the World" and it was a huge hit.

Looking forward to karaoke on Feb. 12. Again it will take place in the Starlite Room from 6-9 p.m. It's free of charge. Check for upcoming karaoke dates on Ch. 96 or the OTOW News.

For my ending statement, always remember: "Keep a song on your lips and love in your heart!"



Getting their groove on at the Dec. 18 karaoke party held at the East Activity Center are Lenny Segall, Eddie Donnally and George Swiderski. Next such event is Feb. 12.

## Veteran decorators recall building's 'glory days'

Happy New Year from the Mandarin Building! Two of our original owners, Jimmy and Carmella Papariello, recall with pride, the hand they had in helping to decorate our building in years past.

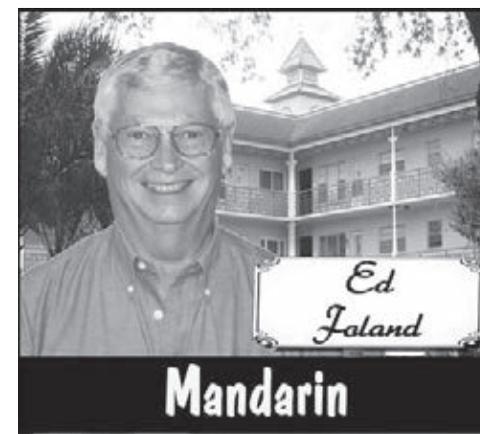
Jimmy, who is now 90, helped with the decorations for 20 years. He is no longer able to climb the ladders, but is always there supporting the volunteers who are doing the job now.

Jimmy and Carmella remember the time that charter bus companies used to bring tours through On Top of the World for the sole purpose of viewing the Christmas lights.

During those "glory days," nearly every building here was glowing with lights. In fact, our building has three special ribbons which we won in community-wide contests for 1992, '93 and '94.

There has been a decline, it seems, in decorating and as our lights are getting old and failing, this sadly may have been our last year as well to light up the night.

On another note, did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors in December?



If you have a fire extinguisher, do you know where it's located and if it's fully charged? A good place to have one is in your kitchen. Grease fires are the main cause of house fires.

There are also fire extinguishers located on the outside walls of the building near your front door. Take a moment and locate them in case of any emergency.

My retired firefighter friends say the best thing to do in the event of a fire is to get outside immediately and have someone call 911. Here's wishing everyone in Mandarin Building a safe and happy new year.

## It's always time to think safety at OTOW

Bicycle riders: pay attention to riding rules. When was the last time you heard someone say "Most of these old people at OTOW who are driving can't see or hear?" Well, those "old people" happen to be most everyone living here!

None of us see or hear as well as we used to. When you are out riding your bicycle, make sure you are riding your bike in the same direction that vehicles are going. And please stay out of the middle of the road.

Wear your helmet, and if you are carrying something, make sure you have a basket on your bike. It isn't always the fault of the driver of a car when there is an accident. Bicycle riders and walkers also need to follow rules and stay alert.

Please read Ken Colen's article on page 4 regarding some very timely and important tips on keeping your home safe from fire hazards. When having work done in your home, make sure you hire someone who is licensed and that they get the necessary permits.



Stay alert to unusual or hot smells. Check the cords on lamps or appliances. If they are worn or stiff, replace them.

It is also very important to update your emergency contacts list with the OTOW Service Department. If you have never done that, make it a priority to do it now. If you are ever out of town and an emergency should arise in your home, the Service Department can call your contacts if you cannot be reached.

Also folks, our maintenance people are telling us that garbage isn't always being bagged when put in the waste receptacles. All garbage, including dirty kitty litter, needs to be bagged and tied. It is very unsanitary to have loose soup cans (or worse) tossed in the waste cans. We all sometimes need gentle reminders to be courteous to our fellow neighbors.

On a lighter note, Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Surprise someone that you know who is alone with a special Valentine. And it's always fun to keep a box of doggie treats close at hand to give to those dogs dragging their owners around the block every day. You will be surprised also at how good it makes you feel to be on the giving end.

The days are getting longer again and it's nice to see people out enjoying the fresh air. Remember to keep a song on your lips and love in your hearts!

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Each person must present proof of residence to validate his/her own card. Proof may be a Florida driver's license, a Florida I.D., electric or cable bill, bank statement or check, or a cancelled, stamped envelope which shows name and OTOW address.

## Rhyming ABC's probably fit many of us

A was for Apple, and B was for Boat, that used to be right, but now it won't float. Age before beauty is what we once said, but let's be a bit more realistic instead.

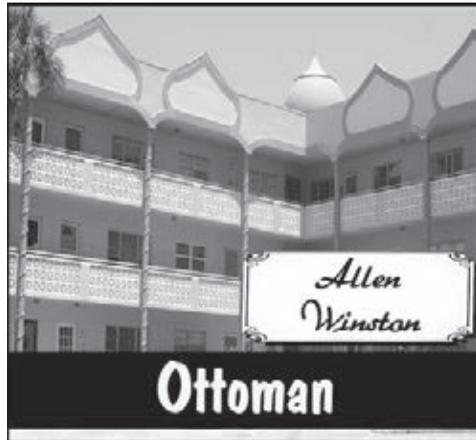
Today... A's for arthritis, B's the bad back, C's for the chest pains, perhaps car-di-ac? D is for dental decay and decline, E is for eyesight, can't read that top line. F is for fissures and fluid retention, G is for gas which I'd rather not mention.

H is high blood pressure, I'd rather it low, I's for incision with scars you can show. J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend, K is for knees that crack when they bend.

L's for libido, what happened to sex? M is for memory, I forget what comes next. N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low, O is for osteo, bones that don't grow.

P's for prescriptions, I have quite a few, just give me a pill, and I'll be good as new. Q is for queasy (is it fatal or flu?), R is for reflux, one meal turns to two. S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears, T's for tinnitus, hearing bells in my ears.

U is for urinary, troubles with flow, V is for vertigo, that's dizzy you know. W's for worry, now what's going round, X is for x-ray, and what might



be found. V's for another year I'm left here behind, Z's for the zest I still have in my mind.

*I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed, and I'm keeping 26 doctors employed.*

February is usually synonymous with Valentine's Day, and Valentine's Day is usually synonymous with love. I think of love as an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.

But after all, without love, what are we worth? Eighty-nine cents! Eighty-nine cents worth of chemicals walking around lonely. So, happy Valentine's Day, one and all.

While everyone knows February celebrates Groundhog Day (in Florida, who cares?), did you know this month also celebrates Hedgehog Day, and Sled Dog Day (more holidays no one

cares about down here). It also has 29 days (yes, another leap year has come to visit us... that's 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, or 86,400 seconds to enjoy any way you want).

And don't forget, those of you who are still undecided about your travel plans, this year the Mardi Gras Carnival in New Orleans starts Feb. 21 (that's 46 days before Easter). Right after that is National Margarita Day (perfect timing).

As for birthdays, while we acknowledge Lincoln and Washington, aka President's Day (usually with store sales), we cannot forget it's also Elmo's birthday this month.

And for those of you planning a Super Bowl party, know that Super Bowl XLVI (no, I'm not going to tell you what number that is) is on Feb. 5.

Of course the most important day of the month is Feb. 9, when Hershey's chocolate was founded in 1894 (remember, if there's no chocolate in Heaven, don't go!).

With the beginning of each new month, a fresh page is turned. That page is your "dance card." Fill it up!

A final thought... *"To the world you may be but one person, but to one person you may be the world."*

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## Featured couple epitomizes Valentine's Day for us all

Welcome to the month of February, the time for red and love. This is the month that Cupid will shoot his arrows into so many people. There will be many couples out there preparing for their love forever. And there will be many remembering when this day was so special for them.

Steven and Cheryl Kraft is one of those couples in our building who enjoys this day. They met at a Jewish Community Center in Detroit. Both were life-long residents of Michigan until they moved.

Steven is a retired General Motors employee. Cheryl is a volunteer at the synagogue.

They have been married for 40 years, and have been residents of Florida since 1995, when they moved to OTOW to be closer to family.

You can see Steven out walking, while Cheryl stays home doing her



latchhook. Maybe even catch them at the pool on warm day.

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# Remembering the 'Millennium Bug' and Y2K

Where were you and what were you doing when the ball in Times Square dropped on Dec. 31, 1999?

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People were withdrawing their funds from the banks; they were filling up their gas tanks and doing many other things to prepare for the collapse.

Now, 12 years later, we are still enjoying our computer-driven society even though it sometimes seems not to be doing too good. Here's wishing the best of everything in 2012.



Building 10 residents have been doing a lot of moving about in the last few months and here is what has been happening:

Florence Wasserman had an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law in Virginia. She came

home for Christmas and says it is the best place to be.

Janet Ford only stayed with us for a few weeks before returning to New York.

Dick and Barbara Jo Redmond went on a cruise as did Marguerite Sterns and Jim Richute.

Phyllis Butler's eldest daughter and granddaughter came from Illinois for a long weekend. Shortly after that, her middle daughter came for five days from Wisconsin.

Yvonne Armato just recently returned from a New York visit.

Georgia Hajduch's apartment has been sold to Robert and Margaret Pawlowski. Be sure to make them feel welcome when they move in.

Be sure to remember your loved ones on Valentine's Day!

## Resident's holiday building decorating work admired by many wishing to duplicate it

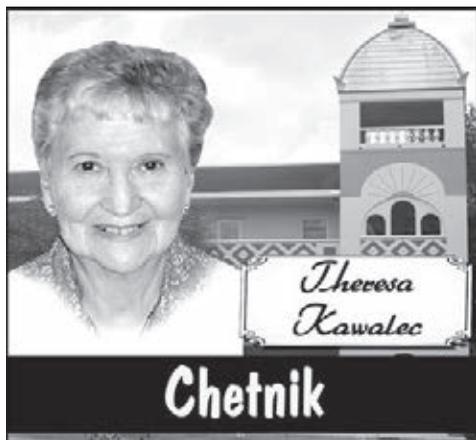
Our Holiday dinner party on Dec. 14 at Island Way Grill was enjoyed by 18 Chetniks. Good food and jovial camaraderie got us in the mood for the holidays. Next year we will select another restaurant, possibly the new Lucky Dill on U.S. 19.

Tom Wright and Angie have just returned from a cruise on the *Norwegian Star* to Honduras and Mexico.

Helene Parker Spragg was recently blessed with her 13th great-grandchild.

Phil Meissner visited his brother in Pennsylvania for the holidays, and a niece on Christmas Day, and was home for New Year's.

Bruce Ennis' windows were quite outstanding for the holidays. Inventiveness and originality produced a wonder of color and lights unmatched anywhere. I took all my guests to see and admire them. Bruce told me that



strangers would knock on his door to ask how they could duplicate it in their condos next year.

Charlene Savoie had her daughter and her boyfriend from Boston visit for the holidays. The warm weather lured them down to the pool, which is where I met them.

John and I spent Christmas with our daughter and son and their

families in this area. On Dec. 26, we drove to Savannah to be with our youngest daughter and her four children until New Years Day.

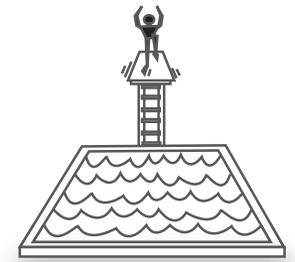
When we returned home, we learned of the condo on Rhodesian that was gutted by a fire. Apparently it was an electric fire and the owner wasn't home at the time. We should check all electric wires to see if they are cracked and dried out.

Also, a contact telephone number should be available, and/or a key to the condo left with a trusted person in the building.

For more on this, please read Kenneth Colen's column on page 4.

The Zolkowers sold their condo and moved to Mease Manor. That dear couple promised us that they will still attend our monthly luncheons.

Happy Valentine's Day to all you lovers!



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## Resident 'treated like a princess' on west coast visit

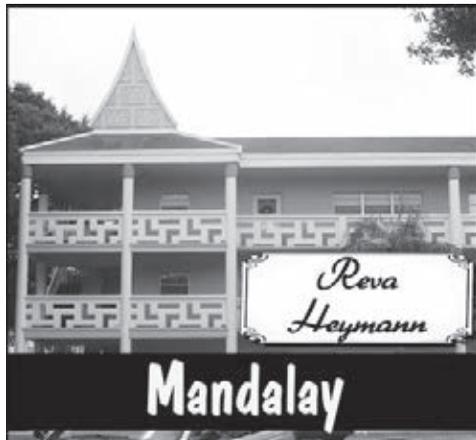
One of our Mandalay residents just came back from a long trip bubbling over with enthusiasm about all the interesting people she met and how nice everyone was to her.

Shirley Finestein went to visit one son in California for 10 days and then went on to visit with the other son in Portland, Ore., for another 10 days.

She was "treated like a princess" by her son, her son's friends, his associates and co-workers. She was taken to parties, restaurants, sightseeing, etc. and was even lent a car by one of his friends.

She got to visit with her grandchildren, watch races and soccer games and hear all about their interests and activities. One son took her on a short side trip to an "absolutely charming" mountain village that was "Bavarian" and had all sorts of unusual little shops as well as beautiful mountain vistas (including one view of a volcano).

If you watch for the announcement of the February concert of the Clearwater Chorus, you can see our own Fred Drew as one of the singers.



He has a really good voice and won his place through a competitive audition.

My daughter, my son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters visited and we celebrated their 21st anniversary, our 60th, and my daughter's New Year's Eve birthday all together (which all fall within an eight-day time span).

Mandalay residents had a big potluck dinner (and annual meeting) on Tuesday, Jan. 10. A good number of people signed up, brought all kinds of good things to eat and everybody had a good time, lots to eat, and met some of our new neighbors.

## Busy calendar this month

How quickly the holidays went by! Now we have Super Bowl Sunday, St. Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and also Ash Wednesday this month.

Be sure to read Ken Colen's column on page 4 regarding fire hazards and the need to update your contact lists so that management knows who has a key to your condo in case of an emergency, which reminds me that I need to do that, too.

Did you know that some thieves are using a new scanner that can glean the numbers from the credit cards in your pocket or purse just by brushing against you? The OTOW Computer Club members were made aware of this recently and were told that we can purchase protective sleeves for credit cards, drivers' licenses and passports by going to [www.idstronghold.com](http://www.idstronghold.com).

These sleeves can also be purchased at Walgreen's. Or you can wrap each card in aluminum foil, so we were told.



Now that we can unwind from the stress and excitement of the holiday season, I thought the following advice from a doctor would be helpful. The good doctor said to (1) finish things we start and (2) try to use more calm in our lives.

So I looked around my house to find things I'd started and hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Bailey's, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiumun scripshuns, and a box of chocetz.

Yu haf no idr how fablus I feel rite now! (Just kidding...)

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## THE WAY WE WERE A look back at OTOW News (Part 34: February, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- The 1973 New Year's Eve party was a complete sellout. The festivities included dancing until 1 a.m., noisemakers, balloons and a case lot of champagne being given away to lucky number holders.
- A group of interested residents met in the card room on Jan.15 to possibly form a Stamp Club. They discussed the various aspects of stamp collecting, trading and selling. Plans were made to meet in February.
- A total of 14,185 books were borrowed from the On Top of the World library in 1973.
- The state clubs reported on their new activities planned for 1974.

**See you next time!**

## Residents spent holidays in varied and interesting ways

I thought that it would be fun to ask the residents of Casa Verde what they did for the year-end holidays. I got some pretty interesting answers.

The majority of my neighbors just stayed home and had family in and few were like my husband and me; we went to our children's home and let them do the cooking for a change! We had returned from a cruise with the Snowbird Club and didn't have time to do the usual entertaining.

One couple went across the street and celebrated his father's 95th birthday.

Some more adventuresome neighbors flew up to North Carolina, Canada, and Ohio as well as other places.

One family had friends from Newfoundland and one woman had a brother come from Scotland.

Family also came from Ohio, North Carolina, New York and Oklahoma for some people.

A neighbor said she was worn out after entertaining 14 for dinner.

Someone spent the day at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa and bragged about the great dinner they had.

Two couples got to celebrate later in January. One couple entertained their son and his wife and their grandson. The son lives in Michigan but the grandson teaches Physiology at the University of South Korea. Previously he taught in Japan right after he received his Doctorate degree.

The other family celebrated



a reunion with 28 members of their family.

I also asked my neighbors if they had any New Year's resolutions. Four said they don't make resolutions anymore because they never kept them anyway. Quite a few resolve to keep healthy, others want to lose weight or walk more.

One said she is 84 and she never made a New Year's resolution, so she couldn't start now.

Getting rid of "stuff" that she doesn't need is another goal.

"Live every day to the fullest, and don't sweat the small stuff," was the advice from a resident who was very ill two years ago.

I read somewhere that someone suggested that we love, laugh, listen, and leave a legacy in 2012. This seems like good advice.

For those who live in the building, see if you can figure out what face matches what family. This is a great way to get to know one another.

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### THE VALENTINE PHONE CALL

*By Alma W. Hudson*

I just called to tell you I love you  
To tell you I miss you so  
To say that your face is the dearest I know  
And it follows me closely wherever I go.

The smile in your eyes is so sparkling  
The laugh on your lips is so sweet  
I dream of you over and over again  
And then in my fancy repeat.

The words that I love to hear spoken  
The words that I want you to say  
The words that reveal life's best token  
I love you — each day after day.



### PRESIDENTS' DAY

*By Madeleine Wanda*

Who was this tall man over six feet, two?  
He was religious and loved freedom too,  
A General, he was in the Revolutionary War  
That lasted 8 years for the rich and the poor.  
He was elected first president in 1789.  
Two terms he served, he did his time.  
The Declaration of Independence was declared in 1776.  
And peace was declared in 1783.  
Said Betsy Ross to Washington, "A flag our nation needs."  
The flag was made to represent our 13 colonies.  
It was red, white and blue, stripes and 13 stars.  
We thank President Washington proclaiming  
The first Thanksgiving day.  
Another great president, Lincoln, made it a  
National holiday.

### ALONG THE WAY

*By Pete Ferrero*

Along the way, I was a boy,  
Born to a loving family.  
Mom and Dad's new pride and joy.  
A full life lay in front of me.  
I grew enough to start in school  
And in my youth I played the fool.  
I cared not much what folks would say.  
I knew it all, along the way.

Along the way, I met a girl.  
Who brought love to my life.  
She put the color in my world,  
When she became my wife.  
Together, we would have our kids,  
To raise up well and that we did.  
I made some space for work and play  
And spent my time, along the way.

Along the way, I've felt some pain.  
I've had to say good-byes.  
But, also, there have been great gains,  
Like the glitter in my grandkids' eyes.  
I have to say I learned a lot  
And there are some things I forgot.  
My hair has turned from dark to gray.  
I've seen so much, along the way.

Along the way, I've always had,  
You, Lord, by my side,  
To walk with me through good and bad,  
Even times I tried to hide.  
You've been so good and glad to give.  
Thank You for this life I live.  
I know You will forever stay,  
With me each day, along the way.



### ON TOP OF THE WORLD

*By Alma W. Hudson*

On Top of the World:  
A place of dream  
Because of the foresight  
Of an outstanding team.

Whether it is at Valentine's  
Or any of the rest  
One thing for sure –  
We know it is the best.

With the gold and dancing  
And amenities galore  
Who in the world  
Could ever ask for more?

We salute this builder  
A man so sublime  
We truly are grateful  
He came in our time.



### VALENTINE'S DAY

*By Madeleine Wanda*

When you're very young, you love your classmates.  
Then you begin having a special friend,  
As you date, you love your sweetheart.  
When you marry, your love should never end.  
We express our love in many ways:  
Cards, candy, flowers, dates, even a special word or two.  
When you remember a love, they'll remember you  
By telling you, "I love you better than all others,  
You shine brighter than a star,  
I love you, dear, just the way you are."

## *This resident started traveling (and loving it) at an early age*

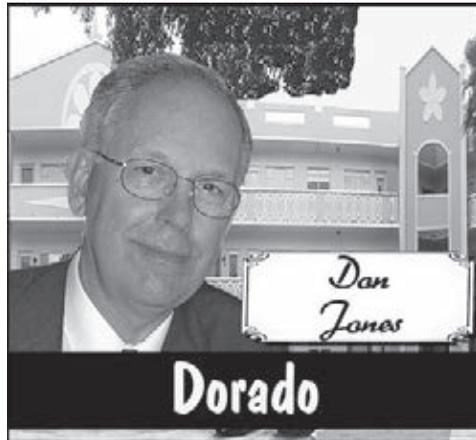
Interesting stories are found behind many of the doors in the Dorado building. This month, I have talked in depth to Pat Manning, who from an early age has traveled and filled her retirement years with volunteering at Hospice and at nursery schools and libraries.

A tomboy from the start, having a secure life with her parents and younger sister Eileen in Tuckahoe N.Y., Pat took her first trip abroad at 16 years of age. Traveling alone, she visited her father's family and homeland of Northern Ireland and immediately fell in love with both Ireland and the idea of traveling.

Her interest in world affairs and issues has blossomed to make her a valued volunteer in her retirement years at Hospice, where she says sadness can overtake you if you do not keep balance in your life. She has done that by volunteering her skills as a retired librarian in picture/story time and rhythm band activities at a local nursery school and child care facility.

She works with classes of 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds twice per week and loves it. At Hospice, she has been involved in soothing touch exercises for terminally ill patients. The work is fulfilling although sad at times, as many of the friends she has helped with quality of life have died.

While living in Denmark for a year, Pat made her initial trip to Rome during Easter week and she says she absolutely fell in love with the city. She rekindled that love in 2004 shortly after the death of her beloved husband, Otis.

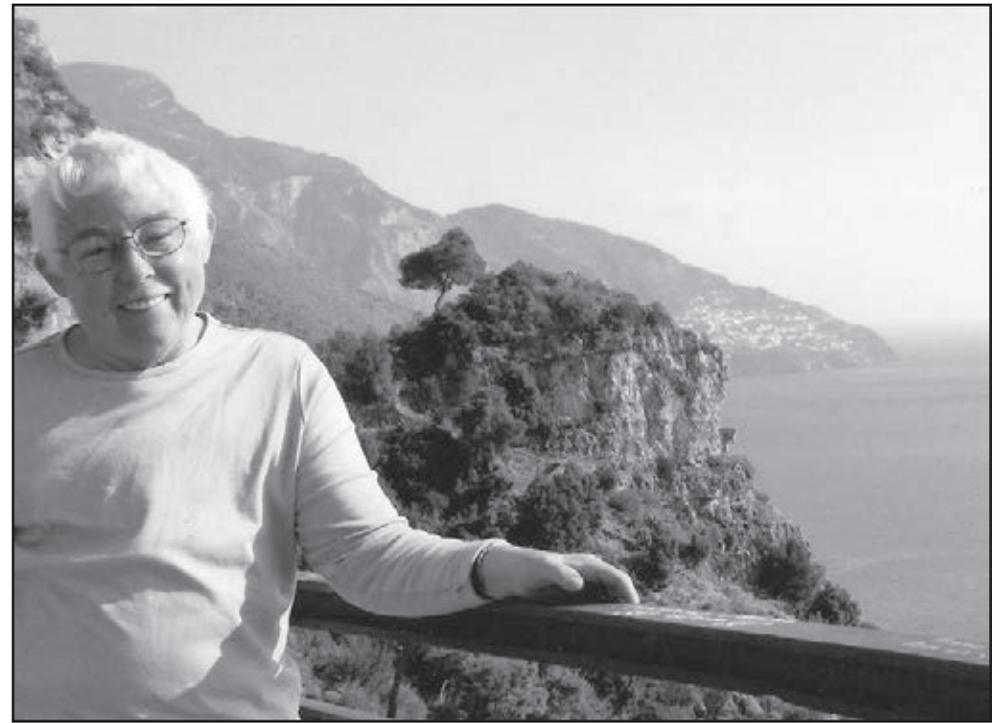


She has traveled to Rome and visited there for a month in the same apartment now for five years. This is an annual event that she looks forward to each year and has already made her deposit on the same apartment for next year.

She has many other interests that include writing reviews of children's science books. Over the 16 years since she moved in to OTOW, she has served as the news reporter for the building, treasurer, bulletin board coordinator, and was involved in the walkway carpet removal project a few years ago.

She is a friendly neighbor to all of us in the building and a valued member of the OTOW and larger community.

Our friendly Dorado community had a great holiday party to start the New Year. The party room at Sea-Sea Riders reverberated with laughter and good conversation. Organized by Cheryl Milner, it was well attended and lots of fun. Thanks, Cheryl, for arranging all the details, including the many door prizes distributed to Dorado residents.



Dorado featured resident Pat Manning relaxes on the Amalfi Coast of Italy.



Pat in 1950...



... and in elementary school.

## **Try to make Valentine's Day special for someone this year**

With the arrival of February, we think of Valentine's Day, the giving of flowers and chocolates and making a special day for our loved ones. Many of us are left only with wonderful memories, but others who have a loved one close can make a day special with a smile, a kind word, and a loving touch.

Do think loving thoughts on the 14th of February and do your part to make it a special day for all.

Residents of The Gables have had recent visits to relatives or have had relatives visiting them.

Doris Brown's son Brian came from Canada. Usually her son Norman and his wife Betty are here for the winter months, but young grandchildren kept them across the border this year. Doris did enjoy the tree fashioned from multi-colored lights all during the Christmas holidays, which had been installed by Norman when he came down from Canada to get his mother settled in for the winter.



Mitzi Jorgenson visited her son in Denver over the holidays for a few days and had an enjoyable time.

Joe and Jan Trkovsky are back from Illinois after a Christmas visit, again because of the grandchildren, and got back here just before the big storm swept across the Midwest and even into the Northeast.

They had been watching weather reports and wanted to get down here before they had another experience like last year when they did get stranded when

traveling back to "sunny Florida."

Sawinder and Varinder Marok are down from Canada for the winter months. They just missed our holiday celebration at Kally K's.

Lou and Cordy Drury have also arrived to enjoy a more temperate winter.

Jim and Shirley Wishmier came in just after the New Year in good time to help with putting away the Christmas display in our core. He had lots of the work done when others arrived to help – Grace Meehan, Rich Dvorak, Remo Melucci, Iren Marshall, Patty Rubin and Eva Miller.

Sara Lee West has a very friendly and well-behaved new dog, Tonto, which replaced one not nearly so manageable. Tonto enjoys his walks and is friendly to all the other residents who greet him with a "Hello, Tonto."

Gladys Davidson is home after suffering a fall and receiving physical therapy, and is doing well.

As I write this, we are experiencing some cooler weather but a warming trend is already in the forecast. I remember when I first came to Florida in 1974 I was told that after being here for a while my "blood would thin" and I would start to feel cold when the weather changed a few degrees in our "winter" months.

I am still waiting for this to happen and have never felt it cold enough to wear a winter coat. I am one Floridian who really enjoys the change from the long summers in the 90s. To each his own....

Remember Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, and should it be that you can't send flowers or give chocolates to anyone, remember to be good to yourself and others. Be generous with a smile and a kind word for neighbors and friends. They both go a long way to be beneficial to both the giver and the recipient. Roses are red, violets are blue, this is the time to say, "I love you."

# Parties, good food and good times mark reporter's home

May the joy be with you. We are into a new year now, and time will tell what 2012 will bring.

My Christmas was fabulous. We have a very diversified family and are used to celebrating in many languages and ethnic traditions. This year we went Iranian. My niece's father in law came over from Iran along with his youngest son.

They barbequed steak and made crispy rice which is one of the most delicious ways I have ever eaten rice. We also had the traditional ham, sweet potatoes, etc., and mixed them all together, which turned out to be a very yummy dinner.

My great niece, Lyla (almost 3), is a natural born comedian and we were thoroughly entertained the entire day. She loves it And so do we!

My children and grandchildren live in the mountains of South Carolina, and we had some phone calls from the entire family and even texting from them (egad), and of course best wishes from my sister in Pennsylvania and my younger sister in Ohio, whom I am always missing.

I am a great one for surprises and toyed with the idea of flying into Youngstown, Ohio, and calling my



nephew to tell him to pick me up at the airport so I could be there for New Year's Eve. My older sister was going to be visiting as well.

I thought it would be a hoot to do this; problem was, I had to work, and maybe I will do something like that in the spring, especially since they were expecting a blizzard!

Maureen and Jim Bjorgo hosted the annual church handbell and choir Christmas party for their church. This event is usually held at a restaurant, but Jim and Maureen thought it would be a better atmosphere if they hosted it at their home, and besides which Marley (the dog) always enjoys having a party — he gets spoiled.

Plenty of food from homemade chili, clam chowder, lots of adult

beverages and the dessert table to melt in your mouth. Maureen made her famous peanut butter balls and Jim made orange bread and his mom's powdered sugar drop cookies.

A lot of candy was involved, and everyone enjoyed playing the grab-bag present game.

In November, Jim's great niece, Branda, visited her daughter, Savannah, who lives in Ft. Benning, Ga. They came to visit her grandfather who lives in Largo. Jim and Maureen had never seen Savannah and so they had a pleasant surprise.

Jim and Maureen welcome their first great-granddaughter. Aniston Elizabeth, who was born Dec. 29. The parents live in Mattoon, Ill., so it will be a while before Jim and Maureen venture up North to the cold.

My neighbors John and Eileen O'Grady are back. I stopped in to say hello. They both look well and I am happy to have them back, and I am sure everyone in the building will happily welcome them back.

I threw a belated holiday party for my nephews, nieces and a handful Of OTOW friends. As usual I cooked too much but we managed to put a dent into it even finished some of it. I enjoyed the

evening and hope they did as well.

Let's hear from you. When I run into you at the lobby, mailboxes, etc you all say you love the column. Please contribute to it or we won't have one. Thanks for your contributions.

Cooking Tip: When making chocolate chip cookies, add a small pretzel to each cookie and you really get a crunchy bite. Try it — it is simple. And further, I was baking a pecan pie and decided to add some whiskey, try it — it adds to the flavor. Yum!

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## She enjoyed a 70-day 'cruise of a lifetime'

Malagueña building residents have enjoyed many trips this past year. Just returning from a Grand Asia and Australia Voyage cruise, Rose Moriarty was overflowing with excitement.

From Seattle, the first port was Vladivostok, Russia, where it was so cold that many people chose not to disembark. Then onto Beijing, China, where they spent four days viewing the Terra Cotta soldiers and enjoying lavish hotels and delicious oriental food. At the Tang Dynasty Restaurant, they saw a show and a set menu dinner.

More exotic ports included Xiamen, China; Seoul, S. Korea; Nha Trang, Vietnam;

Suva, Fiji; Ils De Pins, New Caledonia; Jakarta, Indonesia; Exmouth and Sidney, Australia.

In Sydney, Rose was fortunate to purchase tickets to see "The Merry Widow" ballet at the Sydney Opera House. The ballet was simply marvelous and a beautiful experience for her on her birthday.

Then they sailed off to Pago Pago, American Samoa and the Hawaiian Islands for the last part of the trip. In Honolulu, they were treated to a night luau complete with dancing and fabulous food.

Except for a few minor luggage problems, and some airline mix-ups, all went well and it was a 70 day-cruise to surely remember.

## Featured couple celebrated their 60th anniversary in style by sailing and dining

I'm happy to report some good news for and about our building. First of all, during Christmas week, there was a trash problem at the end of our property, and one of our observant renters reported it to the management, and three days later, the area was neat as a pin.

So we'd like to thank On Top of the World Management and the team that took care of the problem and did it so quickly, even though it was Christmas.

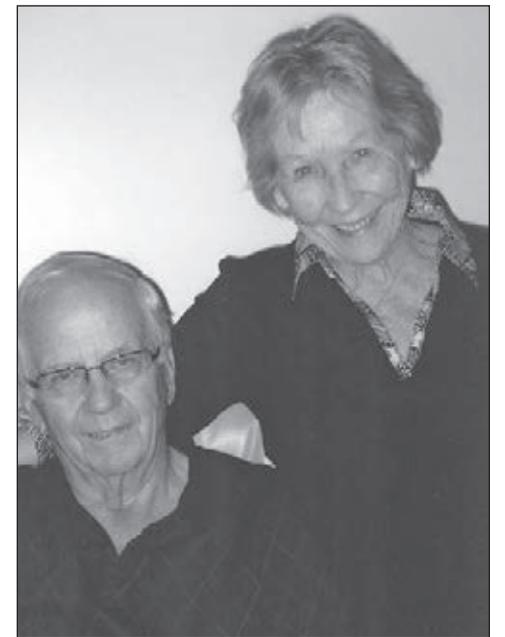
We have some upstairs neighbors, Roger and Joanne Carlson, who came to OTOW for the first time in March, 2010, from Duluth, Minn., having lived in Minnesota all their lives. On Jan. 9, they were blessed with 60 years of wedded bliss, and that's not something we hear very often these days.

They actually met in the ninth grade, and it was a growing romance from then on. They have three children: two still living in Minnesota and one living close by in Tarpon Springs. They are also blessed with nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



They celebrated their 60th by sailing with their friend Cheryl and her friend Aron. They watched a spectacular sunset, and then had dinner in St. Pete at 400 Beach. They also plan another anniversary celebration this summer in Minnesota with their family.

They say their secret to a successful 60 years has been their friendship with each other, as well as followers of Jesus Christ, to always honor their vows. Joanne says how quickly time goes by, and they cherish each day as a gift from God.



Featured residents Roger and Joanne Carlson are originally from Minnesota. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary here.

As I always say, and any true believer will tell, to share 60 years together is really and truly a gift from God. We wish them many more healthy and happy years together.

## Grandkids came from Alaska to spend the holidays here, then didn't want to leave

"A Long Winter's Night." Well, that is stretching the tale a little far, so let me explain.

Jackie and Jerry Dooley's tale began back on Thanksgiving, when they had 12 dinner guests. Included in that 12 were Jerry's daughter and two children ages 7 and 5 from Alaska. They were here to spend the Christmas holidays with the family.

Now, before you start to do some calculating on the length of their stay, they visited three, four or five days at a time. "It was exciting to have children in the house for Christmas morning," Jackie explained.

To see them open the gifts from Santa as well as their mom and grandparents brought back memories of when their children were small. Even



the Dooley dog, Clyde, received gifts from Santa!

The children had many great adventures while here in Florida. They went off to see Mickey Mouse only to have to leave after three hours as older brother Deme got sick with a high fever.

They vowed to revisit Disney on their next trip south.

There were numerous trips to Lowry Park Zoo and to the On Top of the World swimming pool. They also spent four days on Lido Beach in Sarasota and two different occasions at the Tradewinds Beach Resort on St. Petersburg Beach.

The children just love swimming and, of course, cannot do so this time of year in Alaska.

When it was time to go home on Jan. 3, the two little ones wanted to stay with Nana and BJ and were just fine with Mom traveling back by herself.

Well, they are all home now and back attending school and other activities. Jackie, Jerry and Clyde are enjoying the quiet tranquil comfort of their home once again.



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# Building meeting results in a mix of officers for new year

There was a good turnout for the Americana Social Club's Annual Meeting on Jan. 3 on the Veranda of the East Activity Center.

Along with the usual business such as reading of minutes, discussion of the budget proposal and yearly dues, reports by the monthly lunch coordinators, the OTOW News reporter and new resident greeter, perhaps the most important business covered was the election of officers for this upcoming year.

Winston Pineau, president, Catherine Gray, vice-president, and Ken Jenner, treasurer, all agreed to retain their positions for another year. Becky Balderson was elected to serve as secretary.

A new position on the Advisory Committee was proposed and accepted, namely the Core Enhancement Committee, which is currently supervised by Kay Gill.

Also continuing on are wing captains Ann Tamer, Catherine Gray and Lorraine Prentice.

Margaret and Edgar Hachey had a wonderful holiday with a visit from their son Christopher, and grandchildren Jay, Will and Dria (Alexandria). Edgar told me their condo became wall-to-wall inflatable mattresses.

They all took advantage of the fun-filled activities in the nearby area, namely visiting the beach and the pool (liked the pool better), a couple of movies at the cinema, Busch Gardens, and daily shuffleboard. They also attended the Light of Christ Church.



Margaret spent a lot of time preparing their favorite foods, especially the sweets!

Jay and Will are very involved with the Nova Scotia minor football program. Dria is involved with girls' soccer and flag football. The family flew back to Halifax after nine joyful but exhausting days.

Joyce and Arnie Engelbert went to Ohio three times in two months for various family occasions. The best trip of all was to greet their new granddaughter, Sasha. They are now proudly displaying photos of their beloved cherub.

When they returned, Joyce's sister and brother-in-law from Wooster, Ohio, visited them for four days after having made a trip to New York.

Lorraine Prentice had a delightful visit from her granddaughter and boyfriend. They came east from California and stayed at the Safety Harbor Spa. Lorraine raved about the scrumptious brunch she enjoyed with them at the Spa.

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The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Every third Tuesday we meet downstairs in the Craft Room next to the kitchen. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

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### OTOW Press Association Meeting

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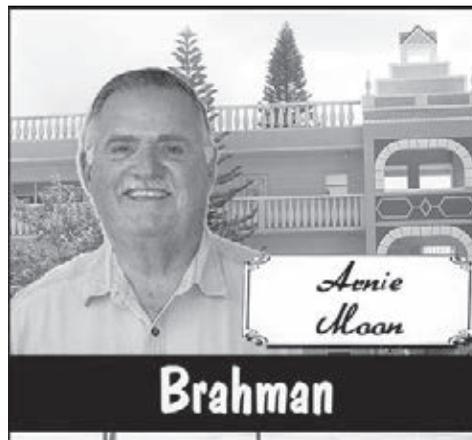
**Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the EAC card room**

## Make sure emergency info is up-to-date

All of our Snowbirds are finally back. It's nice to see your friendly faces again. Rosanne and Arnie Moon will be hosting a building cocktail party on Friday, Feb. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. Let's celebrate Valentine's Day early and get together for an evening of cheer.

You are all aware of the fire that gutted a unit in building 56 on Rhodesian Dr. It is discussed in Ken Colen's column on page 4, but I would like to remind you to be vigilant in inspecting the wiring to all your electrical appliances and lamps to prevent such an occurrence in our (or any other) building.

If you see any fraying, cracking, or other damage to your wiring, unplug



it and have it repaired or replaced by a certified electrician immediately

At our building meeting in January, we discussed the need to make sure your emergency contact information is up to date.

For those of you who were not at the meeting, please update your contact information cards in the file box just inside the second floor storage room door. Please include an emergency contact name and phone number as well as the name and location of an individual who has a key to your apartment for emergency access.

The service desk in the East Activity Center also needs this information any time it changes. Let's try to be especially aware of safety issues to prevent a tragedy from occurring in our building.

Keep the date of March 20 open for our second annual fish fry and potluck dinner at the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center.

## Issues of safety are in the forefront of late

Groundhog Day: shadow or no shadow? Groundhog Day is celebrated every year on Feb. 2 in Punxsutawney, Pa. Basically, if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of bad weather. Coming from the Catskills in New York, I always wished for no shadow and an early spring.

Our building business meeting was held on Jan. 10, and everyone was reminded that dues for the year 2012 are now due and the amount remains the same — \$10. Please make your check out to Helen Lane. Dues help provide money for paper products, plastic flatware, cups, coffee, etc. when we have potluck luncheons. They also help buy holiday decorations when needed, coffee and pastries for our monthly business meeting, etc. Thank you for paying your dues during this month.

Some safety issues brought up were to check any older lamps residents have. The cords and plugs dry out and could become a fire hazard, and any water heater that is over ten years old really should be replaced. The recent fire at OTOW has made us all aware of what we should do to help protect our safety and the safety of others.



In case of a building emergency such as a fire, designated areas for residents to meet and be accounted for was discussed, and the area to meet will be near the flag poles located across from the parking areas on the Ecuadorian side and Columbia side. All were in agreement. A mock fire drill will be planned in the near future.

A yard sale is planned for Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please start setting aside items for this sale. These items can be stored in the second floor storeroom until the day of the sale. See Chris Casey if you have large items or small items that you need help bringing

to the storeroom. Let us make this sale the best ever. Also, please save plastic bags as they will be needed.

Johnny's Italian Restaurant was chosen for the January luncheon. Most of us enjoy Italian food, and we will patronize this restaurant again.

The next business meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

Before I end this column, I wish to remind everyone how important recycling is. I have written a poem:

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# Upcoming events include Feb. 10 potluck dinner meeting; also a suggestion to form a 'Nineties Club' for the elders

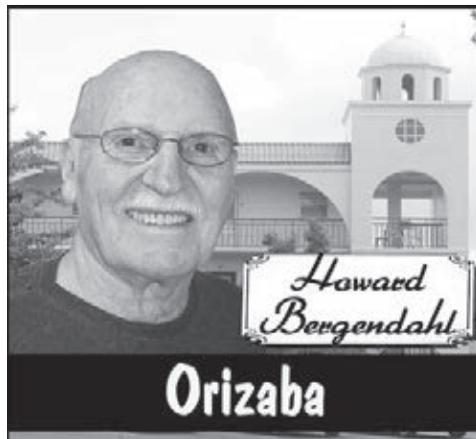
Happy Valentine's Day to all the would-be lovers out there! I have found that the older many of our residents get the sexier they get. I have personally verified this by observing the folks around me and completely agree with this assessment.

The Sunrise Room has been reserved for Feb. 10 for an Orizaba Building potluck dinner. All of our residents are invited and will be asked to prepare dishes that they can bring to the affair. A sign-up will be posted and salads, entrees, desserts, paper dishes will be needed. Attendees are asked to BYOB or desired drinks.

Birthday best wishes (belated) go out to Bernadette Ritter, Filip George and Tom Jones, all of whom celebrated in January. The February birthday celebrants are Susan Keilitz, Ed Fournier and Lisa Trombino.

The breakfast club is going strong now that all Snowbirds have returned (see photo).

It has been suggested to me that we form a "Nineties Club" that would include all of our residents who have hit the magic aging number of 90. Anyone with knowledge of such residents should contact me with the person's name and birthday.



The trash room is a point of concern for many of our residents. It has become increasing clear that some users of the room just throw anything into the mix and assume that our custodians will clean up after them. It would be nice if the residents who are able would carry their trash to the furthest containers so that our older residents can use the containers nearest to the door. All users should make sure that trash bags are sealed properly.

Christmas decorations became a serious topic of discussion amongst the people in our building. Many safety regulations that were overlooked for years are now being enforced.

A movement to return to granting awards to buildings based on their



Orizaba's 'breakfast club' is back to its full membership with the arrival of the building's many Snowbirds. (Photos and montage by Howard Bergendahl)

decorations highlighted many of the difficulties being faced by the residents. Several of our building's apartments looked great with individual decorations, but it would be great if we could organize a group to look into full building participation.

In the past an emergency notification card has been prepared for each resident so that, in the event of an emergency, someone can be advised immediately. The cards are outdated and need updating. Jackie Blair has agreed to start this updating and anyone who can help is requested to do so.

The information should include an address and/or phone number to be

contacted and, if desired, the resident's birthday and anniversary date.

Notification to the OTOW office is seriously advised.

Someone sent me an e-mail that implied that the government might want to save a lot of money by deporting senior citizens instead of illegal immigrants. They would save money on social security payments, Medicare and a host of programs designed for seniors. It also stated that it would be easier to find the seniors since they tend to assemble in retirement communities, especially along the coastline of Florida. (Just kidding!)



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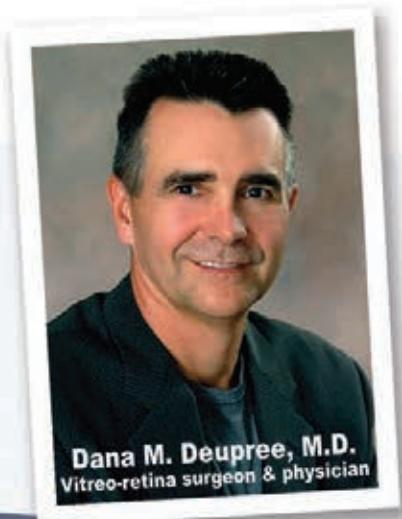
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# Resident cruises with friend, then hosts family visits

Dorothy Churchill, our building traveler, was on another venture recently. Dorothy and an On Top of the World friend, Helen Valentine, took a Crown Princess cruise (see photo at right).

Their first stop was Princess Cays, Bahamas, then on to Curacao and Aruba. It was wet at the last two ports, but that didn't stop them from touring these beautiful islands by bus. Dorothy said it was a wonderful trip, but she is glad to be home.

When Dorothy returned from her cruise, one of her sons was here from Michigan to spend time with his mom. They went to Tampa Bay Downs, shopping, Frenchy's on Clearwater Beach, and just enjoying each other.

Dorothy's niece, Pat Stephens, bought a condo at OTOW so she was able to enjoy Brian's visit as well. Dorothy is happy to have family close by, in fact, in the next building.

Emily Anderson's brother, his wife and their son came for a visit from New Jersey. They had dinner at Sea Sea Riders one evening and a barbeque lunch with friends the next day.

Emily's nephew was tickled with the idea of a barbeque in the middle of winter. They took a walk on the Pinellas Trail to wear off some of the holiday calories.

Fran and Ron Magnussen had a memorable five-day visit with a nephew



and his wife from Chicago. They treated Fran and Ron to Christmas buffet at Shephard's on Clearwater Beach on Christmas day. They dined outside and were entertained with live Calypso music. Certainly different than the Christmases they were used to in Chicago!

Farrell and Joe Miliando's son and his wife were here from the Atlanta area. Farrell and Joe enjoyed their visit along with their daughter's family from Clearwater.

We extend birthday wishes this month to Jill Urquhart on Feb. 6, her husband, Harry Urquhart on the 10th and Mike Crittendon on the 26th. Have a great day Jill, Harry and Mike. Enjoy your special day. Let the celebrations begin!



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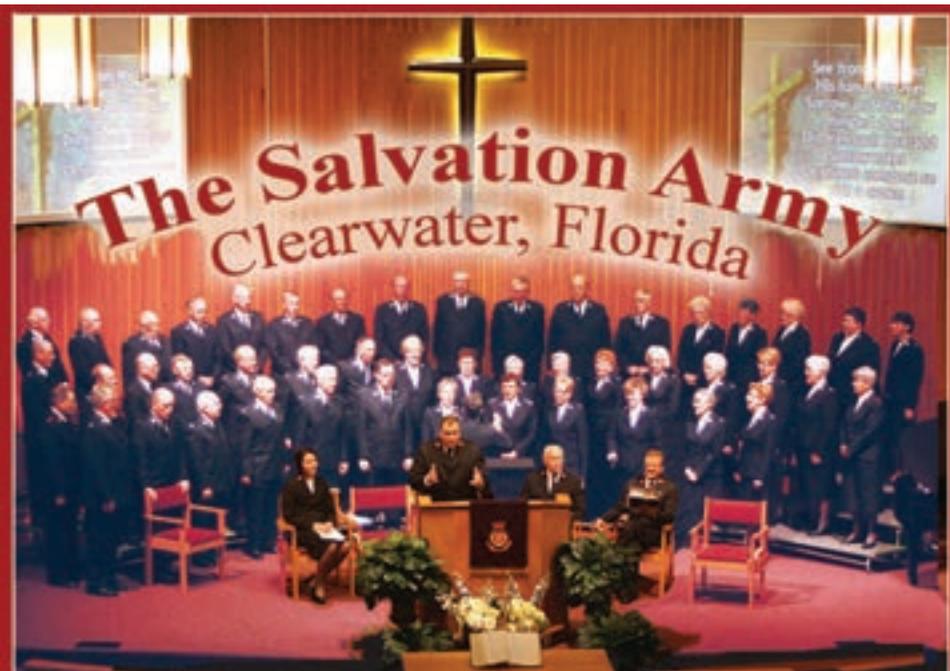
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## Italian-American Women of Today

# This couple has heeded Valentine's spirit for nearly 55 years

When Cupid aimed his arrow 55 years ago this Feb. 10, he was right on target! That was the day Bill Honoski married his Valentine, the former Frances Valentina Vangeli (Fran) in Holy Redeemer Church, Freeport, N.Y. (See accompanying photos.)

The bride, who was born on Valentine's Day, carried a bouquet of orchids wired with tulle in the shape of a heart. Her gown was designed by a then unknown designer, Anthony Sofio, who worked for Lilly Dashe and was the nephew of a neighbor.

Her seven bridesmaids wore gowns of American Beauty rose and pink and in keeping with the theme carried heart bouquets.

On Friday, Feb. 10, Bill and Fran will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. They plan to have a quiet dinner, possibly with family. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Although the couple has resided at American Gothic for only four years, they are not new to OTOW. They came to Clearwater from Massapequa, N.Y., in 1978 and lived in the Bohemia building and then at The Gables.

Fran worked at Nielsen for 24 years and retired a year or two ago when the company downsized. Bill is a retired construction superintendent and worked for Caladesi Construction in Largo. Pier 60 at Clearwater Beach was one of his projects.

Bill loves music and baseball. Before they were married he played the sax and the clarinet as Bill Honoski and his Polka-Time Band on Long Island.

While the children were growing up he served on the Commissioner's staff of the Boy Scouts and here in Florida he played ball with four local



leagues including the Gray Jays and the Sixty and Seventies.

Fran kept busy too. In Massapequa, she was a member of the Woman's Club and "Class Mother" at her children's school. She also served as a member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Guild in Islip, N.Y.

We wish them both many more Happy Valentine's Days to come. Congratulations!

Feb. 14 will also mark American Gothic's second potluck/business meeting of the season. It will be in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center starting with a cocktail hour (BYOB) at 5 p.m. Lasagna will be the main course so, please, try to bring dishes that will coordinate with this. Some suggestions are salads, antipasto, vegetables and desserts.

We want to thank all those who volunteered to take down the Christmas decorations. They made short work of the job. Thank you.

In closing, may I remind you that all items in the storage room must be labeled with name, year and unit number. Unmarked items will be collected and donated to charity. Storage room inspection will take place this month.



Bill and Fran Honoski show off their wedding portrait as they prepare to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 10. (Photos by Merle MacDonand)



Bill and Fran page through their wedding album. This Valentine couple will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 10. The inset photo is from the album and shows the couple preparing to cut their heart-decked wedding cake at their wedding 55 years ago.

## Decorating contest winners excited about Hard Rock trip

We were very excited to learn we had won the Holiday Lights Contest! Next month, I hope to report on the trip to Hard Rock Casino. Thank you to the judges — we know it was not an easy task.

January started out a bit slowly, but it promises to speed up soon.

Ginger Currier and Josie Marsiglio recently returned from a one-week Caribbean cruise aboard the Celebrity Eclipse. The two traveled by charter bus to Miami, where they joined Josie's daughter and son-in-law.

The four sailed to the islands of Puerto Rico, St. Martin and St. Thomas. Josie and Ginger especially enjoyed St. Martin. A highlight of the trip was when Ginger won the Bingo jackpot. What makes this quite amusing is she does not care for the game all that much. Maybe she does now.



A big thank you goes out to Josie for hosting our first cocktail party of the new year. Our entertainment chairperson, Terry Kuplen, coordinated the effort by asking us to sign up to bring either a snack to pass or a bottle to share. Needless to say, we had plenty of yummy appetizers and various kinds of libations to enjoy. We really do enjoy

these parties, especially when everyone contributes either food or drink for the occasion. Thank you, Terry!

Be sure to check the bulletin board for the February events, which at this time include the golf scramble/BBQ at the Monaco Building and the Mardi Gras party in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center.

As most of you know, there was a bad fire here at OTOW; fortunately, no one was seriously injured. At our Press Association meeting, Sharon Licata spoke to us about the fire and ways to help the OTOW Association in reaching the apartment owners if there is a problem and the unit's owners are away.

Sharon specifically asked that all of us update our emergency Contact List and submit it to the office. Other ways to help prevent fires are to check

wires on electrical appliances for frayed or brittle cords. If you are having any electrical or plumbing work done, make sure the person or company is licensed.

For further information, please refer to Ken Colen's column on page 4.

Happy Valentine's Day and we hope to see many of you at our next function.

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Dec. 1	
Van Jones .....	4830
Regina Dietrich .....	3740
Dec. 2 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	4120
Virgil Meyer .....	2780
Dec. 5	
Naoma Harper .....	3450
Nancy Savelle .....	3160
Dec. 5 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	3150
Virgil Meyer .....	2330
Dec. 7 (PM)	
Chet Czczot .....	2820
Sergio Pistella .....	2820
Dec. 8	
Van Jones .....	3780
Roland Wrigley .....	3260
Dec. 9 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	4780
Kathy Schamel .....	3740
Dec. 12	
Julie Solfronk .....	5080
Nancy Savelle .....	4850
Dec. 12 (PM)	
Virgil Meyer .....	3100
Sergio Pistella .....	2640
Dec. 14 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	3350
Virgil Meyer .....	2890
Dec. 15	
Roland Wrigley .....	3260
Regina Dietrich .....	2960
Dec. 16 (PM)	
Jane Child .....	2250
Sergio Pistella .....	2200
Dec. 19	
Julie Solfronk .....	3120
Naoma Harper .....	2840
Dec 19 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	4770
Virgil Meyer .....	3080
Dec. 21 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	3560
Jane Child .....	3040
Dec. 22	
Marilyn Miller .....	3760
Van Jones .....	3480
Dec. 23 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	2350
Chet Czczot .....	2370
Dec. 28 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella .....	2850
Chet Czczot .....	2370
Dec. 29	
Van Jones .....	3770
Roland Wrigley .....	3470



EAST SIDE

Fran Milanec

Dec. 13	
6560 (1st Place).....	Betty Eggleton
6550 (2nd Place).....	Hilda Platte
Double Pinochle.....	Chet C., Guy DaRos
Dec. 15	
7060 (1st Place).....	Gene
6800 (2nd Place).....	Gloria
Dec. 20	
6860 (1st Place).....	Clayton Hancock
6570 (2nd Place).....	Al Lacher
Dec. 27	
7070 (1st Place).....	Marge Garvey
6690 (2nd Place).....	Bertie Lewis
Double Pinochle.....	Bertie Lewis
Dec. 29	
6280 (1st Place).....	Dick Gordon
6060 (2nd Place).....	Marge Garvey
Double Pinochle.....	Bertie Lewis
Jan. 3	
7160 (1st Place).....	Frank
6400(2nd Place).....	Gloria Mitchell
Double Pinochle.....	Gloria, Al McKay
Took All Tricks ..	Betty McKay, Gene, June, Rose, Gene K., Mary
Jan. 5	
6740 (1st Place).....	Marge Garvey
6380 (2nd Place).....	Mary Chirdon
Double Pinochle.....	Joyce Harvey, Fran Milanec, Joan Mannarino
Jan. 10	
6520 (1st Place).....	Guy, Charles Christ
6480 (2nd Place).....	Madelyn Thome
Double Pinochle.....	Fran Milanec, Don Leamy, Chet C.
Took All Tricks ..	Peggy Kane/Ed Fronzoni, Ann & Diane



WEST SIDE

Bertie Lewis

Dec. 22	
6600 (1st Place).....	Virginia McGinnis
6400 (2nd Place).....	Paul McCormick
Double Pinochle.....	Bertie Lewis
Dec. 29	
6450 (1st Place).....	Clayton Hancock
5960 (2nd Place).....	Alma Zurkan
Jan. 5	
7150 (1st Place).....	Bill House
6860 (2nd Place).....	Russ Zurkan
Double Pinochle.....	Bill House (3X), Russ Zurkan (2X), Alma Zurkan
Took All Tricks .....	Bill & Bertie
Jan. 12	
7350 (1st Place).....	Virginia McGinnis
6560 (2nd Place).....	Paul McCormick
Double Pinochle.....	Clayton Hancock
Took All Tricks .....	Virginia & Eileen



Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays

Walter Balderson, Director

(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Monday, Dec. 12	
N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle Renee Fishman, Walter Balderson
E/W:	Liz Bohl, Nita Akers Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
Wednesday, Dec. 14	
N/S:	Joan Moore, Jean Rhame Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
E/W:	Hilda Platte, Grace Meehan Charlie McKague, Mary Sinnenberg
Saturday, Dec. 17: (Christmas Party)	
Section A	
1. Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
2. Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
3. Ralph Getson, Terrol Getson	
Section B	
1. Betty Hayhurst, Carmen Dixon	
2. Trish Burch, Cecile Christopher	
3. Betty Sagun, Karen Russell	
Monday, Dec. 19	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Jackie Frenette Orletha Van Edden, Carole Meyer
E/W:	Bob Zeman, Karen Russell Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch
Wednesday, Dec. 21	
N/S:	Walter Balderson, Renee Fishman Charlie McKague, Mary Sinnenberg
E/W:	Pat Van Hise, Joan Moore Karen Russell, Betty Sagun
Saturday, Dec. 24	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
E/W:	Karen Russell, Jean Rhame Carol Gray, Carmen Dixon
Monday, Dec. 26	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Howard Laufer, Diane Laufer
E/W:	Betty Hayhurst, Thelma Malloy Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
Wednesday, Dec. 28	
N/S:	Howard Laufer, Diane Laufer Maxine Swanson, Betty Hayhurst
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine Floyd Thrower, Thelma Malloy

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays

(Continued from previous column)

Saturday, Dec. 31	
N/S:	Diane Laufer, Howard Laufer Harriet Sanner, Dorothy Ehlers
E/W:	Jackie Frenette, Pat Van Hise Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
Monday, Jan. 2	
N/S:	Beverly Gibbo, Thelma Wishnek Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W:	Jana Packer, Betty Sagun Trish Burch, Georgia Jensen
Wednesday, Jan. 4	
N/S:	Howard Laufer, Diane Laufer Nita Akers, Beverly Gibbo
E/W:	Lu Erskine, Georgia Jensen Thelma Malloy, Floyd Thrower
Wednesday, Jan. 18	
N/S:	Harry Schloen, Adele Schloen Dorothy Ehlers, Carol Meyer
E/W:	Gen Segan, Fran Giovannetti Thelma Jacobson, Marie Hebert
Saturday, Jan. 21	
N/S:	Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Diane Laufer, Howard Laufer Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine



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EAST SIDE – Thursdays

Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec

Dec. 15 Winners	
1.....	Maxine Murray
2.....	Ron Murray
3.....	Joyce Engelbert
4.....	Norma Neiland
Dec. 22 Winners	
1.....	Ron Murray
2.....	May Blair
3.....	Marvin Bruning
4.....	Norma Neiland
Dec. 29 Winners	
1.....	Dick Gordon
2.....	May Blair
3.....	Fran Milanec
4.....	Maxine Murray
Jan. 5 Winners	
1.....	May Blair
2.....	Norma Neiland
3.....	Marvin Bruning
4.....	Ron Murray
Jan. 12 Winners	
1.....	Arnie Engelbert
2.....	Maxine Murray
3.....	Joyce Engelbert
4.....	June Sweeney



# These residents are proud of their talented granddaughter

A star is born! Seventeen years ago, Allison Scharf was born. In 2011, she became a champion in the Traditional Set Dance for Mid-America and has been Irish Dancing for the past 12 years (see photos).

"This is a "huge accomplishment and honor," her school says. She is a senior at St. Francis High School in Wheaton, Ill.

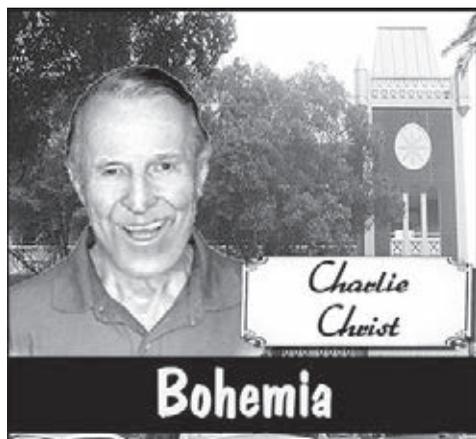
Allison is the granddaughter of Pat and Nancy Kennedy who have been residents of the Bohemia building since the 90's. They just returned from cruising on the Royal Caribbean Line.

One thing they treasure greatly is "meeting so many wonderful people from all over the U.S. here at OTOW" since coming here from Chicago.

Nancy is the treasurer and has 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Pat retired from the Chicago Police Department and now has a son on the force who keeps him informed regarding the goings on as well as attending reunions whenever possible.

His most memorable case was working as a detective regarding a teenager with Down syndrome who was attacked and robbed of \$2. While the victim was recovering from the severe beating, Pat found the three teen-agers who committed the vile act, took them to court, and saw them convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary.

He remembers the many good citizens helpful in keeping the peace as well as friends still with the police today. The worst day was a close call with death caused by a drunken driver who



dragged him around a corner while his arm was caught in the steering wheel.

Holiday decorating had a good turnout and everything has been stored away for 2012. A special thanks is due to Martia Denehan, Sandy Walker, and Nancy Kennedy for help above and beyond!

Frank Marino urges all to "keep an eye on the bulletin board as to future events."

Yearly dues are still 20 bucks. Wing captains will collect. They are as follows: Nancy Kennedy, apts. 2-60; Dolly Kemp, apts. 14-72 for Irish Lane, and Maxine Swanson, apts. 15-73. Susan Meyers, apts. 1-61 on the Jamaican side.

Frank Marino graciously agreed to continue as our most able president. Sunshine ladies are Carol DeLisle and



Pat and Nancy Kennedy's granddaughter, Allison Scharf, 17, top, has been Irish Dancing for 12 years and is considered a champion in her speciality, Traditional Set Dance.

Ellen Marino. Paula Schelling will serve as treasurer during the summer while Charlie Christ will fill the recording secretary spot.

Good turnouts for the "hump days" events, folks! See the bulletin board.

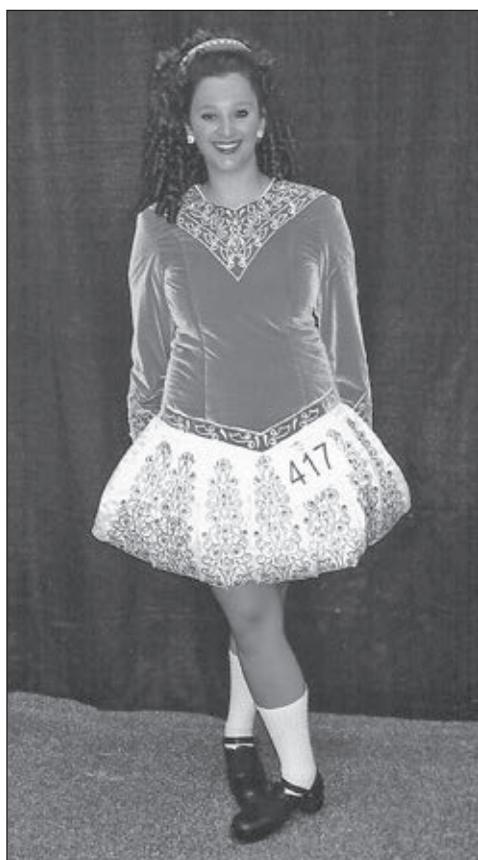
Also remember the Monday evening spaghetti dinners at Capogna's to meet your neighbors.

Many of us are making preparations for cruising on Feb. 26. I believe it's a first, thanks to Paula, There should some great experiences and happy memories

come forth from that group.

By the way, remember the Bohemia Walking Club? Call Paula Schelling, or be there on the Jamaican side at 6:45 a.m. on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. You'll be glad you did.

Incidentally, we could always use news about you concerning your backgrounds, trips, impressions, stories, hobbies, etc. Don't be shy. Others enjoy learning about different experiences, viewpoints, interests, etc., so give it a try by placing them in my box by the bulletin board, Thanks for your help.



Irish Dancer Allison Scharf of Wheaton, Ill., is the granddaughter of OTOW residents Pat and Nancy Kennedy



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## ‘Culinary skills’ potluck dinner a success

Whew, made it through Christmas and through those January cool snaps. Finally got everything put away and have really enjoyed this whole season. Our Snowbirds are back and our Tuesday evening poker game is on again. Life just can't get any better.

Thirty-eight of the Azores residents got together Jan. 10 at Johnny's Italian Restaurant for an "early bird" dinner. Great time to enjoy a lot of visiting and an excellent Italian meal. Even though it was the early bird menu, most of us had a take-away box – the servings were generous. This outing was organized by Marie Pirrello.

The Azores entertainment committee, headed by Maryann Staffieri, came up with a real winner on Jan. 27. Thirty-two residents and friends enjoyed a real old fashion indoor "Show off your culinary skills dinner." We all brought our own plates and utensils plus a dish we prepared.

The tables were covered with a fantastic array of casseroles, salads of every description and desserts that were simply out of this world.

The building entertainment fund supplied the chicken, coffee, tea and napkins. One of our own, Jean Spahalski, furnished the evening's music on the keyboard. Tremendous evening of just pure enjoyment — let's do it again!



Actually we will be doing it again, fairly soon; a pizza party is planned for early February. We also have a day at the track coming up in February. Watch that bulletin board for all the latest, it happens fast around here.

One of the things that allows us to do so many activities at the Azores is the entertainment fund. We each contribute \$20 a year to pay for the incidentals, decorating materials and a few building maintenance items not covered by our condo fee. Just contact our building treasurer, Diana Eggleston to pay your 2012 dues.

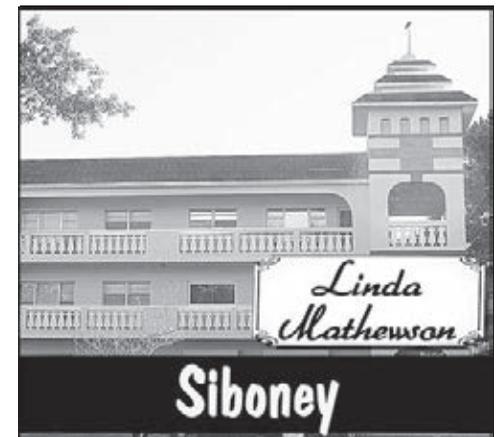
I haven't heard much out of the whack-a-ballers recently, but observe their sign-up sheet, which is on the bulletin board, and notice a lot of activity on the golf course. They are still making it out every Sunday at 2 p.m. for

a quick round or two. Hey, guys, let me know how it is going.

Guess everyone celebrated Chinese New Year. We are now in the year of the Dragon. If you were born in 1928, 1940 or 1952 you are a dragon. Notice that it runs in 12-year cycles. Dragons are blessed with traits of originality, self-assurance, resourcefulness, and enthusiasm. Some say they also tend to be unpredictable, quick-tempered and arrogant. The one I know best is simply delightful, most of the time.

That is all for now. Please put your news items in my envelope on the bulletin board or call or drop by for a cup of coffee and let me know what is going on with you. Thanks for all your input.

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## Snowbirds feted with luncheon

Welcome to February! And where did January go so fast?

Our thanks to Bob, Craig and Ralph for taking down the Noel signs and storing them until next December. Your work was deeply appreciated. It's always good to remember: Many hands make for light work!

Speaking of work, remember that March is spring-cleaning month for all storage rooms.

Electronic Recycling: Free electronic collection days are held on the last Wednesday of the month from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1701 N. Hercules Ave. (562-4933). Bring up to six electronics and a utility bill for proof of residency.

Our Snowbirds are back from all the holiday trips, and on Jan. 6 we celebrated with a luncheon at Julian's Little Italy in Dunedin. A good time was had by all 18 who attended.

Cele is back from Long Island and if all goes well, she will be writing the March column!

Remember that Siboney Club dues are due. Until we meet again, stay happy and healthy.



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## Need a temporary volunteer to organize building dinners

That was a different New Year's — no bowl games! But now we turn our eyes to hearts and flowers and memories of past Feb. 14. This year we have an extra day in February. What are you going to do with your extra day?

So glad to see Ruth LaHoy back from Michigan. Her granddaughter accompanied her and spent a few days. But, Ruth says, "She will be back later, as she is now a flight attendant with Delta and will be in town."

Ruth is a new woman... she has had two new hips, two new knees and a new shoulder in the past three years. She should last for a long time now!

Living on the Haitian side of the building, I have trouble keeping up with the Irish Lane folks. It took me two months to realize that Larry and Betty Hayhurst were back from their summer up North. Happy to have them back.



I think I need a roving reporter on that side. Anyone interested?

If you haven't seen any notice of our getting together for dinner, it is because Anita hasn't been able to organize it. She has done such a great job. Do we have someone who would like to take over for Anita while she is recuperating? Just post a notice on the

Melbourne bulletin board for where you would like to go. Ask those interested to sign up and be sure to contact the restaurant that we are coming.

Alice Marcus says she had a wonderful time with her grandchildren in Arizona. They had never seen snow and so they went to Flagstaff where the children were able to enjoy the sledding area. Alice didn't sled, but she enjoyed watching the fun the children were having.

Carol Futej's family had a get-together in Ohio for her granddaughter's "sweet 16" birthday. There were a lot of family there. She also was able to visit her (99 going on 100 in March) aunt. Carol says she is as sharp as a tack. Carol's comment about Ohio is that there are too many snow storms and lake-effect squalls. She is happy to be back.

I always thought that because these buildings are cement block construction, we don't have fires — the fire in Building 57 was a rude awakening.

If you have any questions about your electrical system, contact the service department and they will come out and check your wires. Any additions or renovations should have approval and be up to code. Be sure to read Ken Colin's article on page 4 for details.

Also, do you have your contact information up to date with the service department? Who has your key, and who do they contact if you are not at home in an emergency? If you haven't done this, do it now!

Have a very special Valentine's Day and enjoy February; it won't go quite so fast this year! Any news? Box is always open or you can talk to me.

## 'Spirit of helping' much in evidence following condo fire

Hi, I'm back. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I did at my daughter's with my grandchildren and my 9-month-great-grandson, Bradley.

The day after Christmas, late afternoon, a fire broke out on our second floor. What an ending to 2011. The good news: no one was hurt. There were over a dozen fire trucks. Lisa from OTOW Parkway Management, Ken Colen, etc. were right there. Also, the restoration company, with Danny, was onsite doing a super job.

What I have learned from this was how the neighbors worked together. Also, there were members from the Red Cross giving assistance where needed.

Sometimes no matter how we look at things, what counted was "no one was hurt."

Many people came together in the spirit of helping. It's times like that you dwell on the importance of the situation or count your blessings



of what we truly have or what is most important in life.

Hope for a speedy cleanup for John Scarpa, Jo Williams, Tina and Bill Bingham, etc.

Very important: Check out your fire extinguishers and fire alarms for proper operation. Homeowners and renters, make sure you have home insurance. Many say they can't afford it. Well, you really can't afford not to

obtain such insurance. Safety to you and all comes first.

Also, contact OTOW for any home improvements, use only licensed companies and get permits.

Thank you workers, the Turners, Lois, Laurie Cole, Joe Williams, Edgar and Maria Bellineau, etc., for removing the Christmas decorations from our building.

Hope you all enjoyed the building decoration contest. It was a hard decision for our judges. Good job, Doug and judges! Next year will be even better.

On Dec. 16, Lois Ellis traveled to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the graduation of her grandson from Georgia Tech. He finished top of his class in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. In February he will report to the DuPont Company in Houston, Texas where he has a position. He realizes how fortunate he is.

Anna Sturgis, welcome back. Have a speedy recovery from all of us.

New residents: do you have birthdays coming up or interesting hobbies or news? Let me know. This is your newspaper. We are all interested. My birthday is Feb. 23 — see how easy it is!

Remember, God answers all "knee mail." Happy Valentine's Day to all. Be good to one another. God Bless.

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*OTOW "Mystery Buildings" Report*

# Well-educated Curacao Building resident is new Hoosier Club president

*This is the second in a series of reports from buildings that have not had a regular OTOW News reporter in a very long time, if ever. Feature writer Diane Cavanaugh will visit a different "mystery building" regularly and report on its activities.*

**By Diane Cavanaugh**

If you hail from Indiana, you have probably been affectionately called a "Hoosier." On Top of the World has its own special Hoosier, Mary Beth Hufty, who just become president of the Hoosier Club.



Mary Beth states that her goal for the upcoming year is that the members are "well-planned," and that they enjoy their volunteer and social projects together.

Mary Ann taught school for 30 years; teaching primarily junior high school English and Bible Literature. She received both her Bachelors and Masters degrees at Indiana State University.

Her husband, John, also attended the same college; during this period their "casual friendship" became much more!

John was employed in retail management with the former Montgomery Ward Company, prior to its merge with Sears. The couple has four sons; one lives in the Pinellas area.

The area of Columbus, Ind., is often referred to as "Athens on the Prairie," due to the tremendous and varied architecture on display.

Columbus also hosts buildings designed by Dale Chihuly (the glass blower) when he was involved in architecture.

Mary Ann and John were motivated to leave the Midwest winters behind and came to visit her brother here at OTOW in 2009. They thought they would be Snowbirds, but at the end of the fourth month, they returned to Indiana, packed everything up, and moved south permanently!

Other than Mary Ann's involvement with the Hoosier Club, I asked her what she liked best about OTOW.

"First," she stated, "This is such a beautiful location — you are never far from the beach."

The second reason she likes it here: "Haven't had a bad day yet."

Sounds pretty positive! Looks like the Hoosiers have found themselves an excellent leader. Although as Mary Ann states, not all Hoosiers are from Indiana, so please come join the fun!



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## Holiday open house included sing-a-long

We are getting used to it being a new year, but we miss all the colored lights and special occasions. We do like seeing the new faces among us in addition to those of returning Snowbirds.

We do wish there were a welcoming committee in addition to the program of the Good Neighbors who introduce newcomers to the larger community. As it is, it is up to next-door neighbors to find opportunities to get acquainted and then spread the news, so to speak. As your Saratoga Reporter, I would like to be given first place in a "receiving line!" There should be a better way.

The Hamels, Bob and Barb plus their darling pet dog, were glad to be back from Connecticut in early January. After an enjoyable Christmas visit with their daughter, they had a week without electricity and much snow.

Mary Ellis held an open house during the Twelve Days of Christmas to which 10 stalwarts came. Others intended to attend, but guests prevented.

Our long-time friend from The Gables, Margaret Copland, came and sang for us and led us in a rendition of our old favorite, "The 12 Days..." with many a laugh.

A few days later, Mary had some help finishing up the goodies with four guests from Safety Harbor. Our



new neighbors, Jane Turnbull and Terry and Mike Mikulski, also attended the previous occasion. It was great fun to get acquainted.

Ida and Paul Thompson, Hilda and Jim Hamilton, and Agnes Sosik, Roger Nicoll, Pam Percival and Wendy Read also attended. Father Lara stopped by earlier.

A few Saratogans were delighted by the concert presented by Opera Tampa in December. It was one of the best we had ever heard, so we were surprised by all the vacant seats that were free!

A number of us have been to see Phyllis Gregori at her new residence. We find it takes a little more time to reach her than her previous address, so we hope more of us will make the effort to cheer her up. And Tom and Ginny

Bracken at Emeritus still welcome us. Our Christmas dinner was held at the Clearwater Country Club. A delicious menu was served by a very able and attentive waitress to 18 of us.

We were requested to correct an inaccurate statement regarding the name of our former reporter, Gen Signorelli.

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### BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

John Kannaly

Blood Pressures are taken on the second Monday of each month, from October to May, between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the Veranda at the East Activity Center. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Friends throw grand party for former Granada resident

As Joan Rivers would say, "Can we talk?" There was lots of talking going on at the 80th birthday celebration for former Granadan, Fran Rich.

Fran's family threw a lovely luncheon in her honor at the Chop Sticks Restaurant. We were pleasantly surprised to be joined by so many building residents. Fran sold both her condos to members of the Edwards family. We met Jay last year when he moved in, and found him to be a very pleasant and hard-working individual.

At the party, we were seated next to Judy and Tammy, who moved in from Cecilia, Ky. Judy, who grew up on a farm, has a great sense of humor, and can be called the "Joan Rivers" of our building!

All in all, it was a great party, with delicious food, enjoyable company, and in honor of a lovely woman. Our thanks for the invitation Fran, and we wish you many more happy, healthy years ahead.

This season we are again attending classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College. One of our classes was about the history, culture and music of Memphis.

We were informed that residents of Memphis are referred to as Memphans. File that away for future reference. You never know when "Jeopardy" may come calling!



We learned all about the "Million Dollar Quartet," which featured Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins.

Coincidentally, as season ticket holders at Tampa's Straz Theatre, we attended a performance of the "Million Dollar Quartet" later in the week. We can truthfully say, it was a blast!

Here is a household tip for you that really works: If you have rust stains in your toilet, drop a denture cleaning tablet in the bowl, brush, and let it set overnight. Voila! The next morning, no more stains.

Once again, we ask our residents to keep us informed about their activities.

Enjoy Valentine's Day, and remember: "The dedicated life is the life worth living; you must give with your whole heart. — Anne Dillard

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# Reporter suggests men be pampered Valentine's Day

Every year the ladies get most of the benefits that come with Valentine's Day. This year I suggest we pamper the men.

Some may be lazy, judgmental, opinionated, argumentative, unappreciative and sarcastic, but still nice to have around.

You might give him a few bucks and let him go out with his friends to Cody's or Hooters. Or fry him some eggs for breakfast where the yellow doesn't look like the center of a hard-boiled egg and the toast doesn't taste like cardboard.

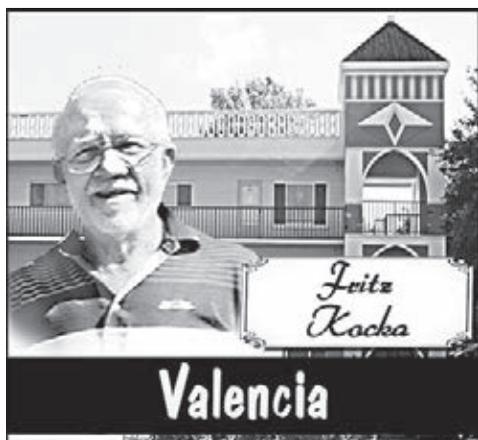
You might also like to give him a pat on the head or maybe one on the butt. Just remember — he is yours!

The Florida State Fair begins Feb. 9 in Tampa. It is worth seeing. There is something for everyone.

Let's all send a big welcome out to new Valencia resident Nyles Fisher.

The ladies luncheon was held Jan. 12 at the Oriental Super Buffet on Gulf-to-Bay. The food was hot and the company was great.

The men went to Sixty West Diner also on Gulf-to-Bay. This was the first time politics were discussed. I am happy to report there were no fatalities!



Our first meeting of the year was held in the Sunrise Room. The \$10 dues per year were collected and a report was given on the "state of the Valencia Building."

All of us in the Valencia would like to thank the "good fairies" that left the sweet grapefruit in our share baskets.

Once a year the Girl Scouts have their fundraiser by selling cookies. This year it starts Feb. 24 and ends March 18. You may be interested — I am!

We are now only a few days from a "Really Big Show" in the auditorium, Feb. 17, 18 and 19. Check your bulletin board.

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FEBRUARY 1 - 29

1	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Theatre Workshop Meeting
1	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
1	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
2	Thurs	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Show: Ken McBride
2	Thurs	10:00 AM	C	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
2	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
2	Thurs	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
3	Fri	5:00 PM	A	Pennsylvania Club: Ground Hog Day Dinner
3	Fri	6:30 PM	CR & K	The Gamers
3	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Singles Travel Club Meeting
3	Fri	6:00 PM	S	Softball Meeting/ Pizza Party
3	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
4	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Game Night
4	Sat	2:30 PM	Starlite	Singles Club: Strawberry Fling
6	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
7	Tues	10:00 AM	C	Shriners Meeting
7	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
7	Tues	6:30 PM	CR & K	Hoosier Club Meeting
7	Tues	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
7	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters: Tampa Bay Women Speakers
8	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Jesters Meeting
9	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: "The World Famous Platters"
9	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Aquainted Coffee
9	Thurs	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
10	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
10	Fri	12:30 PM	CR & K	Lawn Bowl Club: Valentine Luncheon
10	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
10	Fri	3:00 PM	S	Orizaba Building Potluck/Meeting
10	Fri	10:00 AM	Starlite	Art Guild Rummage Sale
11	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
11	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
12	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
12	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny — Free
13	Mon	12:30 PM	CL1	Family History Group
13	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
13	Mon	10:30 AM	Starlite	Entertainment Committee Meeting
13	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Blood Pressure Screening
14	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
14	Tues	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
14	Tues	5:00 PM	S	American Gothic Building Meeting/Potluck
15	Wed	6:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
15	Wed	9:30 AM	S	Ladies 18-Hole Golf General Meeting
16	Thurs	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
16	Thurs	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
17	Fri	2:00 PM	A	Jesters Show
17	Fri	4:00 PM	S	Azores Building Pizza Party
18	Sat	7:30 PM	A	Jesters Show
18	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
19	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Jesters Show
20	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
21	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
21	Tues	7:00 PM	CR	Bible Study
21	Tues	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
21	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters-Tampa Bay Women Speakers
21	Tues	1:00 PM	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
21	Tues	7:00 PM	S	Espana Building Party
22	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
22	Wed	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
23	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: "The Atlantic City Boys"
23	Thurs	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
23	Thurs	5:00 PM	S	Mallorca Building Mardi Gras
23	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
24	Fri	5:30 PM	A	Lawn Bowl Club: Past Presidents Dinner/Dance
24	Fri	6:30 PM	CR & K	The Gamers
25	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
25	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
26	Sun	5:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Luau
26	Sun	7:00 PM	S	Shalom Club Meeting
28	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
28	Tues	8:00 AM	L	AARP Free Tax Service
29	Wed	7:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Suncoast Symphony Concert

## CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium
C	Card Room
CR	Craft Room
CL	Classroom
K	Kitchen
L	Lecture Room
R	Rainbow Room (W)
S	Sunrise Room (W)
V	Veranda

**Groundhog Day**  
**Thursday, Feb. 2**

**Super Bowl XLVI**  
**Sunday, Feb. 5**

**Lincoln's Birthday**  
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## MONDAY

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 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Wood Carvers Class  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Spanish for Beginners  
 10:00 .. Continuation of Spanish Conversation  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 11:30..... Contract Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Crafters Group (2nd Monday)  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 2:00 ..... French for Beginners  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)  
 3:00 ..... Continuation of French Conversation  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:30 ..... Bingo  
 7:00 ..... Euchre

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Photo IDs  
 9:00 ..... Chess Club  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning  
 12:30 ..... Mahjong  
 5:00 ..... Mahjong  
 6:30 ..... 8-Ball Tournament

## TUESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Ladies 18-Hole Golf  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Lessons  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Horseshoes  
 9:00 ..... Caring & Sharing Group  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Ladies 9-Hole Golf  
 10:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Game  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 10:00 ..... Philosophy Club  
 10:30 ..... Ballroom Dance Class  
 11:00..... Yoga  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Ceramics  
 12:30 ..... Oil Painting Class  
 1:00 ..... Poker  
 1:00 ..... Line Dancing  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 5:00 ..... Min's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Dominos

6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Bid Euchre  
 6:30 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 6:30 ..... Tom's Poker  
 7:00 ..... Canadian Club Mahjong  
 7:00 ..... Bible Study Club

### West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 6:00 ..... Mahjong

## WEDNESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Sewing Class  
 9:00 ..... Zumba  
 9:00 ..... Tai Chi  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Veterans Project  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Craft Workshop  
 9:00 ..... Veranda Consignment  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Cribbage  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00..... Tap Dance Class (Beginner)  
 11:30..... Tap Dance  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Painting Pals  
 1:00 ..... Social Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Double Deck Pinochle  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Sheila's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 6:00 ..... Don's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Ladies Que't Billiards Club

## THURSDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Lessons  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Game  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00..... Yoga  
 12:00 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 12:00 ..... Contract Bridge

12:30 ..... Euchre  
 12:30 ..... Writers Ink  
 1:00 ..... Drawing Class  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)  
 3:00 ..... Italian Speaking Class  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Canadian Club Game Night

### West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Snowbird Line Dancing  
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning  
 1:00 ..... 8-Ball Matinee  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:30 ..... Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

## FRIDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Ceramics  
 9:00 ..... Pinochle  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Hula Hoop Exercise Class  
 12:00 ..... Pinochle  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Dancercise  
 1:00 ..... Mahjong  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 1:00 P.M. .... Chess Club

## SATURDAY

### East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .... Mens Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Computer Club Meeting  
 8:30 ..... Line Dancing  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 12:00 P.M. .... Min's Poker  
 12:00 ..... Putting  
 1:00 ..... Casual Bridge

## SUNDAY

### East Activity Center

4:00 P.M. .... Putting



## Winning writer is resident here

Congratulations to Sidney Roth! A semi-autobiographical short story from his WWII military service written by Sidney B. Roth received a first prize from a library. Upon request, a copy is available.

Taking a break from writing, Sidney and Elaine recently traveled south to Naples to visit relatives, but enjoy their home the most.

Glennis and Arthur Dunfee celebrated 67 years of their marriage. Congrats to them!

Early risers Carol and Charles Hersh are often seen riding their bicycles early in the morning. Charles excels at golf, and is among other outstanding golfers in our building including Ada Culbertson, Mitzi Hoffman, Judy and Larry Ishida, Carole and Lester Whynot and Janet Hanley.

Mert Roth continues to keep busy by helping her children living in Tampa Bay, as well as her family in Ohio.

Most often seen walking her beloved Buddy, Nancy Swift is visited practically daily by her son and his family helping her with gardening.

Helen Morris keeps in constant touch with her children and grandchildren by telephone and regular exchange of gifts.

I've recently visited my Croatian and Slovenian friends in Venice Beach, Anna Maria Island and South Pasadena.

Happy Valentine's Day!

## Time to check storage areas for hazards

This is a great time of the year. The holidays are over, the decorations are put away and it's the only time that our condos actually feel bigger to us. Doesn't take long for that feeling to go away though as we put everything into our storage bins.

On Top of the World's Sharon Licata attended our last press meeting and addressed the recent fire on OTOW's east side where three condos were destroyed and others damaged.

She reminded us how important it is that we hire licensed contractors whenever renovations or improvements are made to our condos, and encouraged preventative measures including replacing all water heaters if they are 10 years old or older.

One building reporter in attendance, who had once been an insurance adjuster, also cautioned us to check electrical cords to be sure they haven't dried out or split with age. Also, this is a good time to change your smoke detector batteries.



Certainly no one wants to be the cause of something so devastating for ourselves or for others. Please see Ken Colen's page 4 article for additional information about the fire and this matter.

With all of the above in mind, this is a good time for us to check our storage areas to be sure everything is secure on the shelves so things won't fall off onto someone and that the aisles are clear.

OTOW rules state that no paint or other flammables are allowed. If you have any flammables stored, please remove them immediately.

OTOW and/or fire personnel are available to us and may be called in to conduct an inspection just to be sure.

Please don't forget that you can see all OTOW events on Channel 96 on your television, and you can read all current and back issues of the OTOW News, report service issues or review community information on the OTOW website at <http://otowclearwaterinfo.com>, then click on "Community Information" and scroll down to the little newsboy hawking the paper.

February celebrates Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. It's also the time when many of our northern friends and family come to visit. May you be showered with lots of friends and friendship, candy and flowers as you celebrate the month of February.

## Be thankful for OTOW's strong construction

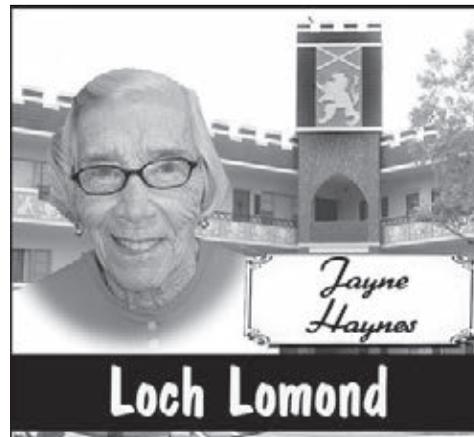
After a very pleasant New Year weekend, the month of January began with an unusual event for our community.

My back windows face World Parkway Blvd. and the golf course, past the Belcher gate, and at about 4:30 p.m., while in my Florida room, I heard, very clearly, sirens and emergency horns, followed by large fire vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, ambulances, et al.

We often hear Belcher Road noise, but this was right in our community. I went outside and looked around and saw a neighbor doing the same. We were looking, probably for smoke, and saw none.

I then went out front and saw nothing. But these vehicles must have gone down Netherlands Drive. They were there a long time.

Why am I writing this? Well, at the Press Association meeting later that week, building reporters were charged with reminding all residents of the need for being especially aware of conditions that can cause a very destructive fire



water damage for the above and below units, those two units can be rehabbed. But, oh! The frightening experience other residents went through, the ongoing need to move, temporarily, to other homes, the paperwork, the coughing to overcome.

This is just a reminder to be super aware of hazards. And to be sure **you** have insurance on your unit. Management insures for certain commitments. We are responsible for many others.

If you are not clear about what your commitments are, please contact management.

Now, as to Loch Lomond: After a fine Christmas, we are welcoming back many of our dear friends — and their dogs!

We have a new resident on the Israeli side and want to welcome Sheelah Leonard, originally from Ireland, then New York and several places in Florida. She settled at OTOW because she heard it was a welcoming, friendly place — and it is!

and a reminder of how to help avoid these hazards.

Please be aware of your electric cords, their conditions, the capacity in your apartment, the possibility of combustible materials, the possible hazards of clothes dryers, the need to have unit insurance.

Having seen pictures of the unit involved in the fire, it was very encouraging to note the excellent construction of our buildings. That unit was, of course, severely damaged, but except for heavy smoke damage and

## Attention Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains.

This is against the law. Be sure to always clean up while walking your dog.

## COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center main ballroom.



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**Tuesday Morning Specials**

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side.....9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

**Wednesday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Thursday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Friday Morning**

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side.. 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

**Thursday Afternoon**

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

**Friday Afternoon**

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

## Resident Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- If space allows, residents with current Activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Service Department.

# CLASSIFIED

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

### FOR SALE

Bedroom suit, king size, 8 pieces; dining room suit, 4 chairs, china & server; living room sofa & love seat, 3 end tables, picture.  
774-307-0374

Like new golf balls \$2 per dozen. 417-3053

Snorkel and gear (no mask), includes fins, 2 bags, float marker, vest, gloves & more \$50. Leave msg/number. 725-1376

All one year old: beige queen sofa \$200; 2 green rocker/recliners \$150 each; 8'x10' area rug \$50. 729-4595

Deskjet printer (color/BW); 20" flat screen monitor; keyboard & mouse; Skype camera. 712-0495

Portable sewing machine, excellent condition, extras included. 726-0482

Gazelle "Edge" gliding exercise machine by Tony Little, ex. cond. \$40. 252-6638

White accent/lamp table, 22"x22", two inches thick, 17½" high \$10; Panasonic VHS recorder \$10; camera tripod \$5. 726-6550

Curio cabinet, 75" H x 30" W x 12½" D, light oak, perfect condition, lighted shelves \$150; also large collection of giraffe figurines. 400-6006

Twin sleeper sofa, tan with storage ottoman, 2 years old \$325. 796-7488

Regulator clock; 20" TV & DVD/VCR; 3-wheel walker; king size comforter set. 916-0180

London Fog raincoat, zip-out lining, size 12, beige \$35; HP Deskjet model 842C printer w/cables & instructions \$30. 791-7610

Like new letter-size storage boxes with lids, 30 for \$15. 698-6634

Bicycle built for two, very good condition \$175. Call to see it. 725-0753

Queen size brass bed with box springs platform (no mattress) \$125. 419-346-2454

Murphy bed, full size with three 28" shelves, three drawers on each side, like new, maple, located on ground floor. Call for pricing and appointment to see. 797-7861

Gevalia black 2-cup coffee maker with two stainless steel thermal traveling mugs \$20. 799-1479

Broyhill sofa and love seat, complete with 8 pillows, mint condition \$250. 723-2705

Daybed, metal frame with 2 Serta Perfect Sleeper mattresses, can be used as twin bed or opens as king size, excellent cond., bedding included \$200. 910-988-0347

Men's Wilson Pro Staff golf clubs \$40; golf balls \$.15 each; 26" TV \$15. 723-7971

Canon PowerShot A40 camera, 2 megapixel, 3X optical zoom, movie mode, PC connectivity, USB cable, software included \$40. (10 a.m. - 7 p.m.) 796-0554

Dynex external computer keyboard, like new \$10; metal padded folding table, round, 40", rarely used \$20; framed picture, Paris, retro, 24"x32" \$15. 953-7049

Large computer desk, 29½"W x 59½"L, has 2 file drawers, 1 small drawer, place for computer & keyboard shelf \$40. 712-3964

Ladies' golf clubs, 3 woods, 1-3-5 and 7 irons with putter, golf bag & cover \$40; ladies' lawn bowls, dropped only once \$25. 669-8089

Computer: Intel 2.6 CPU, 1GB RAM, Windows XP, 17" CRT monitor, best offer. 401-524-4131

Plush blue rocker recliner, like new, 41" wide, very cozy \$300. Ask for Pat. 474-2232

Two sets of new regular, beautiful, twin-size custom made bedspreads. 669-5812

Brown leather recliner with ottoman; wooden printer table; Heritage twin bedspreads. 726-0424

Car booster seat, Cosco Explorer I, for child 3-8 years old \$5. 799-1261

Magic Chef electric wall oven, 24", good working condition, nice appearance \$100. 724-9664

### WANTED

Jewelry box furniture, approx. 4 feet tall with about 7 drawers. Call and leave message for Maria. 712-1983

Small dinette set: oval table approx. 30"x40" with 2 matching chairs on casters. 791-9295

Any interest in a vegetarian group for healthy eating, socializing and long life? Call for info. 475-9770

Two responsible OTOW residents wish to rent or borrow a kayak to be used on the west side lake. 482-1720

### LOST AND FOUND

Lost: bracelet with colorful stones. Lost at New Year's Eve party in East Activity Center. Anyone who may have seen it please call and ask for Barb or Eva. 727-536-5326

Lost: Mitsubishi pitching wedge Dec. 16 on the 9-hole course. If found, please call 669-6821 or turn it in to the pro shop.



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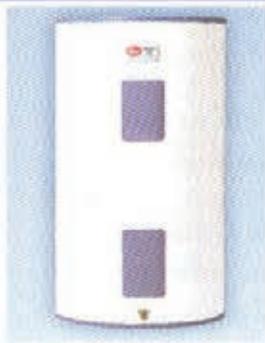
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