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Jesters' Linda Carter shows off a pair of dance shoes originally purchased by Minnie Pearl.
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Theater
Workshop

Special shoes ready for our stage

It's almost that time of year again - Theater Season!

The Jesters will perform their 34th annual show, "Our Favorite Things," on Feb. 15, Feb. 16 and Feb. 17 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Theater Workshop will perform "OTOW Theatrical Museum" on March 15, 16 and 17.

Jesters tickets are \$5 to watch your fellow On Top Of The World friends dance, sing and perform comedy.

Think of the memories you will recall as you see Connie Francis, the Mystics and Chubby Checker perform their most memorable hits as members of the Jesters cast.

Beautiful and well-performed dances will make you jump out of your seat.

There will be country music hits performed by OTOW's best, and if Broadway is your favorite taste of music, we have not left you out.

If you look close, you will also see a special treat. Linda Carter, one of our dancers, will be wearing shoes originally purchased and worn by country and western entertainer Minnie Pearl.

Minnie purchased the shoes on Oct. 19, 1999, under her real name, Mrs. Henry Cannon, and actually wore them on stage.

The shoes were sold under the brand name "Dyeabler."

For a special sneak peek at this season's theater shows at OTOW, please turn to pages 32-33 in this edition of the newspaper.

In the March edition, we will have highlights from the Jesters shows, and a preview on the Theater Workshop Show.

To buy tickets from either club, visit the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

So, take in the festivities by giving a donation as quickly as you can. Tickets will be going rapidly, so don't get shut out.

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Time to think about property insurance

In many ways, 2012 was a “normal” year around On Top of the World.

Admittedly, I’m not sure what is normal or abnormal anymore. Let’s just say, there was less drama than the prior year.

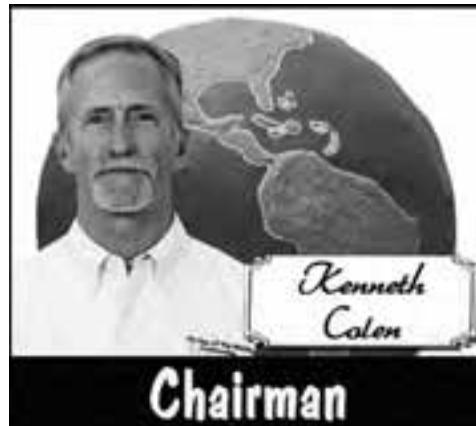
That said, 2013 got going in fine style with a cooking fire. The best news is there were no injuries. The good news is that the sprinkler system activated and limited fire damage. The bad news is that the sprinkler system activated and caused water damage.

Once again, this event 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 Community Service Office. All information is held confidential and only used in an emergency.

As to the heating/cooling unit (HVAC), it is absolutely critical that you have your unit serviced annually. Failing to do so puts you (and your neighbors) at risk for damage from flooding if the condensate drain line backs up. Additionally, if your HVAC unit has heat strips to provide heat, and the unit is not serviced, the heat strips may malfunction, overheat, and cause a fire.

As to the washer/dryer, unless you live in buildings 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, electrician, or appliance specialist. 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 dryer installations have used the same circuit breaker as the stove and HVAC. This is an open invitation for trouble.



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

If you have this situation, please call a licensed specialist and have it corrected immediately.

If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it needs careful monitoring for possible leaks. If it is more than 12-years old, you’d be money ahead to replace it altogether.

Strangely, a leak never seems to occur when you are home. Leave for a week and you may come back to a flood, or worse, the intervention by your Association.

The Service Department is selling, at cost, a warning device that senses dampness and sounds a loud alarm. This same unit may also be extended to the pan in the HVAC unit, thereby giving you a two-for-one benefit. If you can change a 9-volt battery, you can also install this simple device. It makes good sense to install this device.

If you have any questions on anything I’ve written about so far, please go to www.OTOWClearwater-Info.com/service or visit the Community Service Office for details. The Website has a great deal of information on practical maintenance you can do to protect and maintain the interior of your home.

Property Insurance

Any uninsured resident takes on the risk of large dollar losses in the event of fire or water damage.

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. 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 their liability 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 11 – Front Elevation and Building 26 – Back Elevation, both beginning mid-month, and Building 18A – Front Elevation toward the end of the month. Remember, all start dates are approximate.

Roofing: Building 22 re-roofing will begin around the 11th of this month.

Flooring maintenance is ongoing depending on floor conditions. This maintenance work includes stripping and sealing of center core floor areas. Floor replacement in Buildings

42, third floor, Building 48, second floor, will be starting. The installation may progress slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures.

Hard Wired Smoke Detector Installation will be continuing through December 2013. Currently, Buildings 4, 5, and 6 are scheduled for February. The exact dates will be posted in your lobby and by door-hanger notices. Please remember, we need your complete cooperation in providing access to your condo. So far, the work has progressed very smoothly with only a few glitches with access. Residents have been complimentary of the electrical contractor and their employees and of their work.

General small scale construction projects are ongoing throughout the community. Fire extinguisher inspection began in late January and continue through the end of February.

Leaf removal projects (entire property) will be continuing through April.

Stump grinding began in January and will be continuing through early February.

Removal of invasive plantings and simplification of end stairwell beds/plantings will continue property-wide. Correction of overplanted back and front porch areas of units, coordinated with Inspection Services is also ongoing.

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.

Awnings Inspections (all buildings) are ongoing.

Parking lot stall number re-stenciling has been completed on the east side of Belcher Road. The west side is now ongoing.

Water meter box number re-stenciling are also ongoing.

The potable water delivery improvement project is wrapping up and anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

Looking for more information?

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Love is something you pass on and volunteers love helping others

February is considered the "Love" month.

Many people celebrate their anniversaries during the month of February. No matter if you have been married one year or 60-plus years, it's still a wonderful time to remind your loved one of how much you care for them.

So make Valentine's Day just a little special this year!

You can also show your neighbors, friends and relatives a little extra love with a good deed or two. Here is a quote by an unknown author: "I've learned that love is not for me to keep, but to pass on to the next person I meet."

Volunteers here in our complex show their love for others by giving of



some of their spare time. Volunteers are the back bone of On Top of the World and are always needed.

If you are interested in being a Good Neighbors volunteer, you can contact the chairperson, Doris Paino. Her husband, Gene, is chairman of

the Gift Shoppe, so you can usually find them around the East Activity Center around 9 a.m. If you miss them you can usually see me, Nancy Davis, in the community service office right off the lobby.

Some volunteer jobs only require a couple hours a month, but if you have more time to spare, I'm sure we can find a spot for you.

At the present time we are very much in need of a person, or couple, to take over the duties of Carl and Betty Leiby directing the Meals on Wheels group. This is a very necessary project that many of our residents depend on to receive good healthy food. If you would be interested in learning more about the project, please see Doris or me.

Here are a few cute lines from

a poem entitled "Volunteers" back in 1996.

"Volunteers are like Maxwell House....They're good to the last drop. Volunteers are like G.E.....They bring good things to life. Volunteers are like Hallmark cards....They care enough to give their very best."

There is more to the poem, but that gives you a good idea.

Helping others will also make you feel better about yourself.

Have a very happy Valentine's Day. Our next Get Acquainted Coffee is on Valentine's Day and starts at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the auditorium and will be followed with our meeting, fun door prizes and entertainment. Best of all, it is all free. See you Feb. 14.

Free tax help from AARP

AARP representatives will be here to provide free tax help to On Top of the World residents.

The free tax service will begin Feb. 5 and will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 16 in the East Activity Center Blue and Yellow Rooms across from the library.

You must bring all your necessary papers with you.

There is no early sign up through the Community Service Office.

Free blood pressure screening

Blood pressure will be taken 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the East Activity Center Veranda Room through April 2013.

You are also welcome to volunteer during this time. All we ask is two hours of your time.

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- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 8-3:30.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115.
A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

* For timely service, please schedule a request a day in advance.



Smoke Detector Retrofit Schedule

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>JULY</u>
Buildings 1, 2, 3	#24, #25, #26
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
#4, #5, #6	#27, #28, #29
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
#7, #8, #9	#30, #31, #32, #38
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
#10, #11, #12	#40, #41, #42, #43
<u>MAY</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
#14, #15, #16, #17	#43, #44, #45
<u>JUNE</u>	
#17, #21, #22, #23	(note: Buildings 17 and 43 will be split between two months)

Show above is the schedule for smoke detector replacement work. If you believe you might not be present or available during your building's designated month, please cut out this form and return the information to On Top of the World. Forms can be delivered in person to the East Activity Center Service Desk or they can be mailed to the address below.

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Representative address: _____

Have you checked out the Box Office?

A lot of progress was made last month on the new On Top of the World Box Office Website.

During a January meeting, newspaper editor Doug Kates met with about a dozen local club leaders and explained the concept behind the site.

Everyone liked the idea. Some made suggestions. Many went home and posted their club's Web page the same day.

The new Box Office site has two purposes. First, it gives each club, group, sport or class an opportunity to post one event notice on their own Web page - kind of like posting a billboard in the middle of the community. The second purpose is, this site gives residents a chance to search for club, group and class activities anytime of the day by simply browsing on their own computer.

By visiting the site, residents can easily see this community has a Chess Club, a Pinochle Club and a Sewing Class - and easily learn about these



Newspaper editor Doug Kates meets with leaders from several local clubs to explain the new Box Office Website.

(OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

unique groups.

Activities are updated on a daily basis.

When the Website is running perfectly, residents will be able to view activities by every club, group, sport or

class for the current month and following month. Residents will be able to search a particular month, search a particular group or search a particular room.

There is an interactive map of

the East Activity Center and West Activity Center so residents easily will be able to find a room where an activity is taking place.

Plus, simple buttons will inform residents of upcoming road trips and golf-related events.

In addition to all this, there is a "World Explorer" game for residents to test their knowledge of community building names, and On Top of the World management can provide important notices at a seconds notice.

As of January, there were a couple problems getting the site to work on all Internet browsers, but by this month the site should be accessible no matter which browser you choose.

Clubs, groups, sports and classes can access, update and change their own pages by obtaining a password in the newspaper office during business hours. If you have not set up your group's Web page, see Doug during business hours and he will explain everything you need to know.

To view the Box Office: otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Community Information" and the Box Office link

*To advertise in our March edition, checks must be received by Feb. 15**

***The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but we are in our busy season and our color ad space will likely sell out way before the 15th.**

Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.

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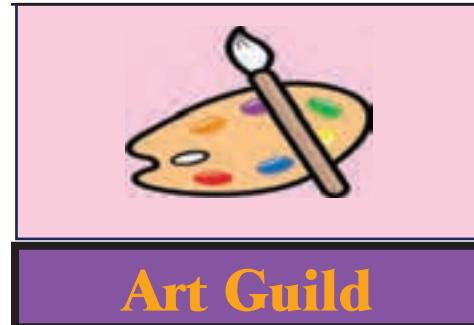
By Jean Doane

The Art Guild met on Friday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room for a short business meeting and a presentation by Loraine Potaki, a local artist who is well known in this area.

Lorraine made a sketch from a photograph she had taken of John's Pass, which shows the boardwalk. She applied and mixed pastel colors on a special, sanded paper, necessary for pastel painting. She is a vivacious, energetic artist, who is exciting to watch in action. She brought several completed paintings, which demonstrated her detailing with pastels.

Our next gathering is Feb. 8 when we will be having a Trash and Treasure Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This sale will be in place of our regular meeting. So please come to have a cup of coffee and browse. There will be some goodies to buy to go with your coffee. You just might find something you could use or give as a gift. The sale will be in the Art Room.

Our drawing class continues Wednesday afternoons, from 1-3 p.m., under the direction of John Fier.



There is a small charge of \$2 for any materials that John provides. You will need to bring your own sketch pad and pencils, charcoal, or pastels with you. These classes are all in the Art Room.

At our last meeting, Paul Zepperlin won the "Artist of the Month" award with his picture of a young fawn. This picture will be displayed in the lobby of the EAC so stop by and see it.

Drawings from our Thursday class are on display in the new Art Room cabinets. Take time to see them, too.

The Art Guild will be sponsoring an Art Show on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1-4 p.m. The Art Guild provides refreshments and wants you to come and vote for the "People's Choice" award for best painting. We hope you



Dale Stackhouse presents the Artist of the Month award to Paul Zepperlin. Paul's prize winning painting is entitled "Safe Haven".

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The term ‘Springing’ should raise a red flag

Q. At a seminar I attended in (a city in Florida), one of the speakers from an annuity company explained the difference between a “regular” durable power of attorney and a “springing” durable power of attorney.

If I understood him correctly, there is a difference between them.

In a durable power of attorney, the authority granted to the attorney in fact, is valid after signing the document. However, in a springing durable power of attorney, the authority doesn’t take place until the person making the power of attorney becomes incapacitated.

In other words, it “springs up” when someone becomes incapacitated and not beforehand. So that seems to me to be a substantial difference and one to be considered.

A. Yeah. Well, see, here’s the problem with whomever spoke about a “springing” durable power of attorney.

First of all, under Florida’s new power of attorney statute that became effective on Oct. 1, 2011, springing powers are no longer permitted. Second, even if there were a springing power, it would not become effective until someone — usually a physician or other healthcare provider — certified that the Maker of the springing power was incapacitated.

Now, I ask you: Do you think a healthcare provider will certify that someone is incapacitated and thus run the risk of being sued if he/she is wrong about that incapacity?

And, even if a health care pro-



vider is prepared to make that certification, do you really think some bank or brokerage firm would accept that certification?

And further, do you have any idea of how long it might take before that certification is made?

Oh, and did I mention that they are not permitted in Florida any longer? It would have been neat, I suppose, if what would “spring up” would be correct information passed on by the speaker.

Q. I have a living trust that my attorney prepared for me when I was living in (a Northern state). Recently, I was discussing my trust with that attorney and he said that I needed to have it “funded.” What does that mean and shouldn’t my attorney have already done that?

A. Funding a trust simply means that you have titled or re-titled some assets into the name of the Trustee of the Trust. An example would be where you have a bank account in your name and you change the title (re-title it) into

your name as trustee of your trust dated such and such a date. It is necessary when you have a trust, to have your assets reflect that they have been properly titled into the name of the trustee of the trust. If you fail to do that, then the assets not held in the name of the trustee of the trust will not be in trust.

I don’t really know of many attorneys who do the actual funding for a client. Since you now live in Florida, I suggest that you have the trust reviewed by a Florida attorney who is practicing law in this state.

Q. Is it not true that with a living trust there is privacy for a deceased’s assets but not so in a Will?

A. Not necessarily. In Florida, when the grantor of a trust dies, it is necessary to file a Notice of Trust in the public records. So that opens things up to “prying eyes.”

Also, under Florida law, all of the beneficiaries of a trust are entitled to receive a copy of the trust and a copy of the trust’s inventory which must be furnished by the Trustee after the death of the grantor.

Q. I have three children from a prior marriage and my finance’ has four from his prior marriage. After we get married, how can we make sure that our children can’t bother us?

A. There’s a great joke in there somewhere but I’ll leave it alone. The best thing to do is sit down with your attorney — yours for you and his for him — and have a good pre-nuptial

agreement drawn up and signed. That’s step one.

Step two would be to make sure your assets are held in such a way that neither of your children can lay claim to them. Your attorneys should be able to advise you on how to do that.

Of course, you could always tell your kids that you’re both moving to Alaska (but instead stay here in warm, sunny Florida) and that you won’t be able to give them an address where they can locate you.

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‘Did you knows’ from the entertainment world



**Walter
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Inside Showbiz

the plane, were ever found.

June Allyson sang and danced in many MGM musicals during the era of big Hollywood Musicals. When she was 8 years old, she was riding her tricycle and a tree limb fell on her, fracturing her skull and breaking her back. The doctors told her, she would never walk again.

Abbott and Costello were not the best of friends. Their agent was Abbott’s friend and got him more money than Costello. This bone stuck between them all through their career.

Dinah Shore had polio as a child and left her with a slight limp the rest of her life. Unless you were aware of it, you probably would not have noticed but it did make her self-conscious.

Phyllis Diller was not only one of the funniest comics of her day, but she was an accomplished concert pianist and guest with many symphony orchestras around the country.

Martha Raye had the nickname, “Colonel Maggie” because of her devotion to the troops during three wars. She is the only woman buried in the Special

Forces cemetery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and with full military honors.

Frank Sinatra may have Joe E Lewis to thank for his success. Lewis, a rising young singing sensation in the Mafia, who owned clubs in NYC, had his throat brutally cut by the mob and was never able to sing again. Sinatra played Joe E Lewis in the movie, *The Joker is Wild* in 1957.

A wealthy family disowned Peter Lawford, born in England, when he chose to come to America to be an actor. He married into the Kennedy family and was a frequent visitor to the White House, which ended before his death alone in Los Angeles. He was the last one to speak with Marilyn Monroe before she died.

Kate Smith, Perry Como and Ethel Merman, all giants in the musical world, could not dance a step. No problem staying on beat, but it did not reach their feet.

There is a theory that Glenn Miller, the popular bandleader of the ‘40s, was a CIA agent and was on a spy mission when his plane went down in the English Channel. Neither he nor

Residents invited to meet top-100 nationally ranked jockey in March



At the Press Association meeting in March, newspaper writers will have a great opportunity to improve their interview skills while asking questions to one of the top-100 horse racing jockeys in the nation from 2012.

At the same time, this meeting also will be open to the On Top of the World community for anyone who wants to learn a little more about horse racing before their next trip to Tampa Bay Downs.

Ronnie Allen Jr. is scheduled to attend the meeting, which will take place 7 p.m., March 7 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

OTOW News writers are asked to bring a pen and a notebook as if attending an actual Ronnie Allen Jr. press conference. All writers are encouraged to ask questions, keep track of answers and write a story based on what they learn.

The main objective of this session is to learn how to feel completely comfortable asking someone questions. Another goal is to learn what type of questions are valuable and what types of questions simply take up time.

Then, the big challenge is to take



Tampa area jockey Ronnie Allen Jr.

all the obtained information and put it together in a simple story for everyone to enjoy reading.

Ronnie Allen Jr. is no stranger to interviews, as he gets multiple interview requests from national media outlets every year. In 2012 he was ranked 90th in the nation for money won and was ranked 55th in wins.

Anyone attending the meeting may ask questions, and, perhaps, learn a little more about the sport. Ronnie has volunteered to answer every question thrown his way and will be available for about an hour.

This meeting is also a regular Press Association meeting and all building writers, club writers and

sports writers are encouraged to attend.

The Press Association will be ordering pizza from Domino's. Pizza will be free to association members and \$1 a slice for non-members.

Watch OTOW-TV for schedule changes or to confirm Ronnie Allen Jr. will be in attendance.

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Credit staff with getting January's newspaper done under severe time crunch

During a normal month, your On Top of the World newspaper staff has about 25 days to put together one monthly edition.

But in the month of December, everything was far from normal.

For starters, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 fell on a weekend, so the staff got off to a late start.

Secondly, the holidays were coming and the printer company needed a full seven days, around Christmas, to run the newspaper through the press.

Thirdly, our January edition always comes out on Dec. 31, not Jan. 1, so the newspaper lost another day.

Put all three of these conditions together and you can see the staff was under a lot of pressure to get the January newspaper done in time.

But they did and here's how!



Press Association

It would be great to say that the first day of each month the newspaper staff begins working on the next newspaper, but it doesn't happen that way. There are chores that have to take place when a new edition comes out, and even though we would like to get started on the next newspaper, we have to take care of old business first.

The staff starts each month by sending advertisers a clipping of their ad from the new edition. On Dec. 3 volunteers Arlene Bergen and

Gloria Clifford came into the newsroom to help Assistant Editor Dave Hart sort, clip and mail those actual ads. They got the job done in a day.

Next, the newspaper had to be stored Online and uploaded on the Internet for our world-wide audience to see.

On Dec. 6, the Press Association held its important monthly meeting. Editor Doug Kates told writers that they had to have their stories in earlier than usual because we had one less week to get the newspaper done.

As a credit to those writers, and everyone who submitted stories and columns, the articles were submitted early and steady.

Next, someone had to type into a computer all the stories that were submitted on paper. Dawn Rubio, a volunteer, not only retyped stories in the newsroom, but she took stories

home and retyped them into her own computer.

For 16 days (instead of 25), Doug and Dave edited copy, worked on ads, placed stories and photos, and designed 80 pages.

But there was still more work to be done! Somebody had to proofread everything, including stories, headlines and ads!

For January's newspaper, we had seven proofreaders who came in from day one and didn't quit until we went to press. Those proofreaders were Esta-Lee Schwartz, Cele Radeloff, Dawn Rubio, Eileen Bianchi, Arlene Bergen, Theresa Kawalec and Barbara Sundberg.

Somehow, we got the January edition of your newspaper done on time, and as a credit to everyone involved, there was never a doubt we were going to meet deadline.

Fifty-three buildings filed reports

If you haven't done so lately, it's time to take a minute and thank your building reporters for submitting stories in 2012.

Overall, news was submitted for 53 buildings during the past full year, of which 10 buildings had a story in every edition of the newspaper, five buildings had 11 stories and six buildings had 10 stories.

On the other side of this achievement, 36 buildings did not have a reporter in 2012 and most likely started 2013 the same way. If you live in one of these buildings, your news and special events are being hidden from the rest of the community.

On Top of the World building reporters are asked to submit a minimum of three stories a year. Once a month there is a Press Association meeting to ask questions, get feedback and learn ways to improve your writing.

The goal for OTOW News is to have 60 building reporters in 2013. If your building currently has no reporter, then discuss it with neighbors or a building president. You are allowed to report special building functions, dinner parties, lunch parties, barbecues, holiday gatherings and much more. Attend a Press Association meeting to learn more or see what other building reporters have written about in this edition of the newspaper.

The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Feb. 7 in the EAC Lower Card Room.

Buildings with 10 or more stories submitted in 2012

- 22 - Roman Byzantine (12)**
- 27 - Ottoman (12)**
- 37 - Melbourne (12)**
- 41 - Rila Renaissance (12)**
- 55 - Saratoga (12)**
- 56 - Rural French (12)**
- 71 - Casa Verde (12)**
- 72 - Valencia (12)**
- 80 - Orizaba (12)**
- 89 - Siboney (12)**

- 43 - American Gothic (11)**
- 46 - Yoshimitsu (11)**
- 50 - Azores (11)**
- 79 - Flamenco (11)**
- 85 - Espana (11)**
- 1 - New World French (10)**
- 30 - Fujiwara (10)**
- 57 - Mandalay (10)**
- 61 - Chetnik (10)**
- 74 - Brahman (10)**
- 82 - Capistrano (10)**

The following buildings did not have a reporter in 2012.

- 2 - Danish Modern**
- 3 - Chalet**
- 4 - American Colonial**
- 15 - Chinese Cathay**
- 16 - Corinthian Kapal**
- 17 - Southern Georgian**
- 18 - Rizal**
- 19 - Azteca**
- 21 - Punjab**
- 25 - Bavarian Chalet**
- 30 - Danish Modern**
- 32 - Villa Riviera**
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- 36 - Baghdad**
- 38 - Monaco**
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- 42 - Victorian**
- 48 - Mediterranean**

- 51 - Avila I**
- 52 - Avila II**
- 54 - Brittany Farmhouse**
- 59 - Moor**
- 60 - Royal Dutch**
- 63 - Williamsburg**
- 64 - Avalon**
- 65 - Curacao**
- 66 - American Swiss**
- 67 - Brisbane**
- 68 - Bedford**
- 69 - Hemingway**
- 70 - Key West**
- 73 - Cordoba**
- 77 - Southern Colonial**
- 87 - Delhi**
- 88 - Viking**
- 90 - Queen Victoria**

* Paradise Reserve will be combined into one reporter in 2013.

Super Bowl means chicken wings



I love this time of year! The weather is beautiful and the Super Bowl is just around the corner.

The big game is a great excuse to have a party. I get more excited about menu planning than the actual game itself.

I start thinking about what I will serve weeks in advance. There are so many good dishes to choose from that it is hard to nail down just three or four recipes.

Baked chicken wings

Ingredients

5 lb. frozen chicken wings
10 oz. soy sauce
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 tablespoons molasses or honey
1/8 teaspoon (or to taste) cayenne pepper (optional)
5 cloves garlic, peeled
fresh ginger, 1 inch piece, peeled

Directions

In a blender, combine soy sauce, sugar, molasses or honey, cayenne pepper, garlic and ginger.

In a disposable aluminum 10x12 inch pan (or a regular pan lined with foil), pour blended mixture over the still-frozen chicken wings.

Place on center oven rack and bake at 250°F for 2 - 2 1/2 hours, turning and basting every 30-40 minutes. When wings are done they will be tender. Remove from sauce and serve immediately or keep warm in a Crock-Pot.

Super Bowl Predictions



News Editor Doug Kates: 49ers 42, Ravens 34

Asst. News Editor Dave Hart: 49ers 30, Ravens 24

Asst. Activities Director Julie Hipp: 49ers 24, Ravens 21



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The Association strongly urges you to contact both a licensed, insured plumber and electrician and arrange for an inspection immediately. Corrections to these potential hazards are the unit owner's obligation.

Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, Fl., 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

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Online voters choose Pearl as 2013 OTOW Pet of the Year

Helen Holding doesn't own a computer. In fact, she had never even touched a computer until the day she voted for her own dog, Pearl, in the 2013 On Top of the World Pet of the Year contest.

Helen was visiting her son, John, in St. Petersburg, when he said, "mom, do you want to vote for Pearl?"

Helen sat down at John's computer keyboard while the voting Online Website was displayed on his computer screen. Helen then pushed the enter button under Pearl's name and immediately saw a "thank you" note for placing a vote.

"That was so much fun, I voted three more times," Helen said.

Before Helen's first experience with a computer was over, she had voted four times for Pearl, but by the time the three-week Online voting period had ended, Pearl had received 24,166 votes for first place.

Helen couldn't believe the vote support. She knew her son, daughter and three grandchildren were placing votes, plus residents in the OTOW community, but never expected so many.

Helen also learned, through Website research data, that Pearl received a lot of votes from someone in Texas, but she said she didn't even know anyone in Texas.

"You have a fan!" Helen told Pearl.

Helen planned on celebrating the Pet of the Year honor by holding a party for Pearl, complete with cake and decorations. Some of Pearl's friends were going to be invited.

First place will be a free doggy wash from Barks and Bubbles, a gift basket from Pets Supplies Plus, and



Helen Holding shows Pearl the 2013 OTOW Pet of the Year certificate as presented by OTOW News Editor Doug Kates.

a free checkup from Animal Health-care Clinic - all sponsors of this year's event.

A ceremony will take place in February when all three sponsors are available.

The 2013 Pet of the Year contest started with 12 different OTOW pets receiving Pet of the Month honors. Those 12 pets were automatically entered in the Pet of the Year contest,

where anyone Online could vote as many times as they wanted.

Pebbles finished second with 12,471 votes, Ozzy was third with 4,042 votes and Gizmo took fourth with 1,232 votes.

A review of the final Online statistics shows all votes were legitimate and were placed by visiting the Web site and actually pushing a vote button.

Pearl is a Shitzu-Maltese who

lives in the Dorado Building. Helen does not know exactly how old Pearl is, because the puppy was left abandoned on the side of a Clearwater road seven years ago. Pearl's first OTOW owner has moved away, but Pearl remained with Helen.

Last year's Pet of the Year, Barkley, marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Helen said it's possible Pearl might take part in the parade as well.



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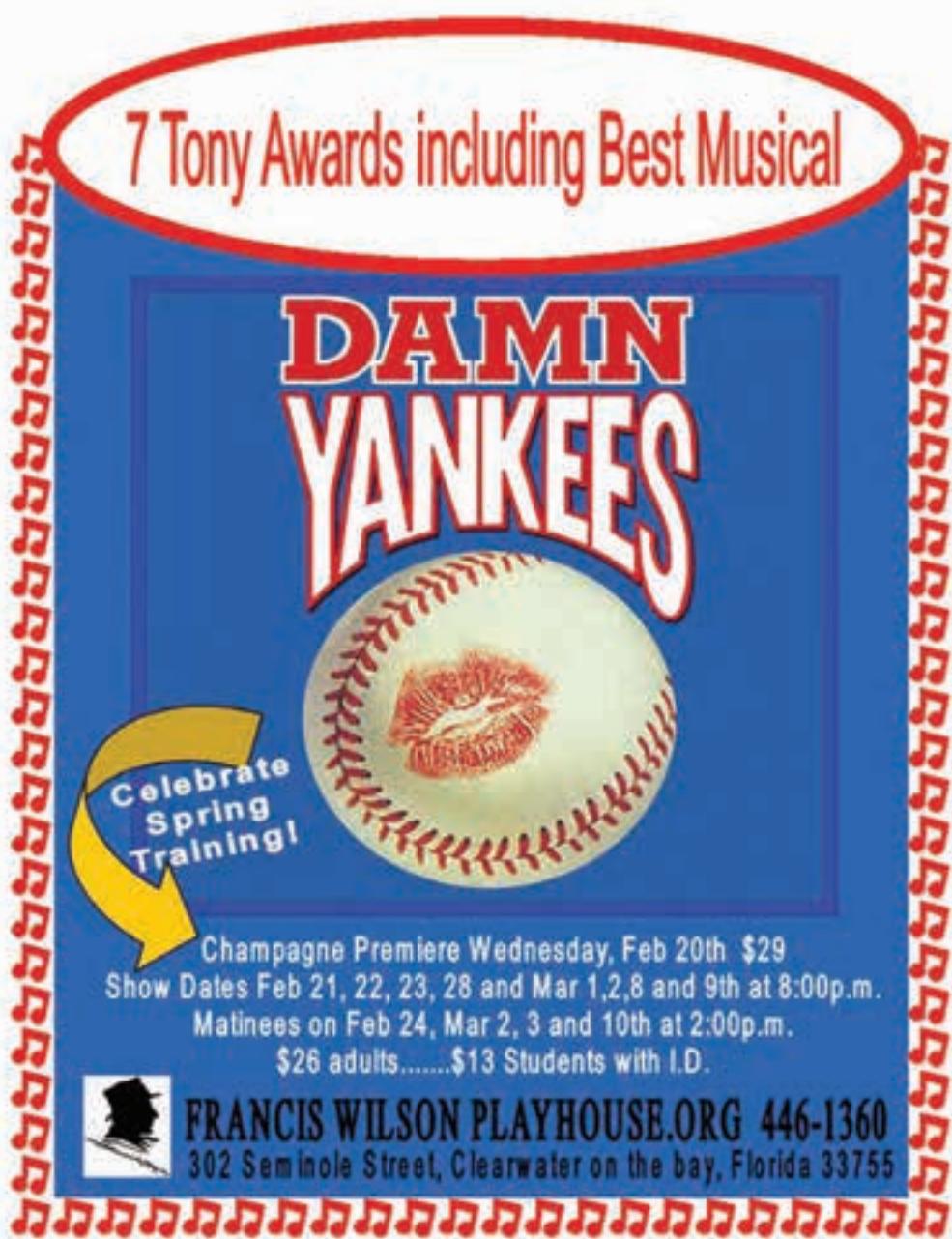
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Join us at the Mardi Gras parade

By Katarina Tepesh

Baby Boomers will party in Dunedin at the Mardi Gras parade, featuring colorful florets and beads.

Music starts at 5 and the parade at 7:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The event is free on Main Street.

Several in our group attended "The Bronx Wanderers" concert at Capitol with sounds of doo wop and rock and roll playing the greatest hits of the '50s and '60s from the Beach Boys to Dion to The Four Seasons and others.

As much as we had fun on New



Baby Boomers

Year Eve, at On Top of the World, dancing to Flashback, we also enjoyed

a performance at Ruth Eckerd Hall featuring Willie Nelson, Sheryl Crow, Vienna Boys, opera La Traviata and Johnny Winter.

During this period of sunny and warm weather, we are kayaking on the west side at Lake Arbor, as well as bicycle riding, golfing, playing tennis, swimming and doing daily stretching exercises.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to two monthly meetings, we

communicate via email, Facebook, Channels 96/720 and the new Box Office.

We meet the first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore, we are meeting on Feb. 6 and Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room, followed by a Happy Hour at Nauti Nancy, Varsity Club, Cody's or Whistle Stop.

For more information, send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com or visit our Web page on the Box Office.

Happy Valentine's Day!

New board planning April trip to northeast, including New York City

By Pat Zorland

The first meeting for 2013 was held on Jan. 4.

Our president welcomed all of our members back for another year, and Roxie Maggio was thanked for all the hard work she put into assembling and making all the arrangements for our December party.

Rosemarie Totaro stood up and thanked members who worked at starting this club three years ago. We have grown from a dozen people to more than 50 members.

The next order of business was nominations for a new board, which went off very quickly. Our new board consists of President Audry Jones, Vice President Roxie Maggio, Treasurer Shirley Brucolire, and Secretary Beverly Namath.

Audry, again, presented a trip that is scheduled to leave from Clearwater from April 19-27, going to New York City, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, the Inner Harbor of



Travel Club



From left to right are Roxie Maggio, Pat Kangas, Maryann Fontaine, Mary Harker and Sue Salmieri.

Baltimore and a few more stops along the way.

We almost have enough people signed up to make this trip happen. We are also working on some day trips that we were not able to fit into last year's calendar.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

If you are in need of information on our club call Shirley (726-4619)



AARP needs class instructor

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Celebrate Valentine's Day with a buffet

By Walt Copeland

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays has passed, we will concentrate on ourselves, trips, dinners, plays and cruises.

Sound good?

On Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium we will celebrate Ground Hog Day in honor of Punxsutawney Phil's emergence from sleep to foresee the extent of winter. Our meal will be catered and our entertainment was recently seen on national TV. There will also be door prizes. BYOB.

From Feb. 3-5 we will be going to Key West. Cost is \$309 per person, double occupancy, or \$459 single.

On Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. will we cel-



Pennsylvania Club

brate Valentine's Day with an excellent buffet, followed by a comedy at the Early Bird Dinner Theater. We've reserved five front rows. Cost is \$35, including tax and tip.

On Feb. 23 we will cruise the Eastern Caribbean with stops in Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martin. The eight-day, seven-night cruise will be

aboard Carnival Dreams. Prices are right, so don't wait.

From March 4-10 we will fly to San Antonio, Texas. More information next month.

From March 11-14 we will fly to Las Vegas. Cost is \$649 per person, double occupancy, or \$699 single.

From March 22-23 we will take a bus trip to the Immokalee Casino, followed by a stay in Fort Myers and the Broadway Palm Theater for a buffet. The highlight will be a performance of "Sound of Music." Cost is \$234 per person, double occupancy, or \$334 singles. Trip includes \$60 in free play and \$10 for food.

On March 26 we will hold our annual picnic catered at Philippe Park

Shelter No. 2. Cost is \$15. There will be free bingo with prizes. Meet at noon.

March ends with a trip to the Early Bird Dinner Theater on Easter Sunday the 31st. We will attend "Murder Among Friends." Cost is \$35, including tax and tip. Meet at 4 p.m.

Membership renewals are now due. Our club is open to all On Top of the World residents from any state. Visit our information table 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We hold meetings the first Thursday of each month in the EAC Starlite Room. For more information, call Walt at 725-0753.

Costumes, beads encouraged at Feb. 8 regular meeting

By Dave Beaven

We're back!

Sixteen Lambdans went out on the Carnival Legend from Tampa last month for a weeklong cruise of the western Caribbean.

Fortunately, all 16 returned!

Somehow, we survived the daily buffets, captain's cocktail party, Senor Frog's den of tequila, zip lines, and climbing pyramids.

Now it's good to be home to rest up for our February club activities.

February is the beginning of Lent. But it's also the month for Mardi Gras — hence the theme for our monthly meeting on the Feb. 8. Costumes are encouraged, as are beads. We'll be playing New Orleans Jazz and munching on tasty treats brought in by our members. Without a doubt, there



Lambda

will be a cocktail or two downed as well.

For our activity night on Feb. 23, we'll be showing a movie - popcorn provided.

Lambda is a social club for 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 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 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com> or the new OTOW Box Office. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Italian-American Club Night at the race set for Feb. 20

By Gary J. Gates

On Wednesday Feb. 20, our monthly meeting will start at 6 p.m. and we will have our in-house "Night at the Races."

Everyone is welcome, no charge for the racing activity, but we are offering sandwiches, Italian and American, for members \$5, and non-members \$6. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

We are out of tickets for February's trip to Tampa Bay Downs, but we have procured a limited number of tickets for a March 13 outing. Get your tickets, first come first served.

On Wednesday, March 20, we will hold our St. Joseph Dinner Dance, with entertainment by Carlo and an Italian buffet from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The menu will be antipasto salad, stuffed shells, meatballs, chicken parmesan, eggplant parmesan, bread and butter, wine and St. Joseph pastry -- all this for members \$16, non-members \$20, and you may BYOB. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

On Wednesday, April 3, we will have our picnic at Philippe Park - more information to follow.

On Wednesday, April 17, we will have our meeting at 5:30 p.m. for members only, followed by a pizza party. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Tickets are sold every Monday and Thursday in the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Membership is only \$4.

Fixers give with hearts and hands

By John Koning

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. If that's the case, then this report is worth 1,315 words because there's more to this picture than meets the eye.

First, let's review what's in this picture, and then I'll fill you in on what's not there.

Starting from the left you can see Lyse Martel (seated) and Jean Guy Pelchat, with decorative boxes they created. What you don't see are the hours they've spent getting them to this condition and the hours of finishing required to complete the task.

Next to Jean Guy stands Steve Stiffler, who is holding his decorative box. You can see that he is proud of it and rightly so. What you don't see is the energy he has expended leading the Fixers Club in 2012 and the relief he feels at having recently passed the baton off club presidency to Ray Tabor.

Standing, empty handed, next to Steve, is Fixers Club President Ray Tabor. Ironically, what you don't see are the dozens of projects he has built or helped build over the last year for himself



Fixers Club

and for many other OTOW clubs.

Next to Ray are Kasy and Inez Linkewich. You can see they are working on a couple of projects to bring home to Calgary for friends and family. What you can't see are the many other projects they have already finished and packed away for the trip north in the spring.

Of course, who could miss Steve Sutton, perched majestically on his hand made oak stool? What you don't see are the hours of head scratching, machining and cussing it took to bring it to fruition, or, thankfully, the tired backsides it now supports in its new home in the Toy Shop.

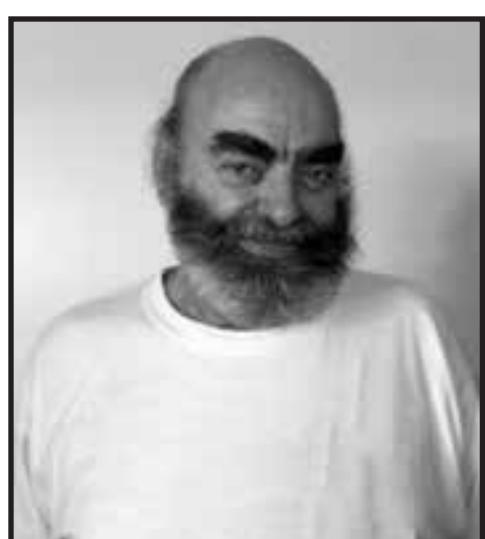
The most important things missing from this photo are the people whose lives will be brightened by receiving gifts from these hearts and hands.



Newcomers

OTOW News Photos

By Mary Lou Wall



Carl White
of Ohio



Michaline Ostrowski
of Massachusetts



Pat Sheridan
of New York



Virginia Donlon
of New York

Excellent instruction offered for beginners

By Julie Narancich

As we close out 2012 and look to a great 2013, we want to thank Ellen Gilbert for always providing great music for line dancing.

During our holiday line dance party, Ellen arranged wonderful festive music for dancing. We all had a great time dancing to the sounds of the season. Ellen is busy preparing music and dances for the New Year.

Our social chairs, Helen Crombie, Loni Bentley, Connie Giudice and



Line Dancing

Lynn Anzalone planned a wonderful get together in December with desserts and much more. A raffle was held with the help of Cele Radeloff.

The winners were Cecele Marchand, Edna Mae Jordt and Al Miller.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card along with your money to Mary.

To all the Snowbirds and newcomers -- this is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide moral support, so please 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. The beginner lessons begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

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!



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We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays.

Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

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BINGO

tect the white tables.

The workers routinely go around the tables to gather up the used sheets.

Things have been working very well. I'm hoping everyone feels the same way. We have received lots of positive feedback so far.

As always, please remember that we stop selling at 6:15 p.m. sharp. That allows us time to do a final count on the donations and calculate the prizes. Our grand prize 'cover-all' is now at the state allowed maximum. Can't get much better than that.

We still have those huge tasty donuts from Sunshine Bakery for the intermission.

We are also looking at getting people home early. So we will be changing a special game now and then to do that.

Thanks again, to all who attend. You're the reason we all work so hard to have the best bingo games in town.

And thanks to the volunteers who give their time each week. I couldn't do it without you all.

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Residents revisit Civil War and how Florida played a part

Our appetites were whetted after last month's trip to the Dunedin Historical Museum, where we saw an exhibit on the "Maple Leaf: an American Civil War Shipwreck."

We had viewed a prototype of the kind of torpedo that brought the ship to its doom near Jacksonville in the St. John's River, but we wanted to know more about the Civil War as it was fought in Florida.

Anne Watkins scoured her home library and found that she had ample material on the topic, as well as an involved relative from her home state of Ohio, Brigadier General Quincy Adams Gillmore, 1825-1888.

Anne began her talk with a look at Florida at the beginning of the war; it had a population of just over 140,000, with 44 percent of them slaves.

With only 3 percent of the white population slave-holders and land-owners, they controlled 71 percent of the cash value of farm property in 1860.

It was this group that voted to secede from the Union in January



Family History

1861, the third state to do so, Florida having been a state for only 15 years.

Florida's value to the war effort was chiefly in its beef herds, of which roamed mid-state, and for salt, which was produced by boiling sea water in iron kettles. There was a large salt-making facility near the present-day east end of the Courtney Campbell Causeway.

Tampa was continuously raided by Union forces throughout the war, as it was an active area of Confederate blockade running, as well as salt pro-

duction.

Quincy Adams Gillmore figured in Florida he was the North's commander of the Dept. of the South, from June 1863-May 1864, during which an unfortunate battle took place. Gillmore was in headquarters at Hilton Head at the time, while General Seymour, on the ground and contrary to orders, advanced westward from Jacksonville and ended up fighting the largest battle in Florida, the Battle of Olustee. It was a Union defeat, with a great loss of life, many of whom were newly emancipated black troops.

This battle is reenacted annually at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park, held this year Feb. 15-17. The battlefield is located on U.S. 90, 15 miles east of Lake City.

For an excellent source of further reading about Florida in the Civil War, Google Florida Civil War Heritage Trail for an 80-page PDF file to read online or for download.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 11, 1-3 p.m., in the East Activity Center Computer Room.



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

Premier Dancers to perform here Feb. 2

By Mary Widman

Our club started the New Year with another successful meeting.

President Dorothy Carpenito announced 30 members in attendance plus three new members.

Our club meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

We will have the Premier Dancers putting on a fabulous show for our members at our February meeting. They are a group of extremely talented dancers. Be sure to join us on Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

We have other fun activities planned, such as a fashion show in March (date TBA in the next issue). We look forward to our "Strawberry Fling" and our picnic in Philippe Park. Please watch this column for dates of



Singles Club

these events.

Please join us, make new friends and meet some friends you may have known at the same time.

If you know of any member who is ill and is in need of some cheering up, call our Sunshine Lady, Mary Widman at 796-1184 so she can send a card from our club. For further information about the Singles Club, call President Dorothy at 796-4460.

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Only in America do banks leave both doors open and the pens chained to the counters.

Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10 and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Greek meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures."

Only in America do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

And thanks for letting me know I can't boil a cup of water in the microwave anymore because it will blow up in my face, disfiguring me for life.

I no longer go to the cinema because I could be pricked with a needle and infected with AIDS



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

when I sit down.

I no longer go to shopping centers because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me.

And I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a number for which I will get a huge bill with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore and Uzbekistan.

Thanks to you, I can't use anyone's toilet, but mine, because a big black snake could be lurking



under the seat and cause me instant death when it bites my butt.

And thanks to your great advice, I can't do any gardening because I'm afraid I'll get bitten by the Violin Spider and my hand will fall off.



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Eighty greyhounds expected for club's 10-year anniversary celebration picnic

By Bill Sharpsteen

Well, it was a great start to 2013 with planning for a busy year!

In March we will again join the Irish Club's St Patrick's Day Parade. If you and your dog would like to walk with us, please let Bill know.

We will also be celebrating our 10th anniversary with a Birthday Bash Sunday, March 10, with the event running from noon to 4 p.m. at Philippe Park Shelter No. 2 in Safety Harbor. A catered buffet meal will take place from 1-3 p.m.! About 80 greyhounds and 150 people are expected to join us for this big celebration!

If you need tickets, please call Bill at 797-7977 and he will reserve yours at the same price of \$13 per person or \$35 for a family.

So, if you have a family visiting, this would be a nice outing to be



Greyhound Club

well fed on Pollo Asada (roasted mojo chicken), chargrilled skirt steak served on soft tacos with an assortment of salsas, leafy green salad, beans and yellow rice, plus mint tea and something sweet.

Of course, there will be birthday cake!

It will be fun watching all the greyhounds participate in contests and just enjoy this beautiful natural setting!

Remember, club members gather for Third Friday in Safety Harbor.

We set up next on Friday, Feb. 15 at the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off the greyhounds for adoption.

We also continue to visit several ALF's in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings to your calendar for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is 11 a.m., Feb. 21 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Future meetings are March 21 and April 18.

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate, or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!



Greyhounds and leprechauns are already planning for the St. Patrick's Parade in March.

Flea Market and Craft Show set for March

FLEA MARKET

Good Neighbors will be hosting its annual Flea Market on Friday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Cost to reserve a table is \$15. Reservations can be made starting Feb. 1 and will be taken Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. at our booth in front of the Gift Shoppe in the auditorium.

CRAFT SHOW

The annual Good Neighbors craft show will take place on Sunday,

Good



Neighbors

President Doris Paine

March 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Cost to reserve a table is \$4.

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New coordinator needed in order to keep Meals on Wheels service at On Top of the World

By Carl and Betty Leiby

We want to thank On Top of the World News editor Doug Kates for helping us search for a willing volunteer to take over as the Meals on Wheels Coordinator here at OTOW.

Meals on Wheels coordinator is a pleasurable job as we have such wonderful folks here. We will help with the training if someone is interested!

If we cannot find a new coordinator, residents will have to join the Clearwater service, which currently has a waiting list.

Ask any Meals on Wheels volunteer why they deliver meals, and they



Meals On Wheels

will have a variety of reasons, but most will say it is "very rewarding."

They are a very devoted group and 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 will check on them Monday through Friday.

Our OTOW clients love their volunteers, who bring delicious, hot meals planned by a "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 welcome. 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 entertainment, cards, bingo and music. Services to take seniors to Senior Day Care and transportation to doctors offices are also available. 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 and Betty Leiby at 791-3861.

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WANTED:
**Meals on Wheels coordinator
for On Top of the World**

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job, which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.

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Honorable Daryl Roussan to attend Democratic Club's February meeting

The On Top of the World Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Our members will be celebrating Black History Month and among the guest speakers will be The Honorable Daryl Roussan, State Representative, from St. Petersburg.

Our January meeting was well attended and we had the opportu-



Democratic Club

nity to ask our newly elected County Commissioners many questions concerning the future of the County, as

well as the highly charged "Fluoride issue."

The club also continued the discussion about the upcoming Governor's race and whether or not there was any chance to convince our beloved former governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham to enter the race.

Members of the club took part in The President's Day of Public Service on Saturday, Jan. 19. The White House, at the suggestion of our very

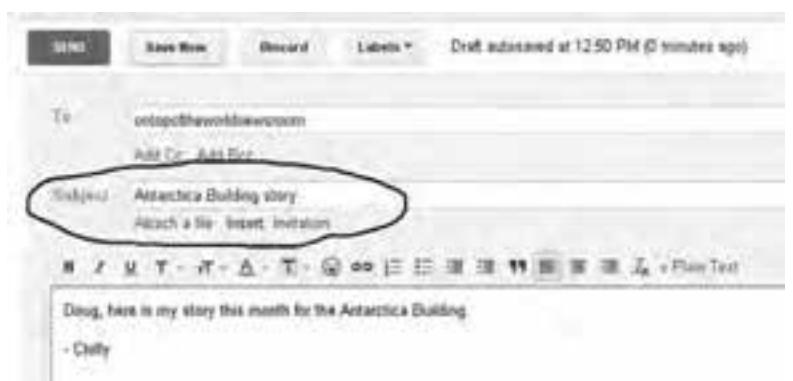
own club, selected the Martin Luther King Center, in Clearwater, as its officially sanctioned site in Pinellas County for Public Service.

Victoria Kirby attended the event, representing the President, and presented the OTOW Democratic Club with the President's Certificate of Merit for Public Service.

Thanks to all those in our club who pitched in to make this event so successful.

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If we still fit into our costumes, March show is progressing on schedule

By Lilli Scheifee

This is my second column and I haven't been run out of town yet!

With all the parties, eats and drinks behind us, we are hoping everyone still fits into their outfits they will be wearing for our show, "OTOW Theatrical Museum."

Even if someone needs an adjustment, we know we can rely on Mary Lou Speers to be on call as our trusted seamstress. She will nip and tuck, or let out seams, if we need to.

Our actors will look great in their costumes and our dancing girls will be as lovely as ever.

Our rehearsals have progressed nicely and how the time has flown. A show that seemed to be so distant is coming up quickly. Before you know it, there will be "Lights, Camera, Action!" and the curtain will go up.

Putting on a show like this is quite an accomplishment, with the writers coming up with fresh ideas so our "senior" members can once again hone their talents with the "new kids



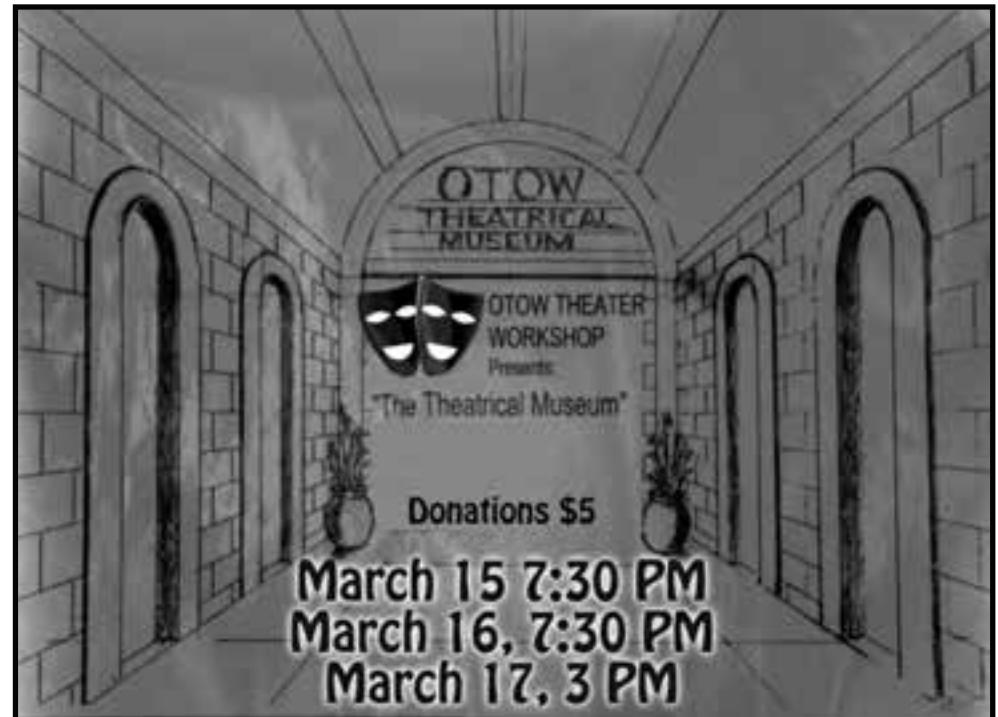
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Our treasurer, Roger Nichol, is doing his part at the East Activity Cen-



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Our board meets the first Wednesday of each month in the auditorium at 6 p.m., one hour before each regularly scheduled meeting.

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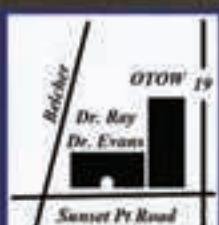
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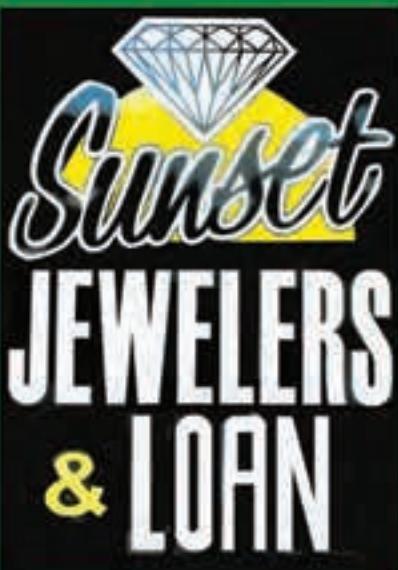
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Practice time winding down before annual lawn bowls tournament

By Rollie Lapointe

The Canadian Club lawn bowls triples tournament (Bob Laplante, 723-9674) will be held on Feb. 7 and 8.

To enter, a participant must be a member of both the Canadian Club and Lawn Bowls Club. Bowlers are guaranteed two games and teams will be made through a random draw. Red and white will be the colours of the days. Look for the sign up sheet on the bowls bulletin board.

Spectators are always welcome.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, at 8 a.m., golfers will be teeing off in our annual Canadian Club Golf Tournament. Many prizes are available and a lunch will be served - all for the cost of \$8.



Canadian Club

A reminder that the last date for refunds for this tournament will be Feb. 3. Teams will be made on Feb. 5.

If you are still interested (new members are especially encouraged---this is best ball format), please contact Bruce or Cathy Mills.

Of course you are still encouraged to participate in other ongoing

events, such as Thursday Night social games, marathon bridge etc. Your support in these events is vital to maintaining the energy and purpose of our club.

Other events to look forward to in March include the Spring Fling, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Blue Jays game, New Orleans excursion and AGM.

Check our Website for further details.

The Canadian Club finished 2012 with our annual Christmas Dance, organized by Rene Careau and attended by 250 festive revelers. The event proved to be a resounding success.

The hall was appropriately deco-

rated in traditional fashion, creating a most colorful, delightful atmosphere.

A hot buffet meal was appreciated by attendees who were also led in a sing-a-long by members of the On Top of the World chorus. Santa appeared following the meal and drew the following names for the 50/50 draw: D. Paine, Rock Bergeron and Ken Roberts.

Of course, Santa stayed around as many guests posed for photos and made last minute requests for special gifts. Finally, everyone danced the night away to the sounds of DJ Rinaldi. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who made this evening a success.

Study your racing form for trip to Downs on Feb. 27

By Tom Mauro

President

The New York-New Jersey Club held its annual Luau on Jan. 23 with an oriental buffet and live music by Ron and the Classics.

As usual, a fine time was held by all.

In place of our regular meeting on Feb. 27, our club will join the Italian American Club for a trip to Tampa Bay Downs in Oldsmar. There will be a buffet at the Circle Club and a full day of racing.

At this time, I would like to remind New York-New Jersey Club members that I took over the president position on a temporary basis to



NY / NJ Club

keep the club going. The club needs a complete new board, including president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and hospitality chairperson. If we do not get any volunteers, the club cannot continue meeting and all funds in our treasury would have to be donated to a local charity.

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Resident has touched many young lives during almost a century of living

By John Koning

Whenever I have the privilege of interviewing someone in their 98th year, my mind is bursting with questions.

This was the case when I visited with 34-year-resident, Martha Engelhart.

How did a farm girl from Indiana end up here at On Top of the World? What was it like in the early days? How many young women actually teach their fathers how to drive a car, and how on earth does someone drive for 74 years without a single speeding ticket?

Here's what I learned.

Martha's life began in the summer of 1915 in typical rural style. As a child, her duties included gathering eggs each morning, getting corn to the horses and leading them as they pulled hay up into the mow.

One of Martha's earliest memories was that of their farm cat who was quick to relocate her newborn kittens, saving them from burial by hay during the harvest. She can still recall the cat's disgruntled cries as she carried each kitten to safety by the scruff of the neck while casting suspicious glances Martha's way.

As a schoolgirl, Martha recalls a unique opportunity to cut school with her father's blessing. The purpose was to take a 40 mile trip to Indianapolis by Model "T" to see presidential candidate F.D. Roosevelt, who was campaigning in the area. Her plan to play hookie would certainly have met with a different fate if the distinguished visitor had been a Republican.

Martha began playing piano at the age of 9 and dreamed of becoming a music teacher. Although she never taught music, she continues to tickle the ivories to this day. It is easy to see her love of music as her nimble fingers dance across the keys, filling her home



Martha Engelhart and her piano have been making music together for almost 90 years.

(Photo by Sandra Lee-Engelhart)

with happy tunes. Certainly, this must be a factor in her remarkable longevity.

Martha considers the opportunity she was given to attend college to be a significant event in her life. The country was in the grips of depression at the time. Life was hard. Money was scarce, and, for millions of Americans, education was secondary to survival.

From Martha's high school graduating class, only she and another male classmate were able to attend college. Unfortunately, enrollment would have to wait until tuition money could be gathered.

While Martha waited for her collegiate opportunity, she worked as a nanny for a wealthy family who owned

the Gold Medal Flour company. She cared for two, shall we say, "challenging" children.

In some respects it was good training for her future profession as a school teacher. With her first paycheck from the family, Martha upgraded her wardrobe at Ayre's by purchasing a new pair of shoes, a new purse and a new suit complete with a real fur collar for the grand sum of \$12.

Once attrition created an opening for her in the work force, Martha finally landed her dream job teaching grade four and used her first \$100 per month paycheck to buy her mom a new electric wringer-washer.

Martha continued to enlighten

thousands of children with her wit, wisdom and joie de vivre for the next 30 years.

While some teachers might question the impact they've had on the lives of their students, Martha need not wonder. Sometime in her early 90s, Martha received a letter from a former student, who had gone to the trouble of tracking her down. The student thanked her for her tutelage and informed Martha that she was the reason she had also become a teacher.

Charles Caleb Colton said it best, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."

Not long after retiring, while Martha and her husband Ed were in line at Morrison's Cafeteria, in Clearwater, the couple behind them were praising an upstart condominium complex in the area called On Top of the World and encouraged them to have a look. As they passed through the massive front gate, Ed shot Martha a dubious glance and said, "We can't afford to live in a place like this."

Thirty-four years later, it's obvious that Ed was wrong on that count.

Martha has enjoyed watching OTOW grow and evolve. While the orange groves on the west side of Belcher Road and their aromatic blossoms have given way to buildings and traffic, this community we call home has blossomed in terms of activities, and social opportunities.

As she always has, Martha is taking it all in stride. You can see it in her smile and hear it in her infectious laugh.

By the way, Martha did actually teach her dad how to drive their first car after first learning from her boyfriend. Martha's 74 year driving legacy, from Model "T" Ford to Buick Century, concluded 100 percent ticket free and accident free on her 90th birthday.

Now that's something few of us can imitate.

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Cruisin' with the Snowbirds



Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

Do you remember the song "Cruisin'" by Smokey Robinson?

It goes like this:

"Baby, let's cruise away from here. Don't be confused, the way is clear."

These lyrics are a musical description of your Snowbird Club's travel agenda.

During December, the club cruised to Key West and Cozumel, raising money for The American Cancer Society. None of our cruisers paid extra for the cruise. All the money was raised through the generosity of our friends at Advantage Cruises & Tours, who donated all of their profits.

Our cruisers came home long enough to shower and change before heading off on two more cruises. The first was a Christmas lights cruise in Punta Gorda and the second was a lights and sights cruise of Tampa Bay aboard the Yacht Starship.

Don't despair if you missed them. There are several more cruises on the horizon.

In February, we set sail for the eastern Caribbean aboard the magnificent Ruby Princess with stops at Prin-



A few Snowbirds Club cruisers pose for a memory photo aboard Yacht Starship.

(OTOW News photo by Ed Foland)

cess Cays, St. Maarten, St Thomas and Grand Turks.

We'll spend Valentine's Day cruising through the W.P. Franklin Locks and the historic Tice Railroad Bridge on the Caloosahatchee River with its tropical vegetation and beautiful homes.

In March we're off to San Fran-

cisco and the islands of Hawaii. We will stop at four of the most spectacular islands in this tropical archipelago.

In April, we'll embark on two more cruises. First we'll cruise Tampa Bay aboard Yacht Starship to watch the Blue Angels and then we're Bermuda bound aboard the stunning MSC Poesia for seven glorious days.

Finally, we'll escape the summer heat when we sail round-trip from Seattle to Alaska, visiting Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Fjord, Juneau and exploring Skagway and Victoria, British Columbia.

Does it sound too good to be true? It is, unless you've signed up to come cruisin' with us!

First meeting draws big crowd

By Jim Sundberg

The first meeting of the New Year for the On Top of the World Stamp Club was well attended last month.

We will continue to hold regular monthly meetings 1 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month through May in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. The dates are Feb. 19, March 19, April 16 and May 21.

I'm available for questions and



Stamp Club

help at anytime you need it. Give me a call at 847-951-2284.

Hope to see you on Feb. 19!

Bowlers needed

The On Top of the World Ladies Bowling League is looking for new bowlers. If you are interested, call Jackie at 499-6813 or Geri at 799-9052.

Bowling

Ladies Bowling League

High Games (Oct-Dec)

Barb Harkins 181-167-491; Loretta Macaluso 171-161-152; Sherry Ohl 166; Mary Hoyt 160-157; Geri Corcoran 179-175-451; Eva Akakpo-Martin 181; Eileen Bekofske 160-155-155; Sally Shevlin 156; Mary Kenelly 153-150; Nancy House 177-172-153-152-155-460 and 489; Mary Marker 150-155-160; Liz Buckley 152-154; Shirley Bowers 180-189-452; Cathy Faulkner 154; Loni Bentley 168; Mary Beth Hufty 182-156-166-153; Alicia Veras 168; Jackie Kail 157-191-170-

164-160.

Splits Converted

Barb Harkins 3-7-10; Isabelle Huston 5-7, 3-10, 5-10; Nancy Kennedy 3-10, 3-10, 6-7-10.

Liz Buckley 5-6; Nancy House 5-10; Sally Shevlin 3-10; Mary Kenelly 3-10; Madeline Nawrocky 2-7; Glenda Greeman 5-7, 5-7; Loretta Macaluso 4-5-7-10.

We have openings for new bowlers. If you are interested, call Jackie at 499-6813 or Geri at 799-9052.

ENTERTAINMENT



Hazel
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Chairperson

Make your February plans

We start the month on Feb. 7 with The Sounds of Soul upscale staging of Motown hits and beyond.

On Feb. 9, we have a band, "Rusty Trumpet" new to On Top of the World for our Valentine's Dance.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m., The Golden Line Dancers will present show-stopping songs in their free 45-minute performance at the EAC.

Feb. 21 brings us New Odyssey's Show filled with music and zaniness.

And, on Feb. 23, at our President's Dance, Rebound's back for your dancing pleasure.



First Dance of the 2013 Season

Kicks off the Fun Is Back Theme

The first Dance of the season "Winterfest," brought back the fun. But the surprise came as At Large's first set closed down, Lotte and Tim played "Celebration" and a "flash mob" came out from all sides of the dance floor and surrounded Hazel and a song and dance challenge emerged as shouts of "Celebration, We're gonna have a good time!" rang out. Hazel joined each of the challenges, getting down with John Kannaly, and all laughing that they might not be able to get back up. While we couldn't capture it all in pictures, here are a few more of the people who made it special.

It was all a surprise to Hazel, who was delighted by the show of affection by the participants. Hazel surprised the crowd in return by bringing back the birthday and anniversary book to the Chair's Table, and adding a "fancy candelabra."

People were delighted with the idea of being eligible to win a prize when they purchased a ticket for any event. In short the fun of the first show, carried over to the first dance and the first Sunday event and it's fair to say that the New Year is off to a great start. With Valentine's Day approaching, who knows what kind of love-fest might occur.



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MARCH 7 - Show - JOEY DEE

MARCH 9 - Dance - BUMP IN THE ROAD

MARCH 10 - Sunday in the Park - BARBERSHOP

MARCH 21 - Show - CARPENTERS TRIBUTE

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SPORTS

Committees keep golf league moving smoothly

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association relies on numerous committees to keep their league running smoothly from season to season.

One of the most time-consuming committees to be on is the Tournament and Handicap Committee. The members this season are Diane Moxley, Sherry Ivey, Trish Birch, Pat Cassidy and Linda Rice.

After each Tuesday tournament, two lucky ladies record every hole of every golfer into the league's computer. They then tabulate the winners in each flight, print out the list, and post the results.

They also have to record scores for individual handicaps, which are recalculated once a month.

Not finished yet, they also make up the teams for the next week's tournament, print it out and post it.

Sounds like quite a bit of work, and it is!

I noticed one league member on three different committees. When I asked her why so many committees, she quickly replied, "So I don't have to be on the Tournament and Handicap Committee."



Trish Burch is ready to record scores into computer.

Shufflers are enjoying the start of the new year by being outdoors and taking in our beautiful Florida weather.

If you are interested in playing shuffleboard, come and join us.

For more information, call Marge at 797-0625.

The following people won three games to end 2012.

November

1: Kasy Linkenwitz, Bob Rittner.

5: Kasy Linkenwitz, Bob Rittner, Joe Gora.

8: Jose Pereira, Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson, Marge Sivek.

12: Bob Rittner, Ray Scott, Joe Gora, Virginia Butler.

15: Jose Pereira.

19: Marge Sivek.

26: Paul Santacroce, Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson.

29: Paul Santacroce, Doreen Paine, Larry Henderson.

Ladies 18-Hole

Upcoming events

Feb: 5, Jack and Jill (rain date Feb. 12).

Feb. 13, General Meeting, 9:30 WAC Sunrise Room.

March 5 and 12, Handicap and Championship Tournament.

March 27, Spring Luncheon at Dunedin Country Club.

April 2, Rally for the Cure Tournament.

Cookbooks are still for sale. If you would like to purchase one, contact any officer.

Tournament Results

Dec. 18

Flight A - Low Gross - Pat Eastman. Low Net - Val Varnell.

Flight B - Low Gross - Cindy Schell. Low Net - Eileen McKown, Diane Moxley.

Flight C - Low Gross - Donia Stadler. Low Net - Jill Orchard.

Flight D - Low Gross - Nancy McCall, Sue Morse. Low Net - Arlene Hanson.

Shuffleboard

December

3: Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson.

6: Kasy Linkenwitz, Charlie McKague, Larry Henderson.

10: Kasy Linkenwitz, Paul Santacroce, Doris Brown, Charlie McKague, Bridget Dwyer.

13: Kasy Linkenwitz, Doreen Paine, Larry Henderson.

17: Doreen Paine.

20: Doris Brown.

27: Kasy Linkenwitz, Bob Rittner.

The Ladies 9-Hole and 18-Hole Golf Associations are planning another fun day as they host the 16th annual Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament on April 2. This will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun scramble and a 5 p.m. chicken parmesan dinner (BYOB) with raffles and prizes. A \$20 donation for golf and dinner is requested. Dinner tickets alone are \$7 and you can bring a guest. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For more information, contact Arlene Hanson at 475-8253.

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SPORTS

Flight Tournament begins Feb. 19 and takes place over two rounds

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

A new year is underway and we have had a good turnout of golfers.

Let's keep it going ladies!

Our Little Guys & Dolls Tournament had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The following are our weekly awards.

December 18

Flight A – Ellen Gilbert, Gilda Gambacurta & Connie Saylor.

Flight B – Jean Norris, Alice Wilson & Fran Pitman.

Flight C – No golfers.

Flight D – Hilda Platte, Bonnie Glover & Pat Palladino.

Birdies – Connie Saylor on No. 2, Bonnie Glover on No. 4 and Gilda Gambacurta on Nos. 3 and 5.

January 8

Flight A – Laypa Buck, Ellen Gilbert, Ann Stewart and Gilda Gambacurta.

Flight B – Carol Kapoor, Jean Norris and Dorothy Ryan.

Flight C – Hilda Platte and Barbara Sensale.

Flight D – Verona Titus & Pat

Ladies 9-Hole

Kent.

Birdies – Connie Saylor on No. 6 and Dorothy Ryan on No. 5.

February brings us Valentine's Day, as well as our Flight Tournament scheduled for Feb. 19 and 26. A sign-up sheet for this event will be posted on the bulletin board at the nine-hole golf course. Remember, you must play both days of this tournament. Tournament winners will be announced at our Spring Luncheon in April.

Good luck to everyone!

All golfers must sign in and draw a tee time for the following week. Tee times are posted on the side window of the little house, so before you leave the course, check the sheet to be sure of your tee time in case there had to be a change.

If you know you will not be golfing, but have signed up for a tee time, please contact Marge Jacobs 386-0414 or Verona Titus 796-7365 to let them



Picture above are the 2012-2013 Ladies Nine-Hole Golf Officers. From left to right are Nancy Parlato, treasurer; Mary Ann O'Neil, president; Char Flach, secretary; and Connie Saylor, vice president.

know you will not be playing. This helps to prevent confusion at the window.

Remember to support your so-

cial committee by taking a chance on our monthly 50/50 raffle the last play day of every month. It only costs \$1 and you could win a bunch!

Jack & Jill event is Feb. 5

Club championship Feb. 27-28

Men's Golf

This event is planned for Feb. 5 with a rain date of Feb. 12. Please sign up early to ensure a spot.

Our regular monthly tournament will be held on Feb. 20 and it will be "Three Clubs and a Putter." This is always a fun day with food and beverages after golf.

We will be having our annual Club Championship Tournament on Feb. 27 and 28. There will be no league play, only members signed up for the Championship will play. Rain dates are March 6 and 7.

We will be playing under a new format this year. Two days play with a total score. All will play both days. Low gross will be crowned Club Champion. Low net will be Low Net Champion.

The lowest net scores in each flight (A thru D) will be Flight Champions. Each flight will also have a runner-up.

Please keep your eyes on the scoreboard for more information and make sure you sign up for the tournament. Everyone plays and anyone can win. You will be competing against golfers in your own flight. Remember to play by our rules and be considerate of your fellow golfers. Enjoy your time on our wonderful course.



Five aces at OTOW

By Dominic Contorno

Congratulations to John Maloof for a hole-in-one on No. 15 on Jan. 6.

John was playing with Ada Culbertson and April Glenn when he scored the ace. He used a 9-iron and it was his sixth career hole-in-one – fifth at On Top of the World.

Has anyone had more than five here? Let us know.



SPORTS

Top four places in standings separated by only four points

The Thursday League continues to grow, new players show up every week and the play has become very competitive.

Week Six champion was Gary Bronson. Second place was won by Dennis Smith and third place was taken home by Steve Lewis. The big surprise of the week was the skins game. Pete Dominguez, with a chip in on hole 12, won the only skin. This is the first time this has happened. Congratulations to Pete!

In Week Seven, Dave Pittenger turned in an excellent round and took first place. Don Leamy placed second and Bill Gambacurta was third. Steve Lewis captured two skins. Ada Culbertson, Dave Pittenger, Paul Meyers and Don Baker had one skin each.

Thursday Golf

Bruce MacPherson won a tie-breaker and was Week Eight champion. Paul Farrell place second and Barry Levene took third. Don Leamy won two skins. Dutch Michael and Dan Hyden each had one skin.

Week Nine saw Dennis Smith take first place with an impressive win. Dutch Michael took second place and JT Norris finished a strong third. Vic Ruggiero won two skins. Jack Huerter won his skin with an eagle on Hole 14. Allen Pier, Alan Teal, Kim Norried and Dennis Smith all had one skin each.

The points race for the league championship is heating up and ev-

eryone is still chasing leader Mike LaViolette, who has 19 points. Dennis Smith jumped into second place with 18 points. Don Leamy and Paul Farrell have 17 each.

Ian Miller, Gary Bronson, Paul Meyers, Dennis Trauffer and Bruce MacPherson are the next closest pursuers with 15 points each.

The league champion is determined by steady play and accumulation of weekly points. Seven points are awarded for a first place finish. Five points are awarded to a second place finish and three points goes to a third place finish. One point is given for each week's play.

The league welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are encouraged to

join. The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Anyone wishing to try the league before joining is welcome to do so. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign in starts at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Hits are more productive when there are men on base

By Don Grabowski

This is a follow-up on my last column.

Many of our outfielders are former infielders, moved to the outfield because our league needs outfielders.

In our league, an infield fly ball is not the same as an outfield fly. I speak from experience. Usually, an infield fly is straight up. A fielder needs little movement, side to side, up or back, to make the play.

Outfielders need more versatility to play the ball. Our infielders-turned-outfielders are adjusting to the play. Some of the younger players have already adjusted. Others are still adjusting. In any case, the only comment better than "Nice Hit" is "Nice Catch."

CODY'S RESTAURANT 10 OTOW 9

A close game, Cody's won in the last inning.

The winners scored three runs in that inning. They were led by Bill Arkins with five hits, Bob Stoddard

Softball

and Tony Caputo with four hits each. Hugh Quirk, Joe Farrell and Joe Malley each had three hits.

The losers had their hitters, too. Lenny Seagal had four hits, Carm Costa, Bob Fields and Keith Law all had three each. Although outhit 25 to 19, OTOW kept the game close.

CODY'S 15 TOMMY'S PRODUCE 13

Another close one goes to Cody's.

Cody's victory was led by Bob Fields and Bob Rittner who each had a home run. In addition, each had five hits.

Ken Farber and Guy Bertuzzi had five hits, too.

Tommy's players just couldn't match their opponents offense. Greg Zimmer had a home run in his five hits. Bill Arkins, Tony Caputo and Hugh Quirk contributed with four hits each.

TOMMY'S PRODUCE 12 OTOW 9

Tommy's Produce held OTOW scoreless in the first four innings. Steady defense by all Tommy players did the trick.

Keith Law had a home run for the winners. Helping with three hits each were Lenny Seagal, Guy Bertuzzi, Hugh Quirk and Frank Schlotter.

For Tommy's Produce, Bob Rittner helped himself with a home run and three other hits. Teammates Pat Kennedy, Joe Malley, Tony Caputo and Van Farber had three hits each.

Once again, it was a close and interesting game. Looking over the score sheets for this month's games, it appears the players did not wake up until the last few innings. That is when they scored all the runs.

OTOW 13 TOMMY'S PRODUCE 5

OTOW players hit with men on base and that was the difference. To Tommy's had 22 hits to OTOW's

21. Timing was the key difference.

For the winners, Bob Stoddard had five hits, including a home run. Bill Arkins, Joe Malley and Trevor Dixon all had four hits each.

For the losers, Lenny Seagal had three hits, including a home run. Carm Costa, Jim Hall and Bill Bennett all had four hits each.

When a team hits with men on base, the win looks easy. It wasn't.

CODY'S 12 SCOTT'S PHARMACY 10

Cody's just out-played Scott's Pharmacy.

Leading Cody's to the win were Bob Rittner and Lenny Seagal with five hits each. Greg Zimmer had four hits.

In spite of Bill Arkins' three home runs, Scott's could do no better than score 10 runs. Guy Bertuzzi had five hits, followed by Joe Malley and Keith Law with four hits each.

A great hitting day for Scott's, but still ended up in a loss. There are days like that.

SPORTS



From left to right are Mary Spearman, Joe Doire, Maureen Doire, Denny Balderson, Reva Heymann, Hugo Orantes, John Fier, Terry Wittman, Andy Suhar, Christine Sapienza, Barb Sundberg and Tony Baker.

Fourteen teams compete in tournament which featured players from men's and women's pool leagues

Twenty-eight players formed 14 teams as the Men's Billiards Club and the Que'T Billiards Club combined for a Guys and Dolls Scotch Doubles Tournament on Jan. 17.

The tournament began with seven teams representing the East Side and seven teams representing the West Side. After the preliminary rounds were completed, East and West teams faced each other in a playoff for positions.

The team of Denny Balderson and Maureen Doire took first place with the team of Andy Suhar and Christine Sapienza the runners-up.

Third place went to the team of Tony Baker and Barb Sundberg. Fourth place went to Joe Doire and Mary Spearman. Fifth place went to John Fier and Terry Wittman. Sixth place went to Hugo Orantes and Reva Heymann.

Many volunteers from the men's club and

women's club contributed to making this tournament possible. Some of those volunteers were Tony Esposito, Andy Suhar, Gene Baranowski and Gail DuCharme. Will Schafer and his partner were the scorekeepers, and Ed Solivan was the referee.

The next Guys and Dolls Tournament will take place Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. All members from both clubs are invited to participate.

Year starts with tournament



On Tuesday, Jan. 15, the first nine-ball tournament took place in the new year. After 11 games in a round-robin format, a playoff game was held between Ian Hunter and Bob Eads. Ian, left, took first place and Bob placed second. A strong field existed in this very popular 9-ball tournament, which is held each Tuesday starting promptly at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiards Room. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and challenge of this tournament.

Que-Ts name new officers

The Que'T Ladies Billiards Club met on Jan. 2 to approve revision of by-laws and constitution and elect officers for the current year.

New officers, whose position run March to March, are: Becky Balderson, president; Helen Crombie, vice president; Elizabeth Assetta, treasurer; Rashanee Turner, secretary; Penny Page, reporter; Members at Large Kay Mahoney, Reva Heymann and Jean Doane.

Come join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center. All On Top of the

World women are welcome and there is no need to know the game when you first come. We are lucky enough to have wonderful coaches, who patiently spend time helping us learn this fun game.

When you come to play, you will meet some wonderful, talented, funny women, who will welcome you into the group and you will soon feel like you've been playing forever.

Our first Guys and Dolls Tournament was so successful that we decided to do it every month. Check out the highlights on this page.

MEN'S BILLIARDS

Allen Pier ends year, starts year with wins

Allen Pier picked up a pair of victories in Monday Night Men's 8-Ball Round Robin action.

Last year ended with Allen defeating Denny Balderson for first place in the A Flight. Andy Suhar took third place. The current year started with Allen defeating Jim Anzalone in the finals. There was a tie for third between Hugo Orantes and Norm Theriault.

In the B Flight, John Shearer was the final winner of 2012. Gene Baranowski was second and Joe Ventimiglia was third. On Jan. 14, Gene Baranowski stepped up for the win, Mario Rodriguez

was second and Ray Q. was third.

The men also held two Thursday Night 8-Ball Scotch Doubles Tournaments. Tony Baker and his partner won on Dec. 27. Gene Baranowski and his partner were second, and Allen Pier and his partner were third. Joe Doire and his partner won on Dec. 20. Joe Ventimiglia and Bill Robertson were runners-up. Allen Pier and Gene Baranowski were third.

A reminder, make sure the club reporter gets full names of everyone who plays on every night - even guests must supply their full names.

Despite a busy schedule, Beth Kendall finds time to direct OTOW Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstick

If you are a fan (and I hope you are) of the On Top of the World Chorus, you have seen our vivacious and enthusiastic director, Beth Kendall, in action.

There is so much more about her that should interest you.

Beth grew up in Memphis, Tenn., the daughter of a Presbyterian minister.

At the age of 6 she began piano lessons and at age 10 she was going around to several Sunday School classes to accompany their hymn singing. She began organ lessons at age 12.

During her high school years, Beth had not yet considered music as a career choice, so she entered college intending to become a math teacher. It was not until her mid-30s when, after being inspired by her church choir director and organist, she went back to college for courses in music.

Playing the carillon is another of Beth's musical accomplishments. On first hearing, she was not sure she liked the sound, but when the Church of the Ascension, where she is a member, employed a new organist/choir director who also played the carillon, she came to appreciate the unique beauty of the bells and wanted to play them herself.

Beth has played at the Church of the Ascension, Bok Tower, and while visiting the Holy Land on tour



OTOW Chorus Director Beth Kendall

with her pastor, she had the privilege of playing the carillon in Jerusalem - which is the only instrument of its

kind in the Middle East.

Beth currently lives in Palm Harbor with husband, Jim. They have



Chorus

three children and nine grandchildren - No. 10 will arrive this month. She has 23 piano students, is a substitute/interim organist for several churches in the area, and is already booked for half of 2013.

She is also on-call with various schools to accompany musical groups.

All of this and she still makes time for OTOW residents, who have always enjoyed singing and want to continue.

Beth was the Chorus accompanist for the Holiday Concert of 2003 and became director in the spring of 2004. We hope she remains for many years to come.

If you love to sing, come to a rehearsal Monday mornings at 10 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Meet Beth and receive a warm welcome from her and Chorus members!

We are preparing for our Spring Concert April 6 and 7.

Beth's love of music is summed up in these words: "Music is what feelings sound like."

Six newly-trained bowlers join club

By Bob Laplante

January saw a return to a full schedule of social and tournament bowling.

Each Monday afternoon, players can be seen in their "whites" playing in a new mini-tournament format. In keeping with the aim of providing something for everyone, the club has added a weekly mini-tournament to its schedule which permits members to compete as a team while making a commitment for only the subsequent Monday afternoon.

The Monday morning session continues to be social bowling open to any member who shows up to play.

The Mixed Pairs tournament, coordinated by Hal Jacobsen, was held over two days in mid-January. The two

Lawn Bowling

names going on the trophy are Marj Kells and Dave Murray. The runners up were Lorne Reid and Brooke Reid. Congratulations to all who participated.

The Robbie Burns Tournament was held on Jan. 17, which added a little twist to the usual. Robbie Burns is a famous Scott poet, who penned "Ode to a Haggis."

Robbie made a good point supporting the Scottish dish as superior. Here in the United States, it is not seen as a staple and is hard to come by. As

a compromise (a true Scott may say abdication), the Lawn Bowling social committee substituted a pizza lunch following the tournament. The largest turnout of the year may suggest that if Robbie were with us today, he may just wish to pen, "Ode to a Pizza."

Thanks to Pat Murray and her crew for the great lunch and to Hal Jacobsen for the coordination of the play.

Congratulations to newly trained bowlers who have joined the club. They include Rita Levene, Barry Levene, Rick McLauchlan, Brenda McLauchlan, Margo Smith and Charlie Wright. Welcome to the world of Lawn Bowling.

The Past Presidents' Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday,

Feb. 27. In keeping with the objective of having a fun time, the theme is Calypso Carnavale, so dress for a visit to a Caribbean Island or plan to "play" Carnavale by wearing an individual or club theme costume.

Tickets for this event are available to members and non-members at a cost of \$24. The menu is posted on the club bulletin board with tickets available at the rink or by contacting Wendy Colquhoun at 723-7504.

February will see two trophy tournaments - the Canadian Club triples and the 4-3-2-1 Triples. Members are encouraged to sign-up early for these events. To play in the Canadian Club Tournament, players must be members of both the Canadian Club and the OTOW Lawn Bowls Club.

Do you recognize this young lady?



Guess Who

By Lill Cervinka

This beautiful lady is originally from Pennsylvania and lived in New York City before moving to On Top Of the World.

Married 21 years to Richard (a 6-foot, 3-inch guy they called "Tiny") she has two sons, Russell and Eugene.

Tiny passed on before she moved to OTOW.

She was a recording artist and performer.

In 1958, United Nations Headquarters asked her to go to the Gaza Strip to entertain the United Nations Emergency Force for Christmas.

She has been living at OTOW since 1989.

Today she keeps busy being a reporter for her building and walking her dog.

We all know Clare Pebworth as the reporter in the Espana Building.



Our Guess Who featured person is seen here with two army officers in India.

Plans coming together for dinner dance and annual St. Patrick's Day parade

By Mary Skaarer

Our first show of the year starring Cahal Dunn and George Casey was a huge success packing the East Activity Center with wall to wall people.

What a delight to observe all these people enjoying themselves.

Theory has it that laughter and song are good for the soul and we certainly proved it at this show.

We can hardly wait until next year as Cahal will return again.

Big thank you to all the helpers (you know who you are) who worked so hard to make it all come together. Thanks so much for all this assist.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:



Irish Club

Feb. 14, EAC, 7p.m. – Ken McBride – wonderful singer and pianist. This promises to be another wonderful show. BYOB, ice and setups will be supplied. \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members.

"It's a great day for the Irish coming up in March." Our very own St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held

on March 9 starting at 10 a.m. "Many hands make light work."

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 5-9:30 p.m. in the EAC. \$25 per person. Chicken or corned beef with all the trimmings will be served. BYOB, ice and setups will be provided. Music will be by Tommy Goodwin and Sharon.

Next parade meetings will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 and 19 at 4 p.m. downstairs in the EAC across from the library.

All tickets and membership are available every Monday and Thursday at the Irish Club desk, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Italian class starts Thursdays on Jan. 10 through April 25 starting at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center lower card room.

For more information, call 669-2512 or 286-6051.

Free dance lesson for Valentine's Day

Here's your chance to get a free dance lesson before Valentine's Day.

Ballroom dance instructor Corinne Rungo is offering her Tuesday, Feb. 5 class for free.

Corinne instructs On Top of the World residents from 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center auditorium, but this special class will be free of charge. You will learn as you dance and you will get ready for the big day!

Bonesavers

Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

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.

Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Work off those holiday cookies

Have fun, stay fit and get healthy! Join us at the 8 a.m. exercise class 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 we add music to our daily 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.

Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weightlifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

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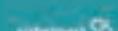
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Sugar N' Spice is a No. 5. long-hair Chihuahua.

She is 9 years old and lives with owner Gloria Lindley in the Old World Spanish building people. She thinks she is

Sugar is a companion service dog and goes to nursing homes and hospitals. She loves

a person.

She will tell us when to go to bed and when to turn her dish around so she can reach her food.

She is featured with pi-

anist Dino Kartsonaski on Utube.

This photo was taken at the grand opening of our doggie park.

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





On Top of the World residents exit their Escot Bus Service charter at the main entrance of the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

Holiday Lights contest winners pampered for a day



During a tour of the Spa, residents were shown an exercise room filled with treadmills. It didn't take long for some of them to give the treadmills a try.
(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

2012 *Holiday Lights Contest*

By Doug Kates

At one point, there were more than 30 On Top of the World residents roaming the hallways at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa - and most of them were wearing bath robes.

Some residents were headed to one of the pools. Some were headed to the whirlpools. Some were going to the gym or sauna.

Other were getting ready for a fitness class, were preparing for a massage, or signing up for facials and manicures.

As one resident said, "I feel like I'm on a cruise ship."

On Sunday, Jan. 21, residents from the Monaco Building and French Renaissance I Building received their prize for winning the 2012 Holiday Lights Contest sponsored by the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, and Escot Bus Service.

The morning started with an Escot bus pulling in front of the Monaco Building and residents and guests boarding. Then the bus pulled in front

of the French Renaissance Building to pick up the remaining winners. This year's contest finished in a tie for first place between the two buildings - which happen to be neighbors.

Rumor has it, the residents sang "The wheels on the bus go round and round" during the trip to Safety Harbor.

At the Spa, prize-winning residents used many of the facilities for free and received a discount on special services.

"The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa was pleased to host the Holiday Lights reward trip for the residents of On Top of the World," said Denise Burkart, Spa sales manager. "Once the residents arrived, they received access to our 50,000 square foot health and wellness spa. Everyone ended their day with our delicious Sunday Brunch!"

The Spa is considering a shuttle service from OTOW if there is enough interest. Escot already provides daily transportation to the Hard Rock Casino.

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Former Dodger booster is now a dedicated Rays fan

Hello from Rila Renaissance. This reporter, at 70 years old, received an unusual and unique gift recently.

I opened a wrapped box one morning not long ago and it was a baseball glove! I was so excited, like a little child. I also received two tickets to a Ray/Phillies spring training game at nearby Bright House Field.

When I was a child in Brooklyn, I was a Brooklyn Dodger fan. When the team moved to California, I felt betrayed and I never took an interest in baseball again.

My husband Bill was always a Yankee fan, but I still showed no interest in baseball. I did go to some of the Yankee games with him but never was crazy about the team.

Five years ago, we retired to Florida. As the Rays team started to have a chance for the playoffs in 2008, my husband Bill started to take an interest and I started to watch also. I found the team fun and interesting. My husband started teaching me the fundamentals of baseball like a passed ball or a wild pitch, etc.

When the Rays made the 2008 World Series, we rooted for them. Now I am one of those crazy, diehard fans. People tease me that I am a traitor for



not cheering for the Yankees but I was never a fan in the first place.

I have Ray's hats, shirts and now a glove. We now enjoy going to the Rays games as much as possible. I always joked that I needed a glove to help me keep the foul balls away from my face and head. So if you see a senior in the yard learning how to catch the ball in the glove, it's me!

News from the building captain, Gerri Jaeger:

I asked that all bicycles be marked with the apartment number by Jan. 31. The people using the room are having a problem getting in and out of it because it is so congested. If you do not want your bicycle, please let me know so we can donate to a needy child.



Rila Renaissance reporter and ardent Tampa Bay Rays fan Arlene Bergen proudly shows off the baseball glove (her first) that she received as a gift. (Photo by Bill Bergen)

Whatever bicycles were not marked by the end of January will be donated. Thanks for your cooperation.

We hope all of you have a Happy Valentine's Day and a great President's Day weekend celebration.

Periodically check the bulletin board for important messages from the building captain or the Service Department. If you have any news for the column, please drop a note in the mailbox under the bulletin board.

Reporter's son is new Pa. representative

Many of us here at New World French were fortunate to have guests or to go visiting recently.

Ron and Bev Huber's son, Michael spent a happy week with them. Connie Saylor's son, Michael, surprised her at her birthday celebration at Island Way when he approached her as if to serve her a glass of wine but saying "Happy Birthday."

It had been two years since they had been together.

Judy Boley made a visit to her sister-in-law Eunice, while Ralph Wells drove to Georgia to be with his son, Scott, and family.

Ginny Tousignant flew to Minnesota to be with her children.

I am certain that those lucky enough to have relatives and good friends here or nearby had sumptuous repasts and good times, too.

All have returned to On Top of the World and are ready for the New Year.

As for me, I flew to Philadelphia (airfare a gift from my 10 children) that I might enjoy what is known to us as the "Wing Ding." This annual auspicious occasion began nearly 50 years ago when my eight older children were in their preteens.

I announced that particular year that we would have a party and that they could choose the menu. Little did



I realize just what would be chosen. It consisted of chips and dips, fudge, and penuche, cookies and ice cream, and the staple of life, M&M's.

To be sure, the next year we had more nutritional food such as baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit salad as well as all the sweets.

Games became an integral part of the festivities. We especially enjoyed the "500" completion. The winning couple would be the recipient of a loving cup filled with M&M's and which would be engraved with their names and which was to be shared for a year. When my husband and I moved to OTOW 16 years ago, the older children took turns hosting this get together.

Six years ago it was decided that we were too many and began renting large hunting lodges.

When I arrived in Philly this year it was a whirlwind of visiting different homes and having different meals. During the course of the weeks, I was able to see all 10 of my own children as well as 12 of my 17 grandchildren and 10 of my 14 great-grandchildren.

As far as I am concerned I choose the better place to live and can do without the snow as well as the cold, which we experienced.

The highlight of the trip was to attend the swearing-in of my son, John, as the state representative for his district. This was done in the state capitol of Harrisburg, Pa. (He had deposed a representative who had held office for 32 years, which was quite a feat.) The building was simply awesome! I suggest that we all should visit our own state capitol building.

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Bob Reis, President

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The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

How do these OTOW lovers celebrate Valentine's Day?

As we get ready for Valentine's Day, I thought that it might be interesting to find out how my neighbors celebrate the holiday or what they particularly like to do when this special occasion arrives.

Ed Stefan likes to give candy and Vic Sbordon likes to receive chocolate. Jean Smith and Jo Settle like to receive flowers. Lanni Trahan likes to get a single rose and go out for breakfast.

Louise Smith likes to go out for dinner and get cards. Phyllis Schwartz likes to get cards and flowers. Ken Rose always buys his wife a blouse of some kind for Valentine's Day. Margie Meyer says that a card makes her happy.

Carol Babini appreciates anything that Dennis buys her since this is an extra special occasion for them. It is their anniversary!

The Frenchs like to exchange special cards and then go out for dinner. The Mullets and Maisolles like to celebrate by going out for dinner only. Jan Jacobs likes to get mail from her friends and relatives. Janet Mathews likes to go out for dinner if she can find someone to go with her.

Tony Limosani vows that he won't argue with his wife on Cupid Day, and Linda Carter is hoping that her apartment is put together again as



Casa Verde

good as new. Jean Wilson would like to take a trip to the Holy Land with her church.

Bill and Madeline Nichols go "green" as they do on every holiday. They have cards stored for every holiday in the year. Then when the day arrives, such as Valentine's Day, they take out the appropriate cards and reread them and enjoy them for another year. (I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Hallmark hope that this isn't a trend that others plan to copy in the future!)

A few told me that they didn't do anything special since they get what they want when they want it. I suggest that they help the economy and spend a little to make someone very happy. This is just a hint to my husband as well as the others.

Their romp in the pool was hotter than expected

Romance is still alive and well! Wow it's going to be Valentine's Day already.

Thinking about it, an old story comes to mind, regarding a couple that lives here in our building. I would like to share it with you all.

This couple, whom I know quite well, was looking forward to a weekend alone, since their children would be away for that time. They were planning a very romantic weekend as well.

They had a swimming pool in their backyard which was very private. The couple decided they would love to swim in the "buff" together.

So, they put up some oil lanterns all around the yard to give the yard some ambiance. After they lit all the lanterns, they went into the house to take their clothes off. They then proceeded to run across the yard to get in the pool. Needless to say they forgot to take any towels along.

Oh, they were having a grand old time, trying not to make too much noise as to not have their neighbors alerted.

They continued to chase each other around the pool, when all of a sudden one of them noticed a flash outside the pool. When they stopped



French Renaissance I

and looked, it seemed the lanterns fell over and their lawn was on fire.

The woman of the couple was worried, since their next door neighbor was a volunteer fireman and she was afraid he would run right over and she was um, indisposed at the moment.

Without towels or anything to cover themselves, they both ran into the house, got dressed and ran out to put out the fire.

I will tell you this, when they told us this story we laughed and laughed. The end of this story is when the children came home they wanted to know who "burnt" their backyard.

Aww, don't you just love romance!

Happy Valentine's Day!

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My mission in this month's newsletter is to spark a renewed sense of obligation, a new season of service... to hopefully bring about an environment where we can once again share some good times as neighbors and friends. We've just got to get our act together.

Ahhh, February. A short month with a lot going on: Groundhog

Day, Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, National Tooth Fairy Thursday, Laugh and Get Rich Friday, Do a Grouch a Favor Saturday, and Super Bowl Sunday.

February is also host to National Chocolate Covered Nuts Monday, President's Day, and Valentine's Day. And for those interested, the Academy Awards are this month too.

Ever question what you should be thankful for? If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of the world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not survive this day at all.

If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of almost one billion people in the world today.

If you can attend a church or synagogue without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are envied by and more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you can read this column, you are more blessed than two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

On a more personal note, it's the tortoise life for me. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal. A whale swims all day, eats only fish, drinks water, and is fat. A rabbit runs and hops (and does other "stuff") and only lives 15 years. A tortoise doesn't run, does nothing, and lives for 450 years. And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so. I'm retired. Go around me!

Resident busy performing in area operas

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Also, Ash Wednesday is on the 13th.

Presidents' Day is on the 18th (in case you want to buy a new mattress. I don't know why Presidents' Day is associated with bedding sales...)

Stella Zambalis will perform the lead role in Puccini's Tosca with the St. Petersburg Opera Feb. 1, 3 and 5 at the Palladium in St. Petersburg. The performances on the 1st and 5th will be evening events, and the one on the 3rd will be a matinee.

Also, Stella will portray Julia Child in the modern opera Bon Appétit. This opera is based on one of Julia Child's episodes from her famous TV cooking show, "The French Chef." The first performance will be Feb. 22 at the TECO Theater in the Straz Center.

All successive performances will be in March, on dates not yet established. Look for more about this in my March column.



I received a brief e-mail from Dieter and Gerlinde Steinacker, extending their best wishes to all in 2013. It's always nice to hear from our German friends and neighbors.

Dick and Charlotte Smedley visited friends and family in Maryland and New Jersey recently. Charlotte said their 7- and 9-year-old grandsons

finished a successful football season and were very proud.

Upon their return, Charlotte and Dick went to Gasparilla Island (south of Sarasota) where some of the Bush family lives, and had a great time.

John and Marilyn Jernberg visited family in Minnesota recently. They were able to get together with Marilyn's three siblings whom she hadn't seen for some time. Their visit included attending their great-granddaughter's sixth birthday. John says they really enjoyed the cold and snow (ha-ha).

Helen Peters' grandson Andy came down from Moline, Ill., to visit his family. He attended several family gatherings and a Buccaneers game while here. Andy is a 2003 graduate of West Point and was a captain while in the U.S. Army. A very nice young man.

Stay warm. Remember, summer is only four months away.

WANTED: OTOW Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job, which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.



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Pizza party will precede meeting

It's February already. Where does the time go?

Seems like everyone is back into the swing of things. New shows, clubs are up and going, plus most everyone has returned from up North.

On Friday, Feb. 8, from 5-10 p.m. in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center, Building 34 will have a pizza party, with a meeting to follow. This meeting is informing people of the upcoming year's activities. One of the items of discussion is the cleaning of the storage rooms. So everyone come on over and enjoy.

The Jesters show is Jan. 15, 16 and 17, so get your tickets. You might see someone from our building in the show!

Presidents day, Mardi Gras and Valentine Day are this month, so there is plenty to enjoy. So tip your hat to all our former presidents and good luck to our new one. Have a drink to celebrate Mardi Gras (and enjoy the last one till after Lent).

Finally, find a friend or someone with whom your heart desires to share a dinner, night out, just to be with and have a Happy Valentine's Day!

'Who Am I' is former British Army sergeant

The New Year got off to a good start on Twelfth Night for yours truly with a party for her friends and a few relatives.

There were 17 of us crowded into a small entry and dining room despite the baby grand and long dining set. We enjoyed the singing of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" under the leadership of Margaret Copland and the delightful reading of "The Twelve Days after Christmas!"

The previous day, the Wookeys set off on a grand cruise out of Miami to cruise the Straits of Florida and the Caribbean, visiting Cozumel, Mexico, Belize City, Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica before visiting the Panama Canal and Balboa for two days.

They then cruised the Pacific, visiting Ecuador and Peru before returning to On Top of the World.

Lois Rogers passed along something newsworthy about her granddaughter, Lauren McBurney of Boston. She was one of 600 volunteers to make up a Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Habitat for Humanity work project at Laogane, Haiti in November. Their mission to build 100 new homes in one week was accomplished!

Laurie listened to President Carter's Sunday School messages: (1) Have a purpose in life and be dedicated to that purpose; (2) Accommodate the changing times but hold on to unchanging principles; (3) Know we are saved by grace through faith which is a gift from God.

One of Lauren's special moments (of many) during the week was being seated directly between former President Carter and Garth Brooks at lunch. Yes, she got a little tongue-tied, as you can imagine.

A new resident in Saratoga on the Persian Drive side is Ms. Marva Lane, a native of Clearwater. She received her B.S. at Florida Memorial University and



Who am I? See story for details.

her M. Ed. at Wayne State University in Detroit. She studied at Florida State in Tallahassee toward a Ph.D. Specialist in Reading.

She worked in the Florida Department of Education as a Program Director.

At Bethel Baptist Church in Tallahassee, she worked in Music Ministry and as Administrative Secretary for the Women's Ministry.

Her daughter and grandson live in Jacksonville, and her son and grandson, as well as her sister and brother, live in Clearwater. She serves in the Music Ministry at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Welcome, Marva!

One lovely lady in our midst has shared a "Who Am I?" Her photo at age 7 can be seen at lower left. The answer is revealed at the end of the column. She tells about herself as follows:

"I joined the British Army when I was 17. I served five years and became an acting sergeant, only because the Engineers who were over us would not allow a higher rank on our job, which was sorting the British mail (which also included the U.S. mail in Germany)."

"I helped run the sorting office in London where my claim to fame was sorting Elvis Presley's mail. He had lots of mail, bags of it! I was eventually sent to Germany where I did the same."

"After leaving the Army I became a store investigator, a private investigator, and a Supreme Court Officer."

"I was a volunteer probation officer for nine years and a process officer for about four years."

"While working as a store investigator in a small town, I arrested the chief of police for shoplifting, and the head security officer in a store in which I was only shopping. Have you guessed yet who I am?" (Hint: She is a Canadian.)

A nice way to spend some time recently was arranged by Jim and Hilda Hamilton with their daughter Kathleen and her husband Jay for the second year in a row. They rented a cottage in Destin, Fla., which is about halfway between OTOW and their children's home in DeRidder, La.

They were able to get down to the beach twice between showers and strong winds. The remainder of their time was spent chatting, shopping and eating.

(Answer: The "Who Am I" person is our own Pat Wookey.)

Don't forget the weekly meet-and-greet

Alsace Lorraine held a building meeting on Jan. 11 to go over our upcoming pizza party at Gatti Town Pizzeria on McMullen Booth road April 4 at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$5 per person.

We thanked everyone involved in the taking down of the holiday decorations the Saturday before.

With a dozen volunteers it only took 45 minutes and then we shared coffee and donuts in the first floor core, thank you to Noreen and Paul. We also thanked Libby Shear for putting together our holiday party.

Howard, our building captain, went over quite a few concerns of On Top of the World, including washer/dryer hookups, smoke detectors, and



making sure your water is cut off when you leave for an extended time. It was highly recommended that a surrogate be designated to check your unit bi-weekly.

Most of our winter residents are back and we have set up a meet and greet every Friday afternoon at the front of the building on the Belcher Road side. BYOB and a lawn chair — everyone is welcome.

During the meeting it was brought up that we have some unique art work in the core of the third floor and that the artist was the driver of General Pershing. I will follow up on this story and hope to have the full details with pictures next month.

We also gave a big round of applause for the men and women who had done such a great job in keeping our building clean. We are very fortunate to have these folks.

And that's the way it is at Building 8.

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New couple enjoys the active life offered at OTOW

Hello neighbors — Happy Valentine's Day!

First, There are two addendums to the January column: I inadvertently omitted a “thank you” to Jann Tarshis, who annually kicks off the decorating volunteers with eggnog and banana bread. They were both delicious. We appreciated them.

A correction to clarify the \$8 per person was for the Thanksgiving potluck dinner, not for the coffee and meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce Gus and Paulette Perrotta to our building (see photo). They moved into the Brahman building last August after living in the Clearwater area in the same home for 38 years.

They have been married for 45 years and they always celebrate their anniversary on Valentine's Day. They relocated to Clearwater in 1974 from Massachusetts.

Here they raised two children (a son and a daughter) and have three grandchildren, whom they cherish.

As dedicated and active members of Espiritu Santo Church, they keep very busy with activities there.

Paulette and Gus recently joined the Pennsylvania Club, and they look forward to taking part in their activities and trips.

Paulette loves cooking, walking, reading, music and volunteering at their church. She has worked in the past as a Home Health and PT Aide, taught Pre-School at B’Nai Israel, baby sat for

A black and white portrait of Estelle Schwartz, a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark t-shirt. In the background, there is a building with a prominent steeple and trees. The name "Estelle Schwartz" is written in a cursive font in the bottom right corner of the photo.

children, and worked as a clerk typist for FDIC.

Through their church and the previous neighborhood in which they lived, they continue to take part in several couples clubs. They also enjoy dancing.

Gus is very accomplished and has challenged himself through his career years with many interesting positions and self-fulfillment opportunities. He has achieved a fourth degree Knights of Columbus status.

He has worked in Real Estate; and also as a Securities and Insurance Arbitrator and Mediator for the small claims and disputes court system. He was also a Sears and Roebuck department manager for many years in Massachusetts.

Gus has many activities that keep him busy. He exercises daily in some fashion by utilizing the exercise room or walking. He loves to play cards and



Welcome to Gus and Paulette Perrotta, new residents of the Brahman Building.

hopes to find a club to satisfy his desire to play. He also enjoyed and still enjoys sports. In the past, he played on a semi-pro football league in New England.

Some of the things they love about living here is the opportunity to enjoy scheduled activities if they choose to take part.

They love the pools and hot tubs. On the West side, the nature walk around the lake and ponds is very peaceful and relaxing.

They also love to cruise.

They also love to praise.

The people they have met and made friends with have been special.

They really enjoy not having the responsibilities of the lawn and taking care of a large house any longer.

The Perottas are a gracious and delightful couple who are welcome additions to the building. They have many life experiences to share and have been great participants at our events.

We look forward to continued relationship-building and fun experiences moving forward.

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Recreation/OTOW ID cards are available at the West Activity Center every Monday morning from 9–11:30 a.m., except holidays. Each person must present two proofs of residence (one of which is a picture I.D.) to validate his/her own card. Proofs may be a Florida driver's license, a Florida I.D., electric or cable bill, etc., which shows name and OTOW address.





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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News (Part 45: February, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- The Entertainment Committee kept all OTOW residents busy this month.
- Feb. 5 was the Derby Lane dog races — only \$3 per person, which included transportation, entrance fee and a program.
- Theatre Workshop presented "The Wedding of Cuddles Cologny and Dapper Depew" on Feb. 13 in the auditorium — no admission charge. The chairwoman of the event wrote the skit as well as the lyrics and humorous readings. Everyone is invited.
- The St. Valentine's Day dance was on Feb. 14. \$1.50 per person was for ice for your bottles from home. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Harvey Roger Trio.
- Only \$11.50 for the trip to the Asolo Theatre on Feb. 17. The price was all-inclusive for the bus, admission , tips and dinner.
- On Feb. 21, there was to be a mini-cruise around Tampa Bay leaving from St. Petersburg. A two-hour cruise was \$5 aboard the ship *Tom Sawyer*.

See you next time!

New Year is a good time to jump into volunteering

Please give a welcome hello to our new neighbors, Don and Annette Dutchess, Mary Holmes, Ginny Donlon, and Pat Sheridan.

We bid farewell to our good friends Pat Corell and Eleanor Walsh. We wish them well and hope for many happy years.

Len and I hosted a huge party at our home. We enjoyed two daughters visiting for a week, plus one granddaughter, Elise, who celebrated her 5-year-old birthday at the Magic Kingdom.

Let's all welcome in the New Year with a friendly smile to a stranger, a kind word to a store clerk, encouragement to a co-worker, mentor to a child or delivering meals to the elderly. These are numerous volunteer opportunities just waiting for you.

As a community family here at On Top of the World, find a way to be a good family member to one another. Find a way to be a part of



something that is bigger than you. It will open doors and your heart at the same time.

Also, come join us at Karaoke in the East Activity Center every third Sunday starting at 5 p.m.

OTOW has so much going on every day, so there is no way anyone should be lonely or bored.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a 2013 full of blessings!

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IF I GAVE YOU FLOWERS

By Pete Ferrero

If I gave you flowers, to show how much I cared,
The beauty of their blossoms would wilt if once compared
To the still and silent splendor I find in your face.
The reddest of all roses would blush in their disgrace.
Then the fragrance of their finest bloom would fall to merely fair,
If set beside the scent of your soft and flowing hair.

If I wrote a love song, to tell you how I feel,
No words could ever capture your allure and your appeal.
Your smile can make my heart sing out the sweetest melody,
But lyrics fail to fairly tell of all you've come to mean to me.
Others may have written lines I'd seek to borrow or to steal,
But then their heartfelt sentiments would only pretend to be real.

If I held you close to me, to feel you by my side,
The magic that so moved me would be impossible to hide.
The utter joy and ecstasy found within your kiss,
Would be the nearest I could find to sheer and total bliss.
Indeed, you captivate me. This truth is not denied.
If I claimed I could live without you, God would know I lied.

If I gave you all of me, as you know that I have done,
In the hope that two of us would become as only one,
Then you know time has fulfilled each of the "Ifs" above
And every dream is realized that I've dreamt of love.
If I gave you flowers, that flourished in the sun,
It was the dawn of happiness which only had begun.



ABIDE

By Alma W. Hudson

Abide with me a little while
So I can see our tender smile
The play of shadows on your face
The twinkling eyes, oh, just a trace
Of hidden magic that I see
So, darling please abide with me
It's your sweet comfort that I need
On which my hungry soul can feed
To fill me with your Truth and Love
The pure clean message of the Dove
Whose sweetly gentle voice is heard
In whispers like a sacred word
But, oh the truth I'm finding there
The truth that drives away despair
And makes my silent heart rebound
With new sweet happiness I've found
So darling, stay close to my side
Forever dear with me abide



THE ALL AMERICAN GIRL

By Alma W. Hudson

She's really something special
This lady whom we know
She's busy, busy, busy
Her life is all aglow.
She dates a group of foreign friends
She's in a constant whirl
She loves Italians, Greeks and Poles
This All American Girl.
When eating out with special dates
She chooses foreign dining
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Yes, she's just an "All American Girl."

THANK YOU, GRACIOUS

By Madeleine Wanda

Let me call you sweethearts
To our friends, in neighborly,
Let me thank you for the rides
You gave to me.
You offered many treats and blessings
Not just for me, but for many seniors
Your love extends to many
In our little community.

===== The below story submission is from an OTOW Writer's Ink member =====

"ON TOP OF THE WORLD"

By Mitch Greenman

Our house sold quickly. We needed someplace where our Lhasa apso was accepted. Glenda and I were both still working, so we needed to stay in Clearwater. Everywhere we looked either didn't accept dogs, was too small, expensive, or far away, so when we found a large, beautiful, inexpensive, dog friendly apartment in OTOW we jumped on it.

The kids joshed us about moving into Clearwater Disneyland, but it was one of the best decisions we have made. Glenda plays Mahjong, bowls, and chats with our neighbors. She wrote the monthly building report for the OTOW newspaper. I found a wonderful writing group, drawing class, and chorus to fill my spare time since I've retired. I am also in the golf league. There is a lot more we could do if we had the time.

Our neighbors turned out to be great, and the friends we've made opened doors to new and exciting activities. Our building's monthly party at a local restaurant creates a special feeling of community. We barely knew our neighbors at our old house.

Case-Western University conducted a study as to why people at OTOW tended to live longer than the norm. I am sure that all of the activities coupled with the safety which encourages outdoor activities are a factor. Even the acceptance of dogs has a healthy outcome. People walk more. The loving companionship the pets provide encourage positive attitudes, which is life enhancing.

I am thinking of buying another condo so that our children, who are fast approaching the age requirement, could become neighbors. We would love to welcome them onto our world; Clearwater Disneyland is calling. Come on down.





Sons' visits made for great times

Dorothy Churchill had visits with both of her sons. Brian enjoyed spending some time at the pool and went with Dorothy to a building dinner at Sea-Sea Rider's Restaurant in Dunedin.

They also saw the movie "Hitchcock," which was good. A day at Tampa Bay Downs was followed with pizza later at Johnnie's. Brian set up a new computer for Dorothy which takes getting used to.

Dorothy's other son, Jim, also came for a short visit. They went to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to see "Winter" and "Dolphin's Tale," first at Harborview, then they took the trolley over to the Aquarium.

They enjoyed talking with all the young volunteers. After the shows they took the water taxi back to their car. They ate at Crisper's in Safety Harbor, Cody's and First Watch.

They also went to see "Skyfall," a James Bond movie, at Countryside. Dorothy always enjoys these visits with her sons.

Bob Anderson managed to tear Emily away from work long enough for them to enjoy a wonderful day kayaking on the river at Weeki Wachee with their friends, Heinz and Uta.

The weather was perfect: not too hot, not too windy. They didn't even have to paddle very hard as the current helped move them along nicely. Wildlife sightings included turtles, fish, a deer, many, many vultures and the best — three manatees.

The water was crystal, a clear blue. The air was filled with sounds of calling birds and the breezes in the trees, nothing else. A wonderful experience. It's amazing what beauty there is to be shared with nature.

Thanks for sharing this news with us!

Paradise celebrates Valentine's Day

February is the month of love! Valentine's Day is celebrated by thousands with the giving of homemade or purchased valentine cards.

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates approximately 190 million Valentine cards are sent each year.

If those shared in classrooms were to be added, it could be a billion. This is a day of love as gifts of flowers, candy and valentines are given. Many couples become engaged on the day of love!

A recent survey of the Rio Riviera building in Paradise resulted in the discovery of several couples who have celebrated many years of marriage.

On Jan. 12, Alice and Len Slazinski celebrated 67 years of marriage. She says that a "sense of humor" contributes to their many years of wedded bliss.

Alan and Fran Kroll will celebrate 60 years of marriage this coming October. They met in high school back in Long Island N.Y. "I suppose you could call us high school sweethearts," says Fran. Al was in the service and while at home on leave the two of them were married (see photos).

I asked Fran what she contributes to their years together, she said, "Affection and love. I have a good husband and we do for each other. We talk things over whether it's a trip or buying a TV." Communication is the key!

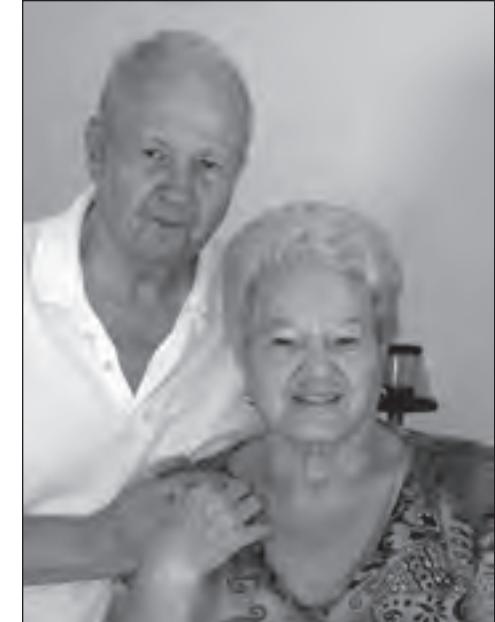
Communication is also the key factor for Pauline and Ray Cormier. "Love, too," says Pauline, and as of August these two love birds have been happily married 55 years.



Al and Fran Kroll in original wedding photo.

Marcy and Sam Litov celebrated 53 years of marriage last December. Marcy shared, "Sam always buys me flowers and our children have a cake for us."

Last June, Marian and Frank Bell celebrated 50 years of marriage.



Al and Fran Kroll today.

Gail and Jerry DuCharme will celebrate 44 years of marriage this coming June.

Frank "Bud" and Thelma Hovelman celebrated 41 years last June. In July of 2011, a 90th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary were both celebrated in Chicago. They recently had their three daughters, one son-in-law, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren all come for a visit.

Terry and Matt Midura celebrated 10 years of marriage in June. They said, "It was a nice anniversary!" Their children surprised them for their 80th and 88th birthdays last November.

Love is alive in these young hearts!

Answer to 'hidden talent' question is revealed

Last month we concluded our column by indicating that we had hidden talent in the building. The talent is writing. Do you know who it is? I'll give you another hint — it is a mother and daughter.

Still haven't figured it out? Judy and Tammy Edwards are the mother and daughter writing team I am referring to. They both write very well, with wonderful descriptions and great humor.

Tammy recently wrote a piece about accents, which I could easily relate to. Inasmuch as Tammy hails from Kentucky, she is often teased about her accent. Her writing points out that everybody has an accent. It all depends on who is doing the listening!

My husband Stan and I were sitting poolside recently when Barbara Humphreys came over to introduce us to her sister Mona, who was visiting



from Rochester, N.Y. They had just finished a refreshing swim together and were enjoying their "sisterly" togetherness. There is nothing sweeter than seeing sisters who are normally separated by many miles, having the opportunity to spend time together.

Stan and I attended a CASA breakfast at the Coliseum in

St. Petersburg last month. The mistress of ceremonies was ABC newscaster Lisette Campos, and there were approximately 500 people in attendance.

For those of you who don't know, CASA means Community Action Stops Abuse. It is an organization which provides shelter, food, clothing, household necessities, guidance, counseling, and any other help possible, to those individuals who have left abusive relationships. They are always in need of volunteers.

The CASA "Hero of the Year Award" was presented to a woman who successfully recovered from a violently abusive relationship and has gone on to help others in need.

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Safety aspects figure into storage room cleanout, upkeep

We have reached the shortest month of the year, but also a very important one.

All of you would-be lovers have to be prepared to welcome Valentine's Day and to show your significant other (that sounds like a politically correct phrase) how much you really care.

In keeping with the Valentine's Day tradition, someone has suggested that we hold a "sexiest man" contest and has submitted the accompanying photo of Romeo Cronier (sounds like an advantage right there), Bob Rittner and Jack Soll. We will accept further entries on a first come first-used basis. Voting will take place at a future date.

I was recently relaxing in my Florida room (that sounds a little uppty, since the room is really a portion of my living room) and I began to wonder where all of the "stuff" came from. When I moved into this apartment it was empty but somehow over the past few years I have accumulated a lot of "stuff."

I can account for some of it but I get the feeling that someone is sneaking into my unit late at night and filling up my closets. I have connecting wires that belong to some long gone camera, and an assortment of telephones that are either out of date or just don't work anymore.



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It seems that nothing gets fixed anymore, it just gets replaced. Why is it that every electronic appliance (cell phone, camera, iPod, laptop computer etc.) all have different connections so that they are not interchangeable. We have come a long way since the inkwell on the school desk — or have we?

This brings up the touchy subject of the storage rooms. I have been approached by several of our residents concerning the unkempt appearance of some of the storage rooms and possible ways to correct the situation.

The main thing that we have to keep in mind is the safety of the resident and the building. It is a violation of the fire code to have items stored in the middle of the room or in aisles blocking access in case of emergency.



"Sexiest men" Romeo Cronier, Bob Rittner and Jack Soll. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

All items stored in these rooms should be identified as to the owner and unit number. Some residents pass on or move to other locations and their possessions remain on shelves, taking up valuable space forever.

In the past, items that are in unauthorized locations and that present a dangerous condition have been removed and discarded. It is hopeful that all residents will attend to the proper storage of their possessions so that removal will not be necessary.

Speaking of storage rooms, Jack Herman's 26" red men's bicycle has disappeared from the storage room. Anyone with information about the bike can contact Jack at 796-9615.

I read in the Readers Digest about the young father who took a seat next to an elderly man and plopped his 1-year-old on his lap, just as the boy began to cry and fidget. "That child is spoiled, isn't he?" the old man remarked. "No," said the dad. "They all smell this way."

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Getting into the swing of the New Year at Bohemia

Just a belated, but important, happening about the 12-12-12 date.

Mike Swanson's niece and his mom's grand-daughter, Killeen, was twelve years old on 12-12-12. Mike Lane celebrated his 12-12 birthday with an open house featuring drinks and "a little bit of everything."

Our building holiday décor was dismantled on Jan. 5. The tree was taken down and everything stored away for next time. It went so smoothly, there was more time for enjoying the coffee and visiting than doing all the labor. Thank you everyone who participated in that annual event!

The year was climaxed by some who attended a New Year's Dinner and Dance celebration at the Island Outpost.

Our Walking Club has now incorporated golfing into their daily routine. On Thursdays, they hit the links on the nine-hole-course. Call Paula for more info on this.

About 20 Bohemians are getting packed for a cruise on the *Carnival Glory* from Miami. We'll hear all about it when they return.

Day at the Races is scheduled for Jan. 30, so we'll report on that in the next issue.

Don't forget the "hump days." They are scheduled for every second



Wednesday of the month. See the bulletin board for more info.

Dugout Days are every Monday at 5:30 at 1630 Gulf to Bay. Be there by 5 p.m.

Nov. 24 was "Jerry DeLisle Day" in Burton, Mich. Jerry graduated from Bendle High School there and officiated in over 400 football games with his good friend and referee Phil Long. We are proud to have someone who is that famous living here in the Bohemian Building.

Carol DeLisle enjoyed having a night out at Johnny's to celebrate her birthday while the boys played poker.

My wife, Barbara, treated me to lunch at the Lucky Dill for my 88th.

If you have a birthday or celebration, let us know and we'll include it in future articles. Have a good month!

Here are the hours for activity centers & recreation

East and West Activity Centers	
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Find many unique items at the Feb. 8 Art Guild sale

A belated but sincere Happy New Year 2013 to all from our building to each of you!

A big "thank you" to Judy and Max Meith and Norm Workman for their continued dedication with putting up and taking down the balcony holiday decorations as well as the large tree and display in the core lobby. Our thanks go out to these three plus all the others that helped to make our building feel more festive.

I recently took a southern Caribbean cruise on Holland America. My most vivid memory is the 2.5 mile horseback ride along the white sands of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and the return ride without the saddle on the horse with water up to our thighs.

Oddly enough, my horse's name was "Runaway." I felt so free just holding onto the horse's mane, and I took a moment to ask God what I did to deserve such a beautiful and magical blessing in such awesome surroundings. It looked like bright turquoise food coloring in the water and it was quite a sight watching all the horse swim in a row.

I had a wonderful roommate, Therese Martin, from On Top of the World, and we made great memories during our 15-day adventure.

Please come to the OTOW Art Guild's "Trash & Treasure Sale" on Feb. 8 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. I will have many handmade stone and pearl



These participants at a recent Nagoya building party enjoy the "Plunger Game," involving a double-ended plunger and a potato on a string.

necklaces as well as good, unneeded items for sale. I'm sure there will be unique items made by all the artisans and other things you didn't know you cannot live without.

Take time to make special memories with others! Also, Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

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On pitching in to help others, and remembering a friend

2013 is well underway, and the On Top of the World community has added many new faces to our "regular" residents.

Many have interesting tales to relate of travels, family adventures, hobbies, accomplishments and dreams for the future. If you'd like to see them in print, send them to me and include a significant photo if you wish.

Social opportunities were abundant before the food service event at our annual building meeting, held in mid-January. Our chosen leaders can sometimes find it difficult to organize an event such as this so soon after the holidays, but we always manage to have an attractive event: nicely-set tables, coffee or tea to drink and a super variety of food, much of it home-made.

Shirley Swift has always coordinated our sponsoring gifts for children and women who seek the shelter of the Haven. We have always come through, some bringing books or toys; others of us providing toiletries and clothing for the women. Shirley has invited the Haven's director to our meetings, which



always reminds us of how much in need the residents of the Haven are. There is a glow that comes from helping out in this manner.

Sheila and Jim Jackson entertained a son and daughter-in-law from the Chicago area and had a busy time.

Enid Goodman had a good long visit from her son and his family, including a dog, meaning Enid joined the OTOW dog-walkers for a while.

Liz Poohl and friend Johnny visited her daughter and two small boys in North Carolina. Liz was given a great

surprise birthday gift — a long stay in Branson, Mo. Branson is a delight to visit, with its myriad of entertainment options and excellent restaurants.

Though she moved away some time ago, I would like to send best wishes to my friend, Elizabeth Thomas, who lived in our building. I'm sure her son or daughter-in-law will go on line to find this newspaper for her.

Elizabeth has recovered nicely following some vision problems, enough to resume her walking.

She had spent much of her life involved in studying and working with those suffering from reading and hearing problems. As a young widow with a young son to raise, she applied to teach at the American School in the Territory of Guam.

So Elizabeth and her young son, Joel, began an overseas adventure that lasted several years. They lived and worked in a semi-tropical not-so-modern Pacific island and were able to travel to the U.S. and exotic foreign locales during periods of leave.

Now Elizabeth is off again — this

time to join her son and daughter-in-law in New Port Richey, and who have decided to retire to Panama to join the large, growing American community there.

Her granddaughters have been prominent throughout their college years and it was through the older girl's studies with Cern in Switzerland that I learned what I know about the Collider project there.

Although I didn't see Elizabeth very often, I will miss the talks we used to have and I wish her well. Sometimes our neighbors may not be daily companions, but over the months and years they have such a positive effect on our lives.

I do hope our building leaders feel they can expect each of us to join in planning activities or presenting ideas. It seems to be a function of our "sometimes sort of spinning our wheels for a bit of time," but Loch Lomonders can (and have) come up with good ideas.

Welcome back to all I see arriving. Take care. Check the bulletin board.

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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Building meeting featured entertainment, good food

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He is a favorite entertainer at our business meetings and has been entertaining us on an annual basis for the last five years. Residents were heard saying, "How did he do that?"

The owners and renters were treated to a lasagna dinner catered by resident volunteers.

The residents voted to suspend the collection of annual dues, as the treasurer reported there is enough money in the bank to cover anticipated expenses for the coming year.

The following officers agreed to continue for another year. The Folands as building captains, Phyllis Marsteller as secretary, Bill Boll as treasurer, Jim Grant as assistant building captain and Jeannette Grant as our sunshine lady.

Storage room cleanup is set for the weekend of March 15.

The board is checking into the possibility of standardized large condo numbers to identify each condo.



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The building-wide eat-out night at the Beachcomber in Clearwater Beach was enjoyed by the residents (see photo). Another night out is being scheduled for March and a ladies luncheon is being scheduled for February.

There will not be any organized building-wide Christmas decorating for the Mandarin Building in 2013 due to lack of volunteers to do the work. Owners and renters are still encouraged to decorate their individual units.

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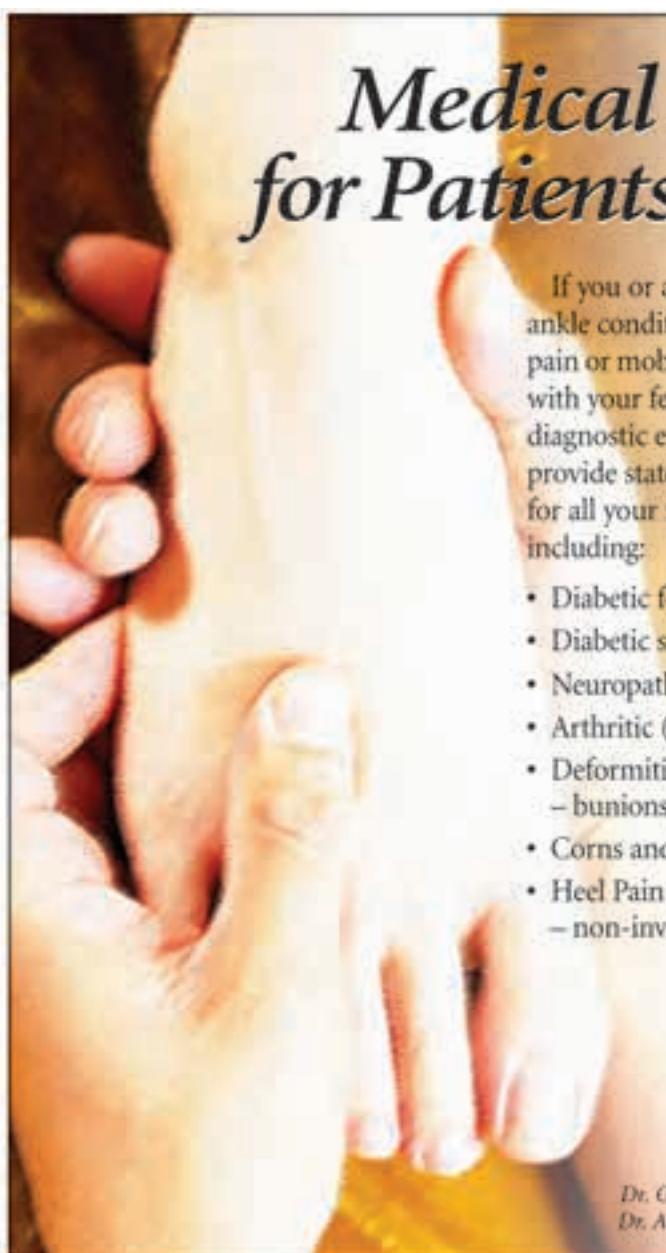
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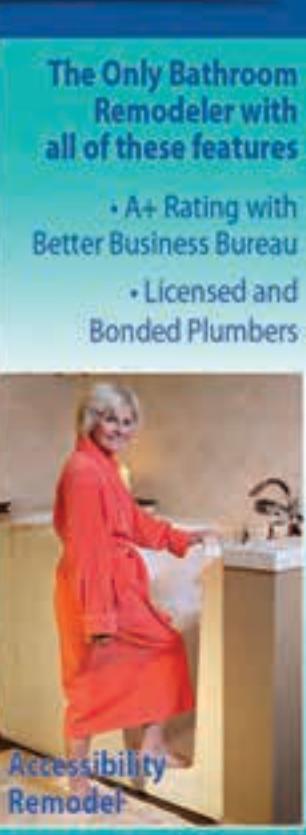


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A report from son's farm in Vallebona, Italy

Cecile Sangiamo

(This feature was written by our English Tudor building reporter.)

Here is a report from my son's family in Vallebona Italy:

"Life goes on as usual here on Bluebird Farm. We are very busy tending to the crops, caring for the chickens, turkeys and newly-acquired rabbits.

"Muriel grinds the wheat for home-baked bread. The children,



Lucky for Tookee the turkey, Leila has become a vegetarian.

Leila and Noah, are home schooled and also practice their music for clarinet and flute. David builds objects in wood carpentry for family and friends.

"Everything we make comes from the trees and plants of the hills surrounding the farm. Early in the year, the whole town (pop. 980) gathers around a huge bonfire for lentil soup and fellowship while the town band plays."



Cecile (center) in the hammock on the last day of her visit to her son's home in Italy.



Grape harvest time in Vallebona, Italy.



Fresh fruits and vegetables abound.

My daughter Maria and I visited them for two weeks in October. One of the photos here shows David and Maria with the grape harvest.

One evening we dined on roasted rooster. The particular rooster had been "abusing" the chickens, so he had to be dealt with! In another photo, Leila, shown with Tookee, has become a vegetarian.

Muriel comes up almost daily from the garden below with the morning gathering of fruits and vegetables. Late in October, they shook the olives from their many trees for the year's supply of olive oil.

Finally, we all piled into the hammock for our last day at the farm. Can you guess that's me in the middle? Happy New Year to all.

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Newest resident is looking to play some pickleball

I'm back! First let me introduce our newest resident.

Liselotte Gade immigrated from Denmark in 1951 and lived in Georgia before moving to Florida. She was a social worker for 30 years, employed by the Division of Family Services working with abused children.

Liselotte retired at age 60 with her Masters in Social Work. Her hobbies and interests include large porcelain dolls, basket weaving, table tennis and swimming.

I was most intrigued when she told me about a new sport she has started that, coincidentally, is sweeping the country, as well as Canada and India: Pickleball! A combination of badminton, and table tennis using a wiffle ball, it's the new future sport for both young and old.

She is really looking forward to taking classes here in Tai Chi. Please welcome Liselotte to our family at Rural French.

"On the Road Again" follows John Scarpa on his trip to Las Vegas.

He writes: "Most of us think a trip to Las Vegas must include a fancy hotel, a star entertainer, great restaurants, and of course, gambling. While my Thanksgiving trip for two weeks visiting my brother and his family and my sister and her family also included the standard "must do" activities I just outlined, the more meaningful beauty of Las Vegas was exposed on this trip... no glitz, no glamour, but true beauty.

"Red Rock Canyon and the 13-mile scenic drive just outside Las

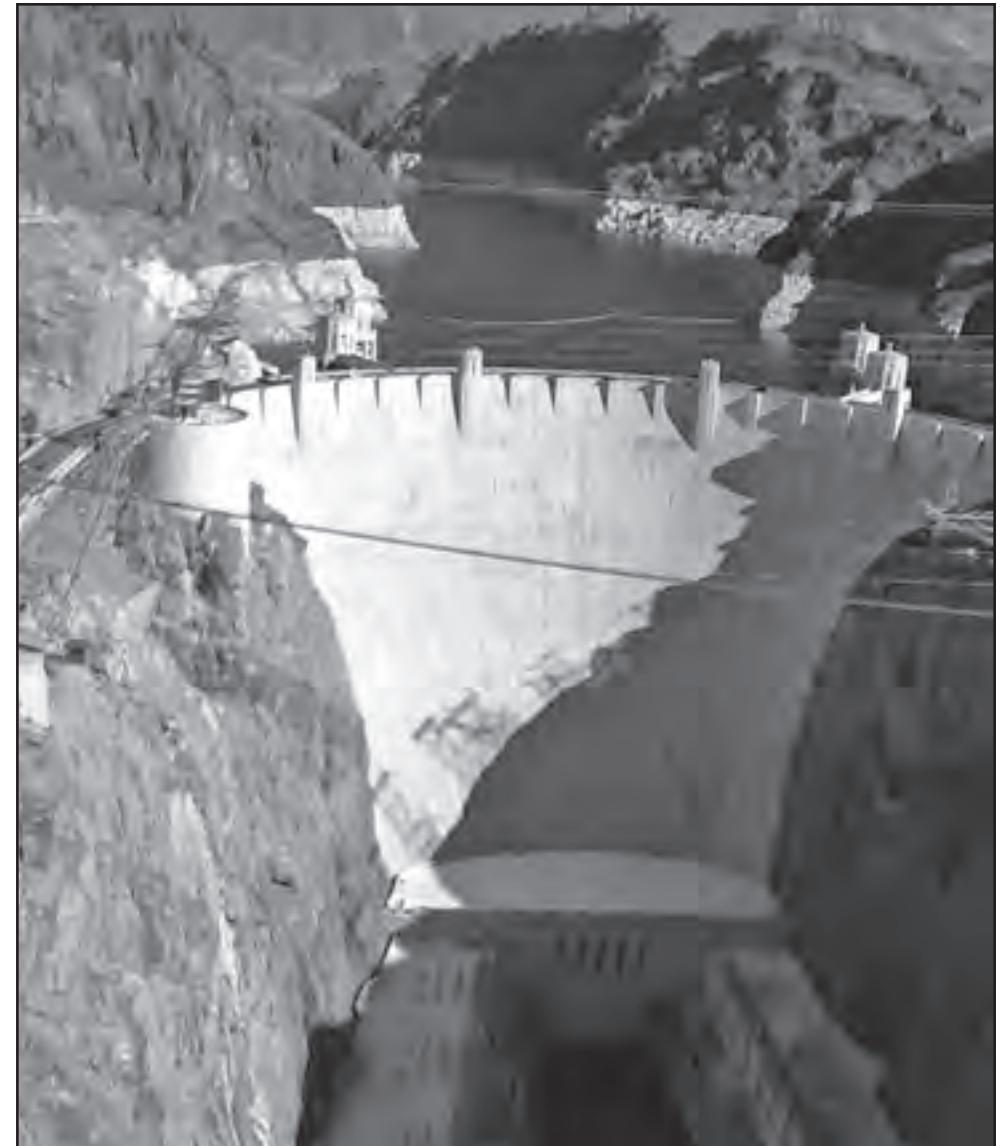


Vegas are breathtaking. If you are a real adventurer, you can stop and experience one of 19 hiking trails which take between 1 and 4 hours to complete round trip. You're in the desert so yes; you need to be aware of rattlesnakes, scorpions, or venomous spiders!

"With caution taken, it's an unbelievable adventure you will cherish. The daily pass fee is only \$7, but for us seniors, a one-time fee of \$10 provides a lifetime pass for this and ALL National Parks throughout the country, and only one person in the car pays, so it's not per person! If you have a computer visit www.nv.blm.gov/redrockcanyon

"Hoover Dam is a must see for anyone visiting the area. It was constructed during the depression, 1931–1936, at a cost of \$48 million, employing thousands of laborers. Some 100 workmen lost their lives during construction of the dam.

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This majestic photo of magnificent Hoover Dam was taken by Rural French resident John Scarpa on his recent trip to Las Vegas and vicinity.

and Lake Meade, this short journey 25 miles outside of Las Vegas will keep you "awestruck." Visit www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/.

"If you are planning a trip to Las Vegas, please don't miss the real beauty of the desert!"

New Year's resolutions have come and gone

It's February already! Where did January go?

In looking for an idea for this column, neighbor Agnes Krepelka suggested one on New Year's resolutions. So I interviewed several of my nice neighbors and found out no one had made a resolution.

When I asked Audrey Decker, she replied "I made a resolution not to make any resolutions." So I gave up on that topic. Nobody makes resolutions anymore (only to lose weight).

I'll miss two things in the Siboney building: First, Paula Ergang's lovely face as she goes to tennis or golf, as she and Craig are moving to larger quarters in the South Seas Building. Only good thing – it's right next door. We all wish them happiness in their new condo.

Secondly, I will miss Bob and Barbara Stone's lovely garden, which was dismantled recently. I cannot understand the reasoning as I loved looking at the pretty garden with its



lights, figures and ornaments and so well-cared for by Bob and Barbara.

The building luncheon at the Olive Garden drew quite a crowd. Everyone enjoyed the Italian cuisine. The next get together will be the Valentine's Day breakfast on the 14th at First Watch at 9:30 a.m. — wear red! The signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

I cannot attend the above function as I'm going to the

wedding of two of our line dancers. Mass is at 11 a.m. with the reception following. We're all looking forward to this happy occasion.

Many thanks to the men who took the "Noel" signs down and stored them away for next year. We appreciate your help. Holiday decorations were by Rita Tombari, including trimming the tree in the core.

February decorations are by Cele Radeloff with a lot of help from friend Audrey Decker. Enjoy.

The Jesters Show will be Friday, Feb. 15; Saturday, Feb. 16; and Sunday, Feb. 17th. Tickets can be bought at the door. Sounds like a great show!

My daughter and her husband arrive on the 16th for a visit.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Sunrise Room at 7 p.m. Please attend. Dues are due: \$5 per person.

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Presidents' Day.

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'Madness' reigned at multi-game event

The decorations were taken down and stored away for another year; therefore it was time for some madness, "Mallorca Madness," that is. And what fun we had at our very first Mallorca Madness evening!

Wendy Calquhoun volunteered to organize this event, which would take the place of one of our annual fundraisers, the White Elephant sale.

The evening began with one of our cherished traditions, the potluck supper. As usual, the food was delicious, beginning with appetizers and progressing all the way through main entrees to tempting desserts.

Tickets had been pre-sold as well as sold at the door for the first event, which was Bingo. We played three games, with prizes for the winners.

Next was the Straw Draw, in which we bought straws with numbers rolled inside. We opened the straws and won



the prize that matched our number. This was in homage to the non-defunct White Elephant, but with a twist.

Finally came the main event, the horse racing. For this, six Mallorcans and friends volunteered to be the horses. At the post were the horses: Sheik of Araby (Wally Calquhoun), Singing Fool (Frank Brown), Blossom Belle (Terry Kuplen), Peter Cottontail

(Ginger Currier), Emerald Isles (Les Menielly), and Devil Woman (Mary Smith).

Wendy rolled the dice and the houses progressed according to the numbers on the dice. We played three games with betting placed on the first three horses to cross the finish line.

Poor Emerald Isles; during one race he didn't get far from the starting gate while all of his other stable mates were galloping to the finish line, so he just sat down on the floor!

This was such a fun evening for everyone and we are planning on repeating it next year. Thank you Wendy for organizing this very successful and delightful building function!

Next month watch the bulletin board for reports on our Super Bowl and Mardi Gras parties, as well as a golf scramble and backyard picnic. Always something happening at Mallorca!

February building meeting postponed



This year at American Gothic, Cupid has been keeping his arrows sheathed. Aside from wishing a very happy anniversary to Fran and Bill Hanoski, there has been no mention of new loves, anniversaries or engagements.

Since the holidays when a number of our residents went up North and experienced the snow that they moved to Florida to forget, very little has happened.

Our wonderful elves made quick work of taking down the decorations. A big "thanks" to all of you. Also thank you to Louisa and Jim Crawford for their terrific find of a new seven-foot tree that will make its debut next year.

There was an excellent turnout for our January luncheon at First Watch. It was one of the largest I have seen. Thank you all for coming.

If you have been reading the bulletin board (and you should be), you will learn that the February potluck/business meeting has been cancelled due to illness. At press-time we were still scouting restaurants with private space to have dinner and still hold our meeting. We will post our findings as soon as possible.

Please remember that dues are due and that it is time to police your areas in the bicycle and storage rooms. Name, unit number and year are needed on your items. A committee will check the areas probably in February. The deadline was originally Feb. 1, but you have been given a reprieve to get the job done. Please cooperate.

The Golf Scramble slated for March is still going forward. Hopefully it will go off as scheduled. Date and time will be posted on the famous bulletin board. So do look.

Beverly Verner, one of our new neighbors has faithfully attended several of our functions. She comes to American Gothic and On Top of the World after many years in Clearwater, originally from Chicago. I'll bet she doesn't miss the winters there! Welcome, Beverly.



Weather alters travel plans

Dale and Richard Stackhouse's children and grandchildren were visiting from Canada. Shawn, Keri, Declan and Callum made their annual trip to be with the family. Lots and lots of Legos were the boys favorite toys.

Sue and Ray Claxton spent their recent vacation driving to Nashville, Tenn. Their children, daughter, Connie and son, Tim and five grandchildren planned the five-day trip for their families. They met at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Nashville.

Connie and Tim reside in Fort Wayne, Ind. Sue and Ray spend their summers in Huntertown, Ind. The adult children had to alter their plans in the beginning of the vacation as a blizzard moved into Indiana. Eventually everyone arrived at the destination to enjoy being together for the rest of the trip.

Sue said the weather in Nashville was rainy and damp while they were there. However, they still enjoyed visiting the local honky-tonks and seeing the famous area.

Our Florida daughter and granddaughter recently visited with us. She is a busy young lady with school and working.

Our granddaughter has completed 96 percent of her college business courses and can't wait to graduate from USEF.

She works for the new Bahama Breeze Restaurant in Brandon. Hopefully she will be able to become a manager as they have many opportunities for advancement within the company.

Now that the hockey season is returning, she's a very happy Tampa Bay Lightning fan.

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OTOW Press Association Meetings

When: First Thursday of each month

Where: East Side card room

Time: 1:30 p.m.

All reporters and those who contribute to our newspaper are requested to join us. Sign in at the desk when you arrive.

Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Dog park is becoming popular hangout

"Rabbit Rabbit!" It's the first of the month! Hope it brings all good luck.

Since this is St Valentine's month I suspect there will be candy, flowers and dinners out. I'll take my Valentine to dinner, and buy him my favorite chocolates!

Maybe a Valentine luncheon or "early bird" for our building would be enjoyable.

While tapping our feet at the "Rocketman" show I saw a sprinkling of my Viennese Villa neighbors in the audience also enjoying the show. "Rocketman" was over the top with costumes and music. There is a lot of work behind the scenes. Set-up, great lighting, audio and video. Hats off to the crew, for without them the shows would not be possible.

We are fortunate to have such talent available for our enjoyment.

Elaine Power was feted at not one but two birthday celebrations. Daughter Lynn, Elaine and (not to be left out) pooch Sage all went to The Villages for a family party (see photo).

They had a great visit, and enjoyed the festivities with family. However they were quite happy to return to On Top of the World, which, as we all know, is a very special corner of the universe.



I want whatever Elaine takes! She does not look a day over 60 and hikes about like 30. I was never that agile.

It's nice to see smiling faces back from holidays in the frigid North. It's fun to compare notes on how cold it was as one lounges around our wonderful heated pool.

Speaking of which. It's also amusing watching the game of musical chairs and loungers that takes place at the pool side these days. Everyone it seems, wants the comfortable webbed green chairs and loungers, in lieu of the more abundant low hard plastic seating. As soon as a green one becomes available it is carted off to another place like a coveted prize.

Our dog park is an even more popular place to visit these days with



Elaine Powers celebrates her 90th birthday.

or without a pooch. There are new very comfortable benches under a shade tree outside the dog areas where one can sit and enjoy the antics of our four footed pals or just chatting with new or old friends. Kudos to whoever was instrumental in those great benches.

If you have any news to share, send it along to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Husk out strawberries with a large soda straw. Push from the pointed end of the berry. Works like a charm.

Until next month, Happy Valentine to you all!

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1	Fri.....	9:00 AM	C	Computer Instruction Windows 7 Basic
1	Fri.....	2:00 PM.....	S	Travel Club Meeting
1	Fri.....	5:00 PM.....	A	Pennsylvania Club Ground Hog Day Party
2	Sat.....	6:00 PM.....	A	Singles Club Show-Premier Dance Studio
3	Sun.....	5:00 PM.....	A	Karaoke
4	Mon.....	11:00 AM	Starlite.....	Snowbird Club Meeting
5	Tue.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
5	Tue.....	12:00 PM.....	S	Ladie's 18 Hole Golf League Luncheon
5	Tue.....	4:00 PM.....	Yellow Lecture Room.....	Irish Club - Parade Meeting
5	Tue.....	6:00 PM.....	CR & K.....	Hoosier Club Meeting
6	Wed.....	5:00 PM.....	S	American Gothic Bldg Potluck/Meeting
6	Wed.....	6:00 PM.....	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
6	Wed.....	7:30 PM.....	A	Theatre Workshop Meeting
7	Thur.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
7	Thur.....	10:30 AM.....	Starlite.....	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
7	Thur.....	1:30 PM.....	C	Press Association Meeting
7	Thur.....	7:30 PM.....	A	Entertainment Committee Show-Sounds of Soul
8	Fri.....	1:00 PM.....	A1	Art Guild Meeting
8	Fri.....	5:00 PM.....	S	Hawaiian Towers Pizza Party
8	Fri.....	7:00 PM.....	A	Irish Club Meeting
8	Fri.....	7:00 PM.....	CR	Lambda Club Meeting
9	Sat.....	8:00 PM.....	A	Entertainment Committee Dance-Rusty Trumpet
10	Sun.....	2:00 PM.....	A	Entertainment Committee Sunday in the Park
10	Sun.....	5:00 PM.....	A	Karaoke
10	Sun.....	5:00 PM.....	S	Mallorca Bldg Marti Gras Party
11	Mon.....	8:30 AM	V	Blood Pressure Screening
11	Mon.....	12:30 PM.....	CL1	Family History Group
11	Mon.....	2:00 PM.....	S	German Interest Group
12	Tue.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
12	Tue.....	4:00 PM.....	Yellow Lecture Room.....	Irish Club - Parade Meeting
13	Wed.....	7:30 PM.....	C	Jesters Meeting
14	Thur.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
14	Thur.....	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee
14	Thur.....	12:00 PM.....	S	Lawn Bowl Valentine's Luncheon
14	Thur.....	5:00 PM.....	S	Azores Bldg Pizza Party
14	Thur.....	7:00 PM.....	A	Irish Club Show - Ken McBride
15	Fri.....	7:30 PM.....	A	Jester's Show
16	Sat.....	7:30 PM.....	A	Jester's Show
17	Sun.....	12:30 PM.....	CR & K.....	Canadian Club Golf Tournament Luncheon
17	Sun.....	2:00 PM.....	A	Jester's Show
18	Mon.....	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
19	Tue.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
19	Tue.....	11:00 AM	R	Retired Educators Group Meeting
19	Tue.....	1:00 PM.....	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
19	Tue.....	4:00 PM.....	Yellow Lecture Room.....	Irish Club - Parade Meeting
20	Wed.....	11:00 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	Beginner French Speaking
20	Wed.....	6:00 PM.....	CR & K.....	Hoosier Club Game Night
20	Wed.....	6:30 PM.....	A	Italian Club Meeting
21	Thur.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
21	Thur.....	11:00 AM	V	Greyhound Club Meeting
21	Thur.....	6:00 PM.....	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
21	Thur.....	7:30 PM.....	A	Entertainment Committee Show - New Odyssey
22	Fri.....	7:00 PM.....	A	NY/NJ Club Wine & Cheese Party
23	Sat.....	6:00 PM.....	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night
23	Sat.....	6:00 PM.....	S	Rainbow Club Meeting
23	Sat.....	8:00 PM.....	A	Entertainment Committee Dance-Rebound
24	Sun.....	1:00 PM.....	A	Art Guild Annual Art Show & Sale
24	Sun.....	5:00 PM.....	A	Karaoke
26	Tue.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
26	Tue.....	4:00 PM.....	Yellow Lecture Room.....	Irish Club - Parade Meeting
27	Wed.....	11:00 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	Beginner French Speaking
27	Wed.....	5:30 PM.....	A	Lawn Bowl Past Presidents Ball
27	Wed.....	7:00 PM.....	S	Siboney Bldg Meeting
28	Thur.....	8:30 AM	Blue Lecture Room.....	AARP Free Tax Service
28	Thur.....	2:00 PM.....	Starlite.....	Democrat Club Meeting

CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium
B	Billiards Room (W)
C	Card Room
CR	Craft Room
CL	Classroom
K	Kitchen
L	Lecture Room
R	Rainbow Room (W)
S	Sunrise Room (W)
V	Veranda

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Saturday, Feb. 2

Super Bowl XLVII
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Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday, Feb. 12



Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, Feb. 13



Valentine's Day
Thursday, Feb. 14

Presidents' Day
Monday, Feb. 18

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY**East Activity Center**

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 7:30 Women's Tennis
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Open Lawn Bowl
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 Contract Bridge
 12:00 PM Mahjong
 1:00 Canasta
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:30 ... Contract Bridge (Time change for Feb.)
 6:30 Texas Hold-em Poker
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 12:30 PM....Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY**East Activity Center**

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Open Lawn Bowl
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00.....Yoga
 12:00 PM.....Library
 12:00 Ceramics
 1:00 The Music Group
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Line Dancing
 1:00 Oil Painting Class
 3:00 Jesters Rehearsal
 3:00 Italian Speaking Class
 5:30 Dominos
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Bid Euchre
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00 Bible Study Club
 7:00 Chorus Rehearsal
 7:00 Canadian Club Mahjong

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 9-Ball Tournament
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY**East Activity Center**

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 7:30 Women's Tennis
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Zumba Gold
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:00 Tai Chi
 9:00 Spanish Speaking for Beginners
 9:30 Open Lawn Bowl
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Intermediate Spanish Speaking
 11:00 Jazz Dance
 11:30 Tap Dance
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 PM 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:00 Painting Pals
 1:30 Scrapbooking Class
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:30 ... Contract Bridge (Time change for Feb.)
 6:30 Texas Hold-em Poker

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM Mahjong
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY**East Activity Center**

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Oil Painting Class
 9:30Open Lawn Bowl (Except tourn. days)
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00.....Yoga
 12:00 PM.....Bob B.'s Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 12:30 Euchre
 12:30 Writer's Ink

1:00 Jesters Rehearsal
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 3:00 Italian Speaking Class
 5:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:30 Canadian Club Game Night

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:00 ..Snowbird Line Dancing: Beginner Mens
 8:30 Exercise Class
 9:00 Snowbird Line Dancing
 12:30 PM ...Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY**East Activity Center**

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 7:30 Women's Tennis
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 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
 9:00 Jesters Rehearsal
 9:30Open Lawn Bowl (Except tourn. days)
 10:00 Hula Hoop Exercise Class
 12:00 PM.....Library
 1:00 The Music Group
 1:00 Mahjong
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:30 ... Contract Bridge (Time change for Feb.)
 6:30 .Hand & Foot Canasta (Feb. time change)

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY**East Activity Center**

8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 9:00 Lawn Bowl Jitney
 11:30.....Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 PM.....Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)

SUNDAY**East Activity Center**

2:00 PM.....Wii Bowling



Regina Dietrich

Dec. 3

Nancy Savelle	3280
Verna Olson.....	2880

Dec. 3 (P.M.)

Jane Child.....	2660
Chet Czecztot	2390

Dec. 5 (P.M.)

Sergio Pistella	3420
Chet Czecztot	3370

Dec. 6

Julie Solfronk	3750
Verna Olson.....	2970

Dec. 7

Julie Solfronk	3970
Regina Dietrich	2640

Dec. 12 (P.M.)

Sergio Pistella	4000
Chet Czecztot	3530

Dec. 13

Verna Olson.....	3630
Nancy Savelle	3380

Dec. 20

Mary Entwistle.....	3190
Regina Dietrich 2860	

Dec. 27

Van Jones	2970
Beni Sturcken.....	2910



Nov. 7

1650.....	Ann Gehrling
1440.....	Elsie Toth

Dec. 5

1410.....	Mary Powers
1210.....	Muriel Landau

Dec. 12

2270.....	Mary Powers
1430.....	Elsie Toth

Dec. 19

3920.....	Muriel Landau
3260.....	Elsie Toth

Dec. 26

3190.....	Ann Gehrling
2280.....	Muriel Landau

Jan. 2

1690.....	Mary Powers
1610.....	Fran Peck

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EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec

Dec. 13

5960 (1st Place).....	Al Lacher/
Ann Spero (Tie)	

Dec. 18

6790 (1st Place).....	Betty McKay
6490 (2nd Place)	Chet Czecztot

Dec. 20

6990 (1st Place).....	Sergio Pistella
6810 (2nd Place)	Jeanne Sanders

Double Pinochle.....	Jeanne Sanders,
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Al Lacher	
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Jan. 3

6480 (1st Place).....	Ann Spero
6130 (2nd Place)	Sergio Pistella

Double Pinochle.....	Fran Milanec
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Jan. 8

6810 (1st Place).....	Frank Spero
6420 (2nd Place)	Guy LaRose

Double Pinochle.....	Betty McKay,
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Guy LaRose	
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Jan. 10

6390 (1st Place).....	Sergio Pistella
6380 (2nd Place)	Rose Oshaben

Double Pinochle.....	Jeanne Sanders
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Took All Tricks	Sergio Pistella,
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Fran Milanec	
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WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis

Dec. 13

7210 (1st Place Tie)	Bertie Lewis
6510 (2nd Place)	Gwen Nolan

Double Pinochle.....	Eileen Brust
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Dec. 20

6830 (1st Place).....	Clayton Hancock
6450 (2nd Place)	Eileen Brust

Jan. 10

6530 (1st Place).....	Bill House
6330 (2nd Place)	Chet Czecztot

(*Duplicate Bridge continued
from previous column*)

Saturday, Dec. 29

N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Anne Morreale, Walter Balderson

Monday, Dec. 31

N/S: Anthony Simon, Ans Korff
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Maxine Swanson, Betty Hayhurst
Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch

Wednesday, Jan. 2

N/S: Tom McKee, Thelma Jacobson
Gloria Ferris, Dot Graham
E/W: Anthony Simon, Ans Korff
Carmen Dixon, Carol Gray
Betty Hayhurst, Hilda Platte

Saturday, Jan. 5

N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Bob Zeman, Thelma Jacobsen
E/W: Orletha Van Etten, Jackie Frenette
Ans Korff – Anthony Simon

Monday, Jan. 7

N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W: Kay Ralston, Thelma Wishnek
Anthony Simon, Ans Korff

Wednesday, Jan. 9

N/S: Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
Harry Schloen, Adele Schloen
E/W: Thelma Jacobson, Marie Hebert
Betty Sagun, Karen Russell

Saturday, Jan. 12

N/S: Betty Hayhurst, Maxine Swanson
Renee Fishman, Mariam Liberman
E/W: Jackie Frenette, M.A. Sinnenberg
Betty Sagun, Karen Russell

Monday, Jan. 14

N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Eldon Smith, Bruce Mills
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Packer
Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE**EAST SIDE – Thursdays****Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec**

Dec. 20

1.....	Arnie Engelbert
2.....	May Blair
3.....	Joyce Engelbert
4.....	Mary Ann Fontaine

Jan. 3

1.....	May Blair
2.....	Maxine Murray
3.....	Fran Milanec
4.....	Ron Murray

Jan. 10

1.....	May Blair
2.....	Ron Murray
3.....	June Sweeney/Mike Aitken (Tie)

(Continued in next column)

Time again to clean out the storerooms

Happy Valentine's Day. Let that certain someone know you care, even if it is only with a wink. You might get lucky!

All our winter residents are back in their nests. You can tell who they are by the smile on their faces. Welcome home.

Our ladies and men's luncheon were held Jan. 10. The ladies went to Cheddars in Largo, and the men went to Red Lobster on U.S. 19. Both lunches were well attended. Several doggie bags were seen returning to the core.

It is that time of the year again: *Store Room Cleanup Day*. Condominium rules require articles and containers be identified with owner's name and apartment number. Salvation Army will pick up all useable 'stuff' on the



date posted on our bulletin board.

Out of the 15 bikes in our storage room, only four have air in the tires. The "Army" would love to pick them up.

The first meeting for 2013 will be held 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Sunrise Room. This year's program will be

discussed. Our annual dues of \$10 per person for supplies and activities will be collected. The meeting will close with a 50/50 drawing.

In addition to all the activities we have going on at On Top of the World, you might want to squeeze in a couple more:

The Plant City Strawberry Festival runs from Feb. 7th through the 18th. It is worth the one-hour drive. It is the friendliest group of people you would ever want to meet.

The second event is the Florida State Fair in Tampa. It runs from Feb. 28th through March 10th. Check for senior discounts on both.

Mama sez: I really don't know much about men. Everything I've learned is from what I picked up.



Wow – babies and more babies!

It's a population explosion! This reporter announced a new great-niece for our neighbor Marsha Orrell last month; this month I am so happy to report that Dottie Taglieri is announcing her first great-grandchild.

Her granddaughter gave birth to Colton Ross Vandergriff on Dec. 27 in nearby Brandon, weighing in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. Congrats to Dottie and family!

Then, a few weeks ago, my husband, Bob and I got news that we will be having our 10th grandchild this June... babies everywhere — how wonderful!

We are all enjoying having the Snowbirds return and all our new neighbors from the North.

Keep watching this post for pictures of all the new faces around the Grecian Classic.

Do you have your date for Valentine's Day yet? There's still time and plenty of activities to enjoy around the complex.

Don't sit home alone — get out and join in a club or activity.

Snowbirds glad to be back in the sunshine

*My heart leaps up when I behold
This certain man on whom I'm sold;
I love your manner, looks and line,
Will you be my Valentine?*

February already, a month with lots of special days: Groundhog Day, Lincoln's birthday, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. I wonder if students study any history to honor all our presidents?

Ruth LaHoy, one of our returning Snowbirds, came back in mid-January. She said she had to manage to walk over pure ice to get out of her home in Michigan. It had snowed, didn't get shoveled and melted into ice.

Ruth was glad to have her granddaughter, an airline attendant, accompany her back on the plane.



Not only that but her granddaughter was able to help her get in her food supplies.

Anita Mazzella enjoyed having her daughter and granddaughter from Oregon visiting. She misses them as

they had to go home but it was fun while they were here.

So nice to see all the other returning Snowbirds enjoying the sunshine on the balcony. We welcome back Randy and Cindy Henry and Ronald and Anna Mroz. I know I've missed someone. Let me know you are back and bring me some news from your summer. The black box is still by the bulletin board, even if the sign isn't above it anymore. Let's see it stuffed.

Hope you all were able to make it to our Jan. 26 dinner at Daddy's in Oldsmar. Due to deadline restraints, will write about it in the March column.

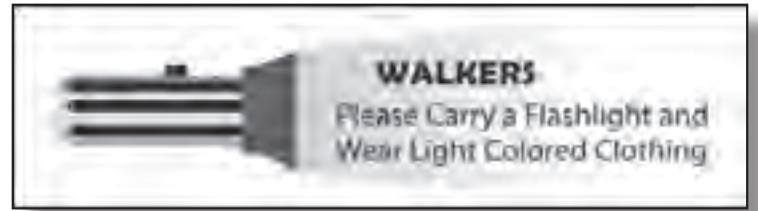
Enjoy each day! As I look out my window while writing this, the trees have leaves and there is beautiful sunshine.

NEWSPAPER IS ON THE WEB

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Be sure to send the link to your family and friends up North so they can keep up with all the happenings at On Top of the World.

Don't forget to also use the same Web site for service requests and other items of interest to OTOW residents.



European cities featured on river cruise

Here's to a happy and healthy New Year to all!

More on the Danube River cruise Lynn Mandolesi and Pat Zorland enjoyed on the luxurious river cruise ship the MS *Amadeus Diamond*.

Traveling during the night hours allowed for the passengers to enjoy the landscapes and experience the cultures of the various ports of call. Boarding at Budapest, Hungary, Pat and Lynn found that the cities of Buda and Pest lie on separate banks of the river.

Ports of call included a stop in Estergom, Hungary, and a visit to the eighteenth largest basilica in the world and also the final resting place of Cardinal Joszef Mindsenty. The Cardinal was held prisoner by the Communists until 1971, when he was finally free to travel, eventually touring the United States.

The next stop was Slovakia (a major producer of Kia cars as well as Volkswagens), a trip up hill on a little red train for a panoramic view of the city of Baratisava, then on to the waltz capital of Vienna, Austria.

Then they traveled to Durnstein, Austria, for wine tasting, on to Linz, Austria the setting for the "Sound of Music" and birthplace of Mozart.



Next was Passau, Germany, and finally, with the trip winding down, they traveled to Munich for a tour of the city and preparations for their return trip to the U.S.

Traveling Tybee Island near Savannah, Ga., recently were Sam and Julia Contella with Julia's sons, their wives and children. Tybee Island is home to the Tybee Island light station (lighthouse), which is still active and maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The families rented homes within site of the station and were close enough to look up and see the beam of light 145 feet over their heads.

The younger folks ventured the 178 steps to get a bird's eye view of the light, but Sam and Julia remained on the

ground and shouted encouragement to the rest.

Julia tells us a Forest Gump look-alike appeared on their tour bus and handed out chocolates — too bad it was not Tom Hanks!

The January meeting of the Capistrano board of directors brought out a representative group to discuss recent events that have occurred within the Capistrano area.

Residents are asked to keep a watchful eye on what is happening around the buildings and grounds and report any suspicious activities or persons to law enforcement. Although we are located close to the gate guard facility, the persons on duty are not able to be of assistance. *Keep your eyes and ears open!* For safety's sake, do not confront anyone. Let law enforcement handle the situation.

Residents were reminded to keep a check on the pans under their hot water tanks for evidence of leaking tanks. One of our residents experienced damage to their unit from a leaking hot water tank in an upper unit.

A potluck dinner or alternative dining has been suggested for the February meeting.

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 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 & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side 11 to 11:20 a.m.
 East Side 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side 11 to 11:20 a.m.
 East Side 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side 11 to 11:20 a.m.
 East Side 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Wine and cheese party attracts 50 Modernage residents



Roses are red, violets are blue;
Happy Valentine's Day to each one of
you!

We had 50 people show up for our wine and cheese party (see photos). Since some newcomers to our building attended, it was a good time to get acquainted with them and to catch up on everyone else.

Later this month is the Jester's program. Watch the bulletin board for all the particulars. They have been practicing to give us a few laughs. As I keep repeating to myself, laughter is good medicine!

We had a good turnout for our building meeting last month. Hope you were there. If not, you can read the minutes on the bulletin board.



Modernage wine and cheese party was a success, with at least 50 persons attending.



Two Wilsons: Ann Wilson, left, and Joyce Wilson.



Rachel Tranchemontagne, left, with Pat and Don Levay.

Building 'angels' make the residence a better place

New Years and the resolutions it brings. I have settled on a new strategy for my resolutions.

This year my resolutions are to sleep late, stop all exercise and gain 20 pounds. If this works the way my former years' resolutions worked, I'll wind up a slim, early riser in top shape because of all the exercise. More on this strategy next year.

The holidays are over. I caught Doris O'Meara. John Parham, Marie Pirrello, Peggy Longfellow, and Gordon and Jean Fowlie busy packing up decorations and looking for places to store them for next year.

Our core areas have been restored to "clean as a whistle" condition. Thanks for your service to the building. (If I may have missed someone, please forgive me.)

In my box this month I received an unusual report: an anonymous report of an "angel sighting." The reporter claims that during the last rainstorm, they observed this angel with bucket and mop, mopping up the water in the core so that all would be safe.

I gathered from this report that the angel is male, young and a first-floor resident — that is all the clues you get. The world is a better place because of the angels and silent heroes that are among us. I hope to receive



many more reports like this — keep on the lookout.

Petie Fornuto had a wonderful New Year's celebration with a visit from her son Anthony and his wife and daughter. A great way to start the New Year, and I understand there is a promise of another visit in February. It is cold in Indiana this time of year, so a great time to visit mom in sunny Florida!

Our Sunshine Lady, Carmel, and her husband Victor finally returned to us after an epic driving holiday, first to Oregon and then to Pennsylvania and finally home. A 6,200-mile trip with plans to fly next time.

They did return home in time to share their love of cooking with many of us. Her baking and cabbage rolls are



Azores Building Captain Frank DeSantis.

out of this world. Glad to have you back safely, saddle sores and all!

On Jan. 24, some 45 Azoreans cooked up a storm and had a covered dish dinner in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center. It is unbelievable, the culinary talent that resides in this building.

Everyone got to sample a wide variety of creations plus the visiting and enjoying of each others' company. The cement of community is in the kitchens of those who make up the community.

At this point I want everyone to note that on Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day, we shall gather once more for

a pizza party. Keep your eye on the bulletin board.

Last item this month is to introduce our new Building Captain, Frank DeSantis (see photo at left). Frank was born and raised in Worcester, Mass.

In high school, he played basketball and baseball. He graduated Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. While at Bentley, still very much interested in sports, he became involved in basketball refereeing. This interest has become his avocation over the past 42 years with lots of travel to all the major conferences.

He works as a customer service representative, which allows him to live in Florida. Frank enjoys our golf here at On Top of the World.

Frank has two grown children: son Nicolas and his beautiful daughter Maria. Nicolas is married with two grandchildren.

In two more years, his partner Denise Foley will be retiring and joining Frank. Frank also has a brother, Lew, and his lovely 92-year-old mother, Lucille.

Frank is delighted with the warm reception he has received and looks forward to working with all the Azores residents as Building Captain.

Thanks to these volunteers for taking down the lights

At holiday time, many of us speak long distance to friends. I often speak with Rita and Ron Wolfinger and have so again recently.

Rita is Aleda Sloan's niece. Aleda and Don Sloan were one of the first residents of España, if not the very first.

Aleda is now 90 years old and lives in an assisted living facility. She is very mentally alert. She uses a walker for extra safety.

She still likes to shop and every few days Rita drives about 10 minutes to pick her up and take her shopping. Aleda asked if I would please say hello and Happy New Year to her friends who are still here at España. So—Happy New Year to all of Aleda's friends!

I'm writing this article on the 12th day of Christmas (Jan. 6). The lights in the arches were taken down yesterday.

John Fier and Mike Payne took them down on the odd side and packed them away. Aldo Delu and Dick Kronawetter took down the lights on the even side and packed them away for another year. Don Rice and Linda Rice removed all the lobby decorations on the afternoon of New Year's Eve and packed them away.



For many years, I have brought you all bags of fruit from my three trees. Last year I couldn't because I was incapacitated. This year the walkers stripped my Naval tree while the fruit was still green.

The tangerine tree is dying. Both the Honeybell tree and the tangerine were not fertilized due to my inability, thus the fruit is sour and I wouldn't want to give that to anyone.

In fact, as I juice the oranges, I have to add sugar in order to drink it. Maybe next season will be better. Let's hope!

This month is Valentine's Day, so don't eat too much candy!



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