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The new bingo verifying machine gets a test run in January. Now, selected numbers are shown on a display screen.

## Bingo adds new technology which allows you to see each ball drawn

On Top of the World bingo has always been dramatic.

You sit in the auditorium alongside 200 other competitors. You stare at your bingo cards hoping a key number is called. You may even rub one of your good luck charms to try to get your number to rise to the top.

Finally, a ball is drawn and you hold your breath as the announcer officially calls the number.

You can finally yell “bingo!”

Could this be any more dramatic?

Well, as bingo fans found out in January, yes, it can be even more dramatic.

OTOW bingo recently purchased a new “verifier machine.”

The verifier does two things.

First, residents no longer have to listen to the host’s voice to learn what number is the latest ball drawn. As the host draws a ball, that ball is placed in a receptacle and a magnified view

of that ball is displayed for the entire bingo audience to see.

If you were on the edge of your seat waiting for 16 to be drawn, now you may actually see the 16 as it is turned and placed in the verifier.

Imagine your reaction when you see your winning ball displayed right in front of your eyes!

But wait! You cannot cheer yet!

After the announcer officially declares the 16-ball, then you can shout at the top of your lungs ... “Bingo!”

The second purpose of the verifying machine is to obviously verify.

In the past, bingo volunteers would have to read off numbers on a potentially-winning card.

Now, with the verifier, volunteers only have to read off the bingo card code number and the verifying machine automatically confirms whether bingo was appropriately called.

The new technology prevents volunteers from reading off every number on a card, which can sometimes be troublesome, especially if the person who yelled “bingo” is in the back of the room.

“We finally got the upgrade on our game board installed,” said Brad Day, president of bingo. “It instantly confirms winners. We just started using it last month and already we have added a bit of excitement.”

The trick is, numbers displayed by the machine are not official. Numbers don’t become official until announced.

So, shouting “bingo” does require some patience.

“Things will get better and the games will go smoother and faster as we continue to use it,” Brad said.

Bingo takes place every Monday evening in the East Activity Center. Bingo tickets are sold starting at

4:30 p.m. and the last cards are sold promptly at 6:15 p.m.

There are no sales after 6:15 p.m.

Players are encouraged to come early to avoid the late-arriving crowd.

By coming early, you can meet and socialize with friends and neighbors. The earlier you arrive, the more seats available for you to choose from.

Residents must bring their Recreation Card with them in order to enter the auditorium and each resident is allowed to bring one guest. Please try coming a little earlier as we get such a crowd at the last minute.

Coffee and big donuts will be served at intermission.

Have fun. Enjoy our new verifying machine. And get ready to yell “bingo!”

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Singer, guitarist, Tony Orifici, entertained the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee crowd in January. Tony's career in the Music Business began in the early '60s as a Vocalist/Guitarist and a founding member of the Prells. Throughout the '70s and '80s, Tony toured the country as a guitarist/vocalist with bands such as Before 'N' After, Shining Star, and Salt and Pepper. He has also been a member of bands that have opened for artists such as Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Brown, Lionel Richie, Little Anthony, Richard Marx and Lee Andrews, to mention a few. To find out who is performing at Get Acquainted Coffee on Feb. 11, see page 44.

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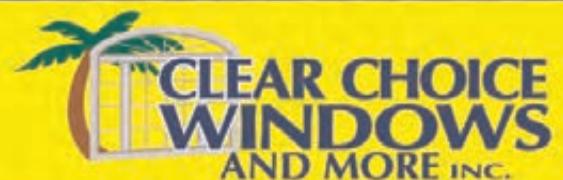


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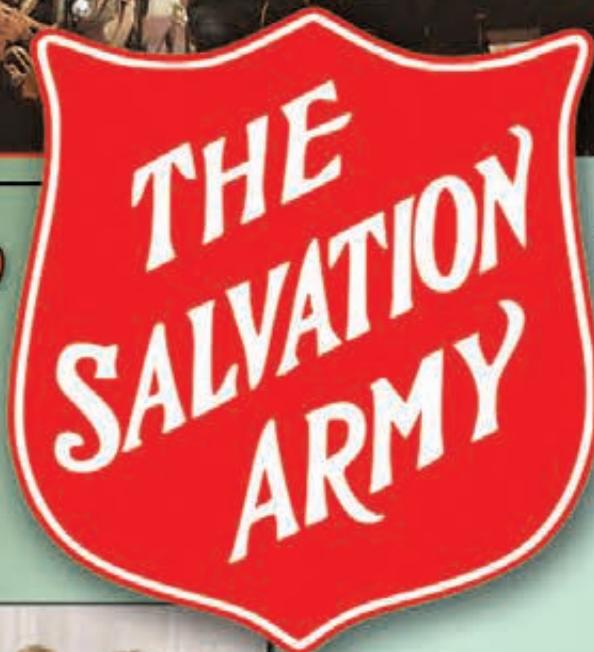
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**Pick-up location: The Salvation Army**  
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# Preparing for an emergency starts with following safety precautions everyday

A great deal of what your Board does falls under the heading of "Problem Prevention/Problem Solving."

In order to achieve these goals, we need resident cooperation.

The fire at Building 4, that occurred over the Christmas holidays, reminds us of the importance of staying up to date with current resident emergency contact information. The Association has no way to reach you when important information needs to be disseminated unless you have accurate emergency contact information on file.

I want to take this opportunity, while the majority of our owners are in residence this month, to remind you to update your emergency references and contact phone numbers, which are originally collected at the time of your interview for residency.

For many of you, that information is well over 10 years old. We urge you to update this information.

In the event of an emergency involving your unit at On Top of the World, or in the event of an emergency situation involving you, the Association needs current emergency contact information.

If another OTOW resident or local resident has a key to your unit, please notify the Community Service Office so they can add that information to your file.

We recently had this situation take place during the fire at Building 4, where several units were vacant due to out-of-town owners over the holidays.

The fire department needed access to those units to determine if the fire had spread. Those unit owners had provided a neighbor with keys to their units, which allowed firefighters quick access to their unit, which in turn allowed them to continue to focus on fire suppression in the impacted units.

The Association recommends you provide a list of your key holders to your building coordinator as they can be instrumental in assisting emergency services if you are out of town and emergency access is required.



## Keeping Common Areas Safe

During the past six months, the Inspection Services Department has focused on the common areas with the attention on life/safety code violations and overall consistency in the appearance throughout the community.

As a reminder, plants, bookcases, chairs, tables and ornamental items are not permitted in the walkways and end stairwells. Items displayed in the center core are limited to a few small benches/chairs and a few decorative items.

During an emergency evacuation of a building, specifically a fire, elevator use is not recommended. The walkways to the exits must remain clear to accommodate those persons trying to evacuate and to allow ample room for evacuees in a wheelchair or scooter to traverse the walkways during an emergency.

The most common response I get from residents in this matter is "I have lived here for 20 years and never had an emergency."

I can only tell you, we are fortunate in our community that emergency situations have been minimal. However, because of our good safety record, many residents have become complacent to hazards and risks.

Most residents have not experienced an emergency situation and they haven't had to evacuate a building in the middle of the night.

Imagine, if your loved one or neighbor using an assistive walking device or wheelchair, has to try to negotiate flower pots, chairs, statues etc. as they make their way to the stairwell during an evacuation (remember elevators are

not used during a fire emergency). Obstacles in the center core areas work the other way, as well, presenting obstructions to first responders.

Please be pro-active by removing any articles or furnishings in the walkways and stairwells.

## Landscaping in the Common Areas

Prior to planting anything in the common areas, please make sure you obtain an approved Request for Modification/Alteration.

The common areas include the grass area outside of your front and back patio as well as the grass area on the sides of the buildings and the building entrances.

Many of the current plantings are being removed as they create maintenance concerns, such as plants on top of water meters. Other examples are a plant which is incompatible with location (mature size of plant) or thorns which create a safety concern.

The right plant, in the right place, is the goal.

You may obtain the Request for Modification forms by visiting online at [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and click on the Service Department tab.

You may also visit the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center to obtain a copy.

As a reminder, the Community Service Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

During business hours, personnel can also be reached by phone at 727-683-6981. If you reach a recording, the representative is assisting another resident. Please leave your address and unit number, name and phone number and description of your service request. You will receive a call back only if the service related item is not within the scope of management company responsibility.

The Management Company works diligently towards improvement of the community and takes your request for service seriously. When submitting requests for modification and service, please understand not all requests can

be fulfilled. The request may not be financially feasible, may violate state and local codes, or may not be compliant with community rules and standards.

## Important Safety Tips

If you are using a space heater, make sure it is well away from any combustible object.

Avoid overloading an electrical outlet with appliances, extension cords and especially a space heater.

Overloading any electrical outlet can be a sure prescription for a fire.

For those residents with approved dryers in their condo, February is a good time to clean out your dryer vent pipe. Lint can become clogged in the vent pipe, reducing dryer efficiency (that's why it takes an hour or more to dry a 20 minute load!).

Even more to the point, collected lint can become a fire hazard!

If, by chance, you have a "bootleg" washer/dryer installed in your home, now is a great time to have it inspected by a licensed, professional electrician and appliance specialist to make sure the installation conforms to building code standards.

Once this inspection is certified to the Association, your record will be updated.

It is worth noting, all resale units with washer/dryers must first have such an inspection prior to a resale purchase transaction approved by the Association.

Many dryer vents traverse a long distance to the roof. This type of installation falls under the heading of a "limited common element serving a single unit."

As such, it is the owners' obligation to maintain this component.

If you've never done this before, the vent pipe may need a top down cleaning. If you engage an independent contractor for this work, they will require Association permission to access the roof-top vent. They will need to demonstrate proper licensing and insurance, as well as demonstrate the ability meet OSHA requirements to work safely on a roof.

Three sources of information at one Web link: [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com)

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# After a residential fire, will

## Reality Check

Any residential fire is a catastrophe on many levels.

There is the potential for injury or loss of life, disruption of your home and routine, the loss of keepsakes and maybe the loss of a pet.

All this happened in the recent fire in the Colonial Building (B-4).

The good news is, there were no injuries or loss of human life.

The process of post-fire restoration is largely governed by the Association's insurance company and the Pinellas County Building Department (PCBD). At this juncture, your Board is uncertain what will be required in building restoration plans and code requirements. Otherwise, steps in restoration are shoring supports between floors, clean-out of remaining personal items, demolition of damaged components and build-back.

This applies to units damaged directly by fire, or by smoke and water. Restoration of smoke damage only is much more direct and faster.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the rapid response of board member and General Manager Sharon Licata, together with Shawn Tobias, Joe Ensminger, Lisa McAlum and Arion Thedy, for responding to the fire on the heels of the Clearwater Fire Department.

Numerous other management company supervisors turned out as well to offer assistance. They began organizing the recovery plan before the fire department left the site. Sharon Licata and the management company team continue to be on top of the insurance carrier and managing the restoration.

## Insurance Update

This fire event is a reminder to each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate.

If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction, as well as loss of use (being homeless pending restoration), may well exceed the value of your condominium many times over.

It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit, including loss of use coverage. Loss of use coverage will allow your carrier to provide you living and lodging expenses



es should you become displaced. Displacement after a fire may be between 6 and 10 months!

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit owners may wish to have. Contents coverage may vary greatly depending on what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances and cabinetry.

All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any casualty event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage.

Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

For more information, please visit [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) then click "Community" and download the pdf document entitled: "Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner."

Besides casualty insurance, other steps to protecting your home are testing your smoke detector regularly and having an operable B-rated, C-rated (liquid, electrical) fire extinguisher at easy reach. Read the extinguisher op-

erating instructions when you first purchase the unit and at least twice a year thereafter is also recommended. In this recent event, having and using an operable fire extinguisher may have greatly limited the damage.

## Insurance for Water Leaks

The Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters.

The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner. In all cases the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units.

The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for its repair work in every instance.

## Upcoming Projects

"But when are you going to trim my trees!"

This is a common question I get asked.

In point of fact, the management company is responsible for the maintenance of several thousand trees around the community. There is a definite process to removing old, decaying and nuisance trees, as well as corrective pruning.

The management company surveys the trees in the community and rates their health and viability. Trees determined to be eligible for removal or remedial trimming, are listed according to severity. A permit is obtained from the county for trees scheduled for removal. Trees determined to be healthy and not posing a threat to structure or residents, are given a lower priority on the work schedule.

The Association obtains a permit once a year (barring an emergency situation, such as post hurricane clean-up). Once a permit is in hand, the process of removal and tree replacement is begun in an orderly, scheduled manner.

## Painting/Waterproofing

The back of Building 58 and the fronts of Buildings 57 and 59 are all scheduled for new coatings in February.

Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

## Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The next structure scheduled for roofing improvements is Building 17.

This project will entail two phases and the first phase is projected to begin on or just before Feb. 1, weather permitting. This phase will not affect traffic or most parking patterns due to the nature of the work.

The first phase is anticipated to last roughly two weeks. On Feb. 12, the second phase of the project will begin and this will affect the residents living on the north side of the building (which are the ODD numbered addresses).

Residents will begin seeing materials and equipment delivered for the job and a closure of the north parking lot will occur.

As with the other roofing projects, staged closures of the parking lots either partially or in their entirety, must happen in order for the contractor to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

Bulletins will be posted and updated based on the contractor's activities during the project's duration. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

## New Benches

The installation of new benches is another community improvement project that began in December and will continue through this spring.

These new "environmentally friendly" benches will be placed at locations convenient to bus stops and routes regularly traversed by many of the community's pedestrians.

This project will require the removal and disposal of the current cement benches, then improvements to the surface grade will be made, and finally installation of the new bench.

## Building 42 Work

A project affecting the third floor walkway on the south side of Building 42 should be nearing completion as this article goes to print.

A specialty concrete restoration company was contracted to remediate a portion of the second floor southwest wing. These repairs involved the exposing and cleaning of the rebar, treating it with a retardant, and then closing the area with a specialty concrete product that is stronger than the existing concrete.

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# your insurance be adequate?

Updates concerning the project will be available via the Website, OTOW television channels 96 and 732, and building 42 bulletin boards.

## Lighting

New walkway lighting fixture installations are continuing at Buildings 57, 59 and 46 throughout the winter months.

Residents may see Parkway maintenance teams operating in the walkways as this project progresses. Please watch your step in and around this work if you encounter it.

## Inspection Services

The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway construction department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

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

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

Inspection Services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproof coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

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

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ment company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but has the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

## Building Walkway Repairs

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second and third floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust.

Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The management company will post notices on affected building bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work.

Please be aware of “Caution” and “Wet Paint” signs in and around these work areas.

## Awnings

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element.

In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the “clamshell” awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the

Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

## Plantings

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

## Keep Stairwells Clear

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings.

These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

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

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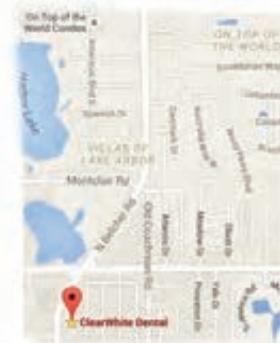
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Internationally-known line dance instructor, John Robinson, led a group of On Top of the World line dancers during a special afternoon session in January. John (sitting on the floor on the left side) taught new dances step-by-step and led on stage when the music started. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

## OTOW line dancers welcome international instructor



By Antoinette d'Oronzio

On Top of the World residents were treated to a special afternoon of line dancing in January as internationally known instructor John Robinson was the guest of the Line Dance Club.

John, also known as "Mr. Showcase," is a celebrity in the line dance world. He creates dances for all levels from beginners to advanced, and he uses both country and non-country music.

His original choreography is taught and danced around the world.

John taught a large and enthusiastic group of OTOW line dancers and their guests. Some of the dances he choreographed, including his signature dance, "Dangerous."



This special event was co-sponsored by the OTOW Snowbirds Club.

The event came about because some of OTOW line dancers recently attended a convention in Tampa, which featured stars of the line dance circuit. The OTOW line dancers were impressed by John's charm and skills and thought he would be perfect for a session at OTOW.

They invited him and he was de-

lighted to accept the invitation.

You are invited to join the OTOW line dancers every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. For more information, call Mary Becker at (727) 253-4874.

For programs and step sheets for the dances, go to the Line Dancing Association Website at [sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing](http://sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing).

You can also view our latest news on the Box Office by visiting the club pages.

You can tune in to OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 to dance along with OTOW line dancers in the comfort and privacy of your own home. The line dance videos are currently showing at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

John Robinson, right, shows enthusiasm as he gets his fellow line dancers ready for the next dance.



# We love taking leftover yarn and turning it into something beautiful and useful

By Phyllis Butler

Greetings from the Good Neighbors Knitting Group!

We are now in the middle of winter, and although our weather has cooled and is cold to us, it is nothing like it is up north.

Thank goodness.

For residents in local nursing homes, it is still pretty cool, so we continue to create our lap robes and shrugs.

One of our prolific members is Pauline Segall, who joined our group in the early '90s and has been a regular member ever since.

She started with knitting and crocheting, and turned in some beautiful and intricate robes.

Her favorite, however, has always been the "granny square," and over the years, she has been concentrating on those.

All our other members save their leftover yarn for Pauline and she takes the smallest balls and creates the most beautiful robes, mixing the colors into true masterpieces.

Some of her robes are one large square, created from many partial skeins of yarn, beautifully blended. Others are small squares of brilliant colors, surrounded by black, the traditional "granny Square."

We can always tell Pauline's robes by the beautiful blended colors and by the "picot" edging that she crochets around each robe. It is unique to Pauline's work.



The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner. We really appreciate their help.

We would also like to thank the residents who take the time to drop off donations of leftover yarn that they have accumulated in various ways and can no longer use. We can use them.

We both knit and crochet, and while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult patterns.

We make lap robes and shrugs, which are distributed among several nursing homes, and of course, the VA hospital.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in our efforts and our fellowship.



Pauline Segall works on a Granny Square which will later be a part of a robe.

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<p>01</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Board Meeting 10:30 AM - Veranda</p>	<p>02</p> <p>Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting 9:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Hoosier Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Travel Club Board Meeting 1:30 PM - Rainbow Room</p>	<p>03</p> <p>Canadian Club Party 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	
<p>07</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Sunday In The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>08</p> <p>German Interest Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>09</p> <p>Stamp Collectors Meeting 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>No.85 Espana Meeting 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting 9:30 AM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Healthy Living Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Jesters Show 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Canadian Club Luncheon 12:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>No.90 Queen Victoria Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 6:00 PM Kitchen/Craft Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Italian Club Social 3:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Healthy Living Diabetes Meeting 12:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Hoosier Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Party 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Good Neighbors Building Coordinators Meeting 1:30 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Canadian Club Ticket Sales 8:00 AM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Dance 11:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Healthy Living Diabetes Meeting 12:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>No.89 Siboney Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Art Guild Show 10:00 AM - Auditorium</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>The East Activity Center Large Card Room will be closed in March. If you do not renew its meeting times will be left off of the new calendar for April, May and June. You must renew in June for events in the future.</p>	

This Calendar Pulls Out



# 16 Calendar

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>04</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 10:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Canadian Club Game Night 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>No.75 Mandarin Meeting 4:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>No.6 Grecian Classic Meeting 10:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Dance 8:00 PM - Auditorium</p>
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indefinitely for renovations. If you had a function this month scheduled for the Large Card Room, please see Nancy in the CSO. Any group which  
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# Press Association wants holiday season to be a celebration, not a competition

The annual Holiday Lights Contest may be getting a makeover.

At the Press Association meeting in January, staff brainstormed to come up with an idea which would be more popular and more beneficial than the current decoration contest which started five years ago.

Currently, residents compete against other residents for prizes.

What the Press Association came up with for an alternative is a totally unique idea.

“Many people provided positive and negative feedback about the current contest,” said editor Doug Kates, who pointed out participation dropped between 2014 and 2015. “Some residents said the holidays should not be turned into a competition, but a celebration. Others said it is just too difficult to put up wonderful holiday displays. Even more said, some people did not want to enter because they knew they would not win.”



So, what's next?

Here's a general idea.

The Press Association proposes a new community event called “One Light.”

This event will encourage residents to put at least one colorful light in the main window of their condo. No one is discouraging traditional light displays, but this event will make an effort to convince those individuals who don't decorate to at least put one light on for the World to see.

“Can you imagine, 6900 units with at least one beautiful light on,” Doug said.

Placing a holiday light in a window would be the first step of this proposed new event. The next part would be selecting a specific evening and asking residents to walk down their street and along World Parkway Boulevard to witness the beautiful lights of their neighbors' condos.

Walkers could wear holiday attire, knit hats and gloves, and it would be perfectly acceptable to sing carols.

Santa is already confirmed to be one of the walkers, should the event be approved.

The Press Association will talk more about this idea at its Feb. 4 meeting.

In other business, the Press Association talked about creating a Wall of Fame for its dedicated reporters, who eventually step down or really retire.

The Wall of Fame would become a feature on the Press Association

Website.

“We have had a lot of reporters who work years on our newspaper,” Doug said. “Then, when they step down, they are merely forgotten. We are considering a plan to remember those who have worked so hard to bring news to our community.”

The Press Association also discussed eliminating its holiday luncheon and creating a New Year's Kick-off Luncheon instead.

At the holiday luncheon this past December, only 20 members of 130 contributors attended. By moving the luncheon to January, it is hoped more people will have more free time with the holiday season over.

The Press Association will host a free pizza party for members only at its March 3 meeting and the annual Appreciation Luncheon will take place April 7. The luncheon will be catered by The Stuffed Mushroom for a second consecutive year.



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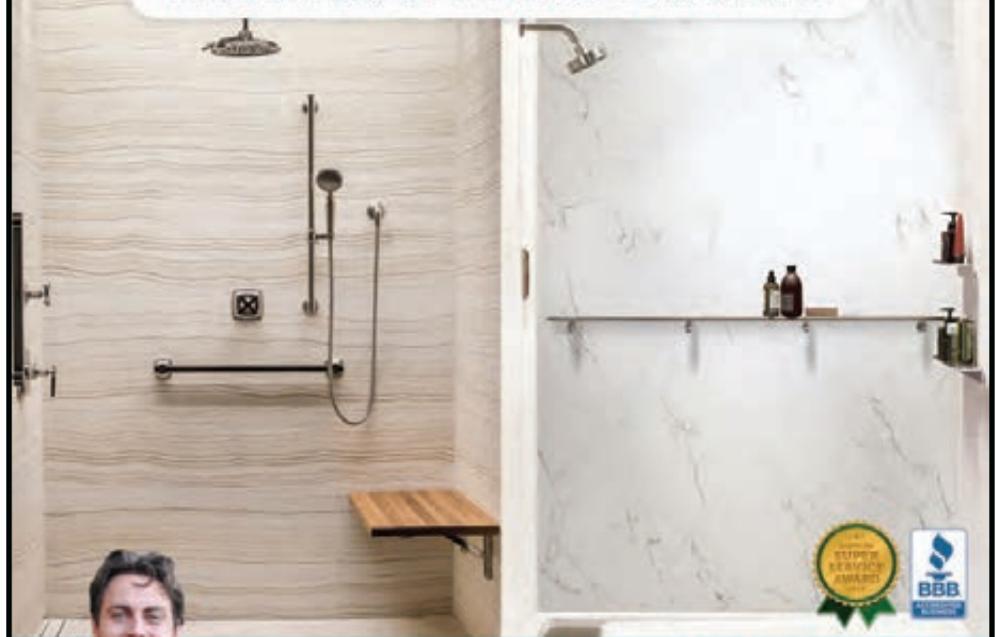
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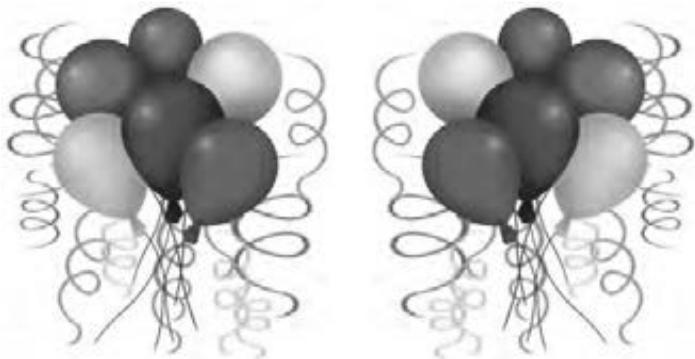
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# How government is trying to oversee lending

Q. My wife and I are not lawyers but we read a lot about the law. Hypothetically speaking, suppose I decided to represent myself and my wife in a personal injury suit where we were being sued for an automobile accident.

A. Hypothetically speaking, you'd lose.

Q. Am I correct that some government agency has made it more difficult to sell my home if the buyer is getting a loan?

A. This happens to be a very complex question and it requires an answer that I am not able to provide in a newspaper column like this.

Having said that, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) which Congress created in response to the financial collapse of 2008, has issued several rules and regulations that govern any lender who makes more than five loans in any one year.

The CFPB has the authority to fine — quite heavily, in fact — lenders who do not comply with the good faith estimates and with the disclosure requirements of the Bureau.

When an application for a loan is made, the lender has certain requirements to respond to the application within a limited amount of time. It also has certain requirements to make sure that its loan documents are presented to the closing agent — usually a title insurance company or an attorney — at least three days before the scheduled closing (but not counting Sundays and certain Federal holidays).

The closing statement is now called the Closing Disclosure.

The borrower is now called the Consumer.

Interestingly, title insurance is list-



ed as “optional,” however this can't really be accurate since lenders require mortgagee title insurance all the time. And it's not optional.

That is, the Consumer has to provide title insurance to the lender and has to pay for it as well.

Moreover, it is inconceivable to me that the buyer of a residential home would not demand title insurance to protect against unknown and maybe even unknowable flaws in the title.

Title insurance is a good idea even if the consumer was purchasing a new home from a builder, let alone on a resale, where it would be extremely risky to close without having the protection that title insurance affords.

So, I'm confused as to what the term optional means, but it seems to me that it can't reasonably mean that a lender does not have to require it nor that a buyer of a home cannot demand it as a condition of closing the sale.

Well, the CFPB regulations are quite confusing to a lot of lenders and attorneys and buyers (Oops, I mean Consumers) and sellers and real estate agents.

(I might also add that when title insurance is purchased at the same time that the mortgagee title insurance pol-

icy is purchased, this is what's called a simultaneous issue and the cost is substantially discounted.)

The result of all this is that it is very possible that even though a closing is set for, say 30 days from the date of the contract signing, the lender won't have given its notices in time to meet that 30-day closing date and thus, the closing may well need to be delayed.

My personal view, as someone who is involved with real estate closings, is that if a loan is involved, a 30-day closing is probably not going to happen and it would be better to have at least a 45-day closing.

Q. What makes you think a Will is better than a Trust?

A. Um...what I actually think and what you apparently think that I think appear to be separated by a substantial degree of distance.

First, I think that a Will is a very good and very effective method of estate planning for folks who want to leave their estate to a few relatives or friends, particularly so in those instances where the holder of assets can title them in payable on death status.

This way, when the holder of the assets passes on, the pay on death beneficiary needs only to produce a death certificate and the payable on death account will belong to the beneficiary with no further probate needed.

So that probably applies to most of us.

Second, I think a trust is an appropriate estate planning vehicle for folks who have to deal with beneficiaries with special needs or with beneficiaries, who have made bad choices and will likely continue to do so.

Therefore, what I am now saying

and what I've said over and over and over in this column and in lectures, is it is necessary to know all facts surrounding the approach the client wishes to take.

One size does NOT fit all and that's especially true when it comes to estate planning.

Q. My significant other and I are both married to “others.” I haven't seen my “other” in about two years and he hasn't seen his in about the same amount of time. Is there any legal problem with which we should be concerned?

A. Maybe yes; maybe no, but it seems to me it might be a good idea to ask the “others” about that.

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# The lady who could tap dance 500 times per minute

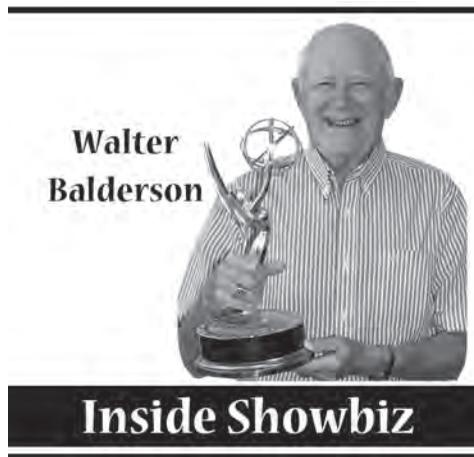
Johnnie Lucille Collier was supposed to be a boy.

Her father wanted a boy and when she was born, he insisted that she be named Johnnie.

Johnnie Lucille Collier later became Ann Miller, a dancer, singer and actress during the era of big MGM musicals.

Her father was a criminal lawyer, who represented Machine Gun Kelly and Baby Face Nelson among other mobsters. At the age of 9, the family moved to Los Angeles.

Her mother was deaf and it was difficult for her to find work. Ann looked much older than her age and began dancing in local clubs to help support the family. She adopted the



name Ann Miller.

Her first movie contract was with RKO, but later was signed by MGM and soon became Hollywood's top female tap dancer.

She was famed for her speed in tap dancing. Her studio claimed she could tap 500 times per minute. Since the floors were waxed, she could not wear regular taps on her shoes. She wore shoes with rubber soles and the taps were added later, while watching the film and actually dancing on a tap board to match the taps on the film.

She was known, especially later in her career, for her distinctive appearance, which reflected an ideal of glamour, heavy makeup with crimson lipstick and fashions that emphasized her figure and long legs.

Ann helped to popularize pantyhose in the 1940s as a solution to the continual problem of tearing stockings during the filming of large dance

production numbers.

Ann was married three times, first to Llewellyn Milner.

Between marriages, she dated such well known men as Howard Hughes, Conrad Hilton and Louie B Mayer.

During her marriage to Llewellyn, they had a baby girl who lived only three days.

Her final appearance was on Broadway with Mickey Rooney in a show called "Sugar Babies." It was very successful and continued to tour the country after the closing on Broadway.

Ann died at the age of 80 from lung cancer. She was interred in Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, Calif., beside her infant daughter.



## The annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, March 5 on World Parkway Boulevard

### NOTICE

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Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an ACRYLIC URETHANE or POLY URETHANE sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant, in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, may prevent water intrusion.

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# Annual Art Show set for Feb. 28



## Art Guild

By Judy Mills

It's time for the annual Spring Art Show sponsored by the Art Guild.

The show will be on Sunday, Feb 28 from 1-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

There will be many members exhibiting and selling their work.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and free coffee and cookies.

Admission is free and all attendees will have an opportunity to vote for a "People's Choice Award."

Each exhibitor will place one painting in competition for this award. The winning painting will be hung in the lobby through the summer season. This has always been a popular event and is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

The Art Guild hopes the show will inspire others to explore their artistic talent. We hope to see you there.

At our January meeting, we held a short business discussion, followed by some refreshments.

We cast our ballots for Artist of the Month and congratulations go out to Ruth Phillips! Her painting will be hung in the lobby for the next month. Stop by and check it out.

Also, congratulations to Paul Zipperlin for winning our December Artist of the Month. Beautiful job, Paul.

After the meeting, we enjoyed a presentation by Lorraine Ulen from Art Tryst Studios on blending and glazing with water colors. It was very creative and informative.

During our next meeting on Feb. 12, we will have a water color demonstration by Carol Loiacono, a well known local artist. We hope you can



Pictured above are recent Artists of the Month, Ruth Phillips and Paul Zipperlin. Ruth earned the honor for January and Paul for December.

join us to brush up on your water color skills.

Also, save the date, on Friday, March 11, from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the Art Room, Kevin Tobin from Golden Paints, will be giving a free presentation on acrylic paints. He will be covering a lot of material and every attendee will receive a valuable information packet and free samples of Golden products.

You do not have to be an Art Guild member to attend, but you do have to register.

Sign up at our February or March meetings, or call Penny Page at 727-648-4729 to get on the list. This promises to be a very fun time for everyone!

We have been keeping very busy with all of the different art class options:

On Mondays, Sharon Evans is giving oils and acrylic lessons for begin-

ner and experienced painters 9:30 a.m. in the Art Room. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for members.

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. These classes are also in the Art Room from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. At this time, her very popular classes are full so please call her if you'd like to get on the waiting list. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1- 3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

On Thursdays, John Fier will continue giving his popular drawing les-

sons from 1-3 p.m.. Classes are \$3 for members. Bring your own paper/sketch pad and pencils.

Art Guild membership is \$15 a year, which goes from November to November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

Our meetings are the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of the EAC.

At our meetings, we have a short business discussion, refreshments, a unique demonstration and voting for artist of the month. The winning project will be displayed in the lobby of the EAC for the following month.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!



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By Richard Madison

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And if that gets your blood boiling, check into a charming jewel of a lab set in the corner of the East Activity Center by the swimming pool.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## It's Theater Season

# OTOW theater backdrops are not purchased online - they are created by our own talents

By Doug Kates

Even before the first line is spoken, the first song is started or the first dance is put into motion, the first thing an audience sees at an On Top of the World drama show is the backdrop behind the newly opened curtain.

Talk about first impressions!

Even before the plot begins, the backdrop gives the audience a hint about what's to come.

So, who's responsible for the audience saying "wow" before the first one-liner?

Introducing John Fier – billiards player, art class instructor ... designated backdrop creator.

"It has been fun over the past five years and I have received quite a few compliments," John said. "It's nice to know these paintings can actually add to the enjoyment of these OTOW productions."

John has previously created backdrops for the shows "Money," "The Theatrical Museum" and "Sailing With The Love Bug."

His most challenging piece was a seven-piece orchestra backdrop for a Theater Workshop show.

Surprisingly, when it comes to making backdrops, John is somewhat of a rookie.

"In 2011, Will Sunblad asked if I could do a couple of backdrops for a Theater Workshop show he was working on," John said. "This was a new experience for me, so I did a little research on how to proceed."

Unfortunately, there is not a lot of storage space available here at OTOW, so it is not feasible to create new, large backdrops year after year after year. Old ones are primed and painted over, and used for the next show. Then, nine



John Fier works on a backdrop piece which will be used in the upcoming Jesters show this month. This is just one sample of what the audience will see this theater season. (Photo by Remo Melucci)

months later, there is a good chance another redo will take place.

For this season, John started early on a new backdrop for the Jesters upcoming show about Broadway. When you see a beautiful covered buggy sitting in the desert sand, you will know for certain the artwork was created by John.

So, just how much experience does John have as an artist?

"As a young boy, it seems I was always drawing," he said.

John took four years of art classes in high school, but did not immediately become a professional artist. Instead, his career started out by working alongside commercial artists, photog-

raphers, writers and printers.

But now that he's retired, there is more time to teach, create and even learn more skills. Safe to say, as long as OTOW directors keep churning out great ideas for community theater, John should be able to contribute whatever art form is needed.

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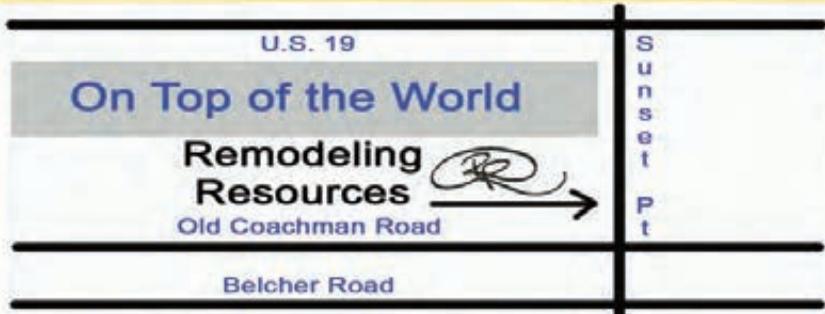
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# Snowbirds Club will call it a day at end of this season

By John Koning

It might surprise you to know that the Snowbirds Club is closing its doors at the end of the current season.

But why would a club choose to close up shop at the pinnacle of its success?

The story starts back in 2009 with two people, Ed and Dolly Foland, and a dream. They asked a few of their friends to become club officers in order to fulfill On Top of the World rules for club foundation. Ed's and Dolly's talents merged with those of their friends and the Snowbirds Club was born.

In the beginning it was mainly Dolly's talent for teaching line dance that powered the club. She had been teaching for years in Minnesota and brought her passion for line dancing south with her when she and Ed began wintering here at OTOW.

As club membership increased, Ed's penchant for negotiation kicked in. He began arranging travel and entertainment opportunities and before you know it, the young club was growing fast.

Within three years the club had morphed into an OTOW favorite with a membership of more than 500 members. Since then the club membership has easily bypassed the 600 mark annually.

What was the secret to this success?

Assemble a dedicated and synergistic group of volunteers who deliver what OTOW residents want most – the best entertainment value for their money.

But best doesn't necessarily mean cheapest. The single priority has always been to provide a worry-free experience without unwelcome surprises.

Ed and Dolly are partners. Dolly runs her dance classes her way and



## Snowbirds Club

Ed manages the entertainment side his way. Ed has a unique gift for recognizing the talent in others. He actively recruited volunteers with a strict protocol – it should be as easy to unvolunteer as it was to volunteer. Perhaps Ed's greatest legacy will be his uncanny ability to solicit and follow good advice – a leadership trait that is almost extinct.

Lately Ed has moved out of his comfort zone on the sidelines and into Dolly's domain with his line dancing course for people with two left feet.

Unlike Dolly's class and others, Ed's class moves at a pace that is ideal for people who would love to line dance, but who struggle with the learning curve.

These days, the Snowbirds club is powered by dozens of generous volunteers. They are the heart and soul of the club, so it might seem ironic that not a single one of them is mentioned in this article. That's because they are true volunteers. They give their time and talent to make the Snowbirds Club experience better, not to pad their egos or pocket books. Plus, the list is very long and we don't want to risk omitting even one of them.

The financial success of the Snowbirds Club is a basic recipe. From the very beginning, club membership has been a prerequisite to participation in any club activity. There's a very good reason for that. It separates the doers from the tire kickers. Call it natural selection if you will.



Ed and Dolly Foland are partners, innovators and leaders.

However, there is a down-side to the club's meteoric success. With every ticket that is negotiated, bought and then resold, there needs to be a clear paper trail. Every penny coming in and going out is accounted for and every free ticket given to the club by grateful vendors is turned back into the club coffers to help defer costs. As the club grew, so did the paper trail.

Recently, Ed and Dolly met with their most trusted advisers and talked about the future of the club because it has become increasingly onerous to manage.

Even though Ed has learned the art of delegation, the burden of the club's magnitude weighs heavily on

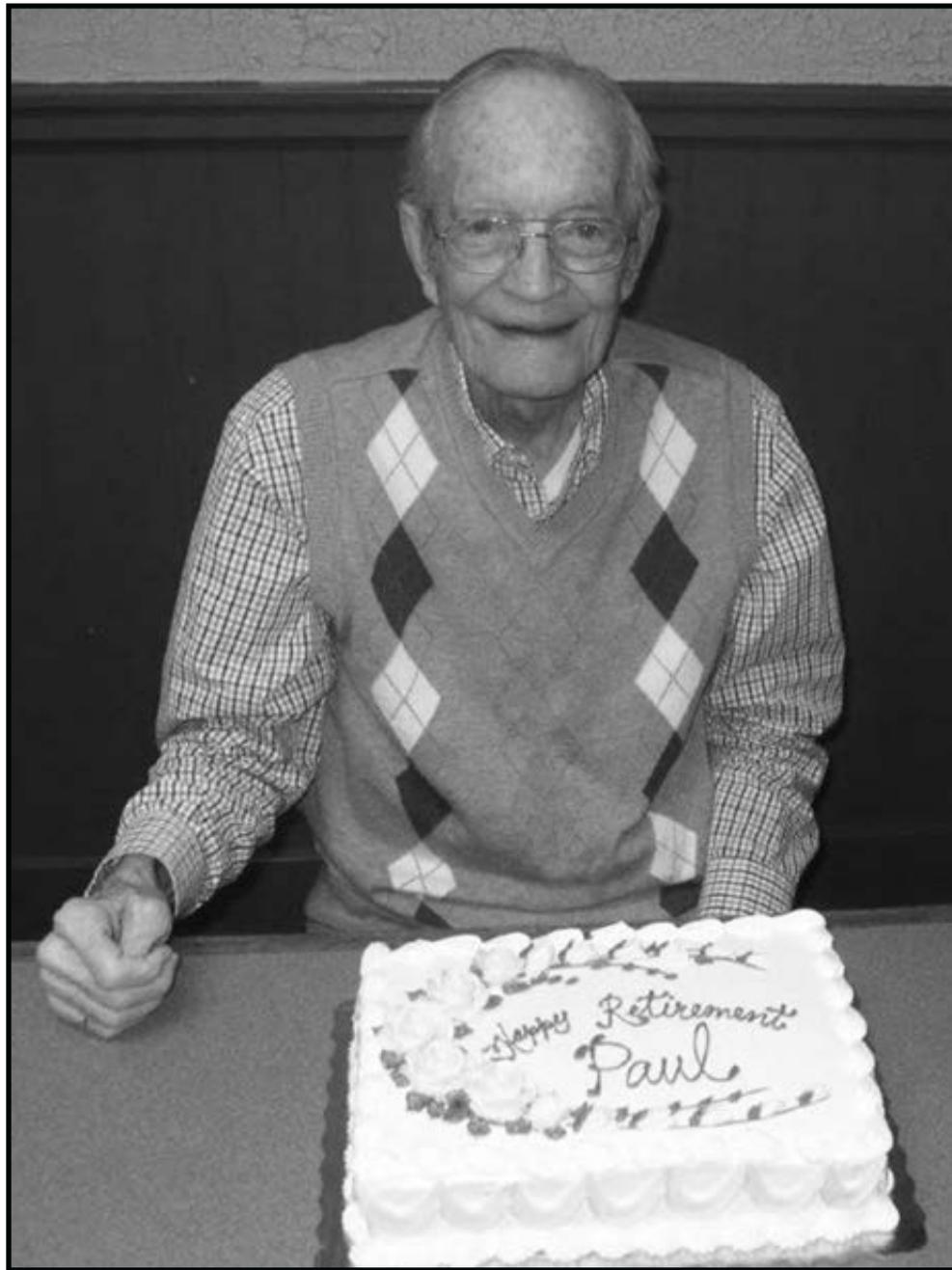
both himself and Dolly. They had two choices. They could close up shop at the top of their game or they could pass the reigns to the best candidate(s).

Well, option two was answered before the question was asked. Those who know the club best, recognize the toll it takes. It was a heart-breaking decision, but they chose to call it a day.

We Snowbirds are grateful to the OTOW community for all of the support and encouragement we have received along the way. We pledge to continue to support our community as individuals, formerly known as the Snowbirds Club of OTOW.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

**Guys, Valentine's Day is Sunday, Feb. 14.  
Don't Forget! Don't Get In Trouble!**



Paul Miller celebrates retirement from Coffee Corner with a party at Queens Pizza, along with friends and patrons.

# Thank you Paul for 17 years of serving us coffee

By George Kolitsas

On Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. a retirement party was held at Queen's Pizza to celebrate the retirement of Paul Miller as head of the On Top of the World Coffee Corner.

There were 15 souls in attendance, including his daughter, Barbara, and his son, Scott.

Paul began volunteering at the Coffee Corner in approximately 1998. Two other volunteers, who worked with him, were Carl Leiby and Jim Mercer. Both were in attendance at the retirement party.

In fact, Carl was instrumental in recruiting Paul back in 1998.

At the party, there were signed cards of fond remembrance, several gift cards, as well as a lip smacking chocolate and vanilla cake for dessert.

Paul assumed the duties as head of the Coffee Corner in 2006, where he remained until Dec. 31, 2015.

Paul kept it running smoothly, donating about \$2,000 annually to several organizations within OTOW.

He also furnished two tickets to volunteers each year to see The Jesters, Theater Workshop and Chorus productions.

Paul was born in 1924 in Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He graduated high school in 1943 and was inducted into the Army Air Force for the remainder of WWII.

He moved to Akron, Ohio, after the war, remaining there until 1963 when he moved to Merritt Island, Fla., adjacent to Cape Canaveral, then to Lakeland, before moving to OTOW in 1997.

Paul, you will be missed not only by the Coffee Corner staff, but by all the patrons of the Coffee Corner, whose lives you have touched for all these many years.

Have a great retirement, stay healthy and happy, and "don't forget where we are."

The new manager of the Coffee Corner, effective Jan. 1, is Kirk Safee.

## *Civil War buff to speak Feb. 8 - open to everyone*

# Famous relative subject of class discussion

By Anne B. Watkins

John Howland, passenger on the Mayflower, was the subject of Anne Watkins' talk on Jan. 11.

Anne has been a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants since 2012, having first discovered her eligibility from a distant relative contacted through Ancestry.com.

She connects to the Howland line through her grandmother, Pearl Hinckley, and because of her, is related to past presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, and also to the current president, Barack Obama!

John Howland left the possibility of many, many descendants, since he fathered 10 children and had 88 grandchildren!

Anne structured her talk on John Howland as a book talk, having been a



## Family History

librarian in her work life.

She showed or told us about several of her favorite books on the Mayflower:

"Of Plymouth Plantation," by William Bradford, written 1630-1651, the only firsthand account of the Mayflower voyage and life in the pilgrim colony of Plymouth.

"Saints and Strangers," 1945, by

George F. Willison, which lists all the passengers of the Mayflower and those later ships which brought passengers to the colony, while having an annotated bibliography describing the usefulness of each ship.

"The Times of Their Lives; Life, Love, and Death in Plymouth Colony," by James and Patricia Deetz, 2000. This tells of witches, sex-related crimes, women in the courts, houses and furnishings.

"Mayflower," by Nathaniel Philbrick, 2006, which is especially good for the second generation of the colony and for telling the story of King Philip's War of the 1670s.

"Making Haste from Babylon," by Nick Bunker, 2010, which digs deep into the detail of the political and religious upheaval that sent the pilgrim separatists from England to Holland,

then back to England, and eventually on to the New World, using material from previously overlooked manuscripts.

Finally, P. J. Lynch's "The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower," 2015. Beautifully illustrated by the author, a biography meant for young people, which Anne read to the group.

It is an imaginative account of the harrowing two-month sea voyage to America and the first difficult years of the colony, as if told by the young John Howland himself.

Next month's guest speaker is a true Civil War buff, who will give us an overview of the causes and outcomes of that terrible war.

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# Everyone enjoys singing to themselves - now try it in front of an audience

By Ilene Bargerstock

When did you first discover your voice? That is your singing voice.

Many times I heard my mother tell people I was singing before I could talk. I didn't understand until my oldest grandson was born. While rocking him to sleep, he would provide his own lullaby by vocalizing some wordless melody.

The love of singing continued as I would memorize the songs on the radio, climb up into my favorite tree and sing them over and over again.

Some I still remember, like "Mares Eat Oats" and "Pistol Packin' Mama," which I sang with gusto having no idea



what the words meant.

My favorite performance stage, however, was to be perched on top of the wooden water tank used to haul water from our little mining town to a neighboring town to fill the reservoir. My dad slowly drove the truck while

I sang my heart out for two or three miles. It was an adventure we never shared with my worrisome mother.

There were no resources or opportunities for me to formally study music or have vocal training, but I found joy in singing and learning to harmonize through my church, the high school music program and some community theater.

I am grateful On Top of the World has its own chorus, now in its 47th season, where people like me and you can continue the love of singing harmony with friends.

We strive to be the best we can be, but perfection is not our goal. It's

more about the fun and the joy of making music together.

That's my story. I would love to hear yours!

Chorus rehearses twice a week – Mondays, 10-11 a.m., in the East Activity Center lower level Craft Room and Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., in the EAC auditorium in preparation for our spring concert in April.

We are always open to new members. Why don't you bring your singing voice and give it a try!

If you have questions, please give me a call at 727-408-5759. I will be happy to give you more information.

## 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.

## Morning exercises in EAC gym

Don't lose sight of those New Year's resolutions!

Come join us at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center gym.

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other ladies interested in staying fit and active.

We work on building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting and cardio fitness. Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

With the Large Card Room in the EAC still under construction, we also

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

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

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

## Bonesavers Classes in Art Room

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tufts University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise

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# From Tarpon Springs to Dubai - this club is traveling



## Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

It was wonderful to see so many of our club members at our January meeting.

Our team loves your enthusiasm and support.

Our agenda included a review of our first year with our current board and team. It was sort of a state of the union address, but without all the politics!

We are proud to say the state of our club is very strong! Our membership grew to more than 200 last year and we are well on our way of surpassing that number this year. We are proud of our growth and of our offerings to travelers in our community.

But, enough about politics! It's time to begin the new year, organize our social calendars and sign up for some upcoming trips.

Our trip team has a full array of trips and events planned for the new year, but first it's last call for our trips to Tarpon Springs. You might still be able to get on board to tour St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Feb. 17 or join us at the Performing Arts Center for a presentation entitled "This is my story ... Eleanor Roosevelt during the Great Depression" on Feb. 21.

How about joining us as we travel to Sunken Gardens on March 21, the



Our trip to the Henry B. Plant Museum at the University of Tampa was enhanced by the insider information of our tour guide, club member and UT's former employee, Antoinette D'Oronzio (far left). And, as you can see in the photo, we traveled in luxury on our first trip in our club's now-available motor coach.

Kennedy Space Center on April 19 and 20, and the Webster Flea Market on April 11.

If that's not exciting enough for you, our club's vice president, Marilyn Whelan, has organized an amazing trip to Royal India and Dubai from May 9-17. Please call her at 754-1410 for all the details as they are just too fabulous and comprehensive to mention in this article.

Membership in our year-round

club is \$10 per person. If you are renewing, please bring your name tag as we will be using it to record your 2016 dues.

Even if you are not member of the club, you are welcome to join us at this month's meeting on Friday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. in the EAC Starlite Room.

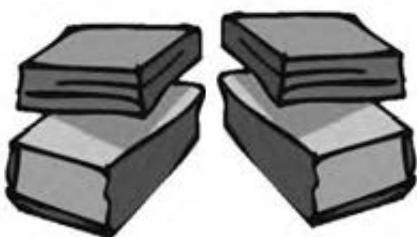
Or stop by our EAC sales table on Monday or Thursday, 8-10:30 a.m. to learn more and/or sign up or if you are just interested in knowing more

about our club.

Don't forget your checkbooks and your calendars as we'll have all our sales reps ready to take your reservations for desired travel. And, there's another reason to buy your tickets early as seat assignments on the bus are based on the order in which you purchase your tickets. We hope to see you soon!

Come see, come listen, come join the club because as our slogan goes... "We're going places!"

# Library accepts gracious donation for new books



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**Library News**

By Katy Gerritt

The new year is off to a good start at the library.

We have made some changes to our hours. Monday is now open 9-noon, and Wednesday and Friday 1-3 p.m. The changes are a result of an informal survey of members and we hope they will work out for everyone.

We have received a generous donation from the Coffee Corner to purchase more books. We truly appreciate the support and will be adding a sticker in the front of books purchased acknowledging the donation.

It's this type of generosity that makes new titles possible.

Also, Bay Pines VA Healthcare

System sent us a very nice letter of thanks for our donation of books to the hospital.

Every year we sort out duplicates, books that are not new, but gently used, and donate them to the VA. And thanks to our OTOW vets, the books are transported to the hospital.

We hear the books are well received by patients at Bay Pines.

We have added several new books to our shelves in the past month. They include: "The Mistletoe Inn" by Richard Paul Evans, "Christmas in Mustang Creek" by Linda Lael Miller, "The Japanese Lover" by Isabel Allende, "Cross Justice" by James Patterson, "Precious Gifts" by Danielle Steel

and "Commander in Chief" by Tom Clancy.

Janet Ivanovich has a new book, "Tricky Twenty-Two" as does Michael Connelly with "The Crossing."

There is also "The Lake House" by Kate Morton, "The Devil Wins" by Robert B. Parker and "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Albom.

Volunteers are available to help you find a great book. We are all avid readers so we love to share what we like and get suggestions from all of the readers at OTOW.

Come in and become a member or renew your annual membership for only \$2 a year!

# Not long until the curtain rises

By Lilli Scheifen

The rehearsals for our show, "Las Vegas-The Sands of Time," began Jan. 13 and the future schedule is every Monday and Wednesday, noon, at the East Activity Center.

Dancers will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings in the East Activity Center gym 6-8 p.m. and Friday on stage in the auditorium (tentatively 1 p.m.).

The show sounds like a lot of fun and everyone will have plenty of time to polish their skits, songs and dances.

We have a few new members who



## Theater Workshop

are eager to lend their talents and they are most welcome.

Even though our show is in March,

you would be surprised at how fast that time goes. There have been times when even the dress rehearsal is more like a disaster movie than a show about to go on. But, somehow, when the curtain goes up and the opening number begins, things fall into place and all the hard work pays off.

Our president and director, Will Peterson, and other workshop members, are at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays 8:30-10:30 a.m. and tickets for our show are now available from them or can be purchased from your favorite workshop members.

Tickets are still \$5 and that entitles you to an evening or afternoon where you can relax and socialize with your neighbors.

Even Senior Day movies are more than that, so make sure to have fun and join us.

Please take the time to stop and meet our representatives at our table and ask any questions about the Theater Workshop, the longest running entertainment club at OTOW.

Remember, a club is only as good as the involvement of its members, so Come on Down.

# You buy a ticket, we'll provide the memories

By Sue Calinski

The value of a long-forgotten memory brought back to you by a favorite song: priceless.

The cost for this experience: \$5.

Yes, you read that right.

The price for a ticket to the Jesters 2016 show is still only \$5.

"Broadway: A Night to Remember" will be presented by the On Top of the World Jesters in the East Activity Center auditorium on Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a matinee performance on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

Our presentation this year is very aptly named, "Broadway: A Night to Remember." This is a night you will not only remember, but will also evoke some long-lost memories that are sure to make you smile.

If you don't already have your tickets, there are still a few left, available at the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings or from any Jesters member.



## JESTERS

This is a show that you really don't want to miss!

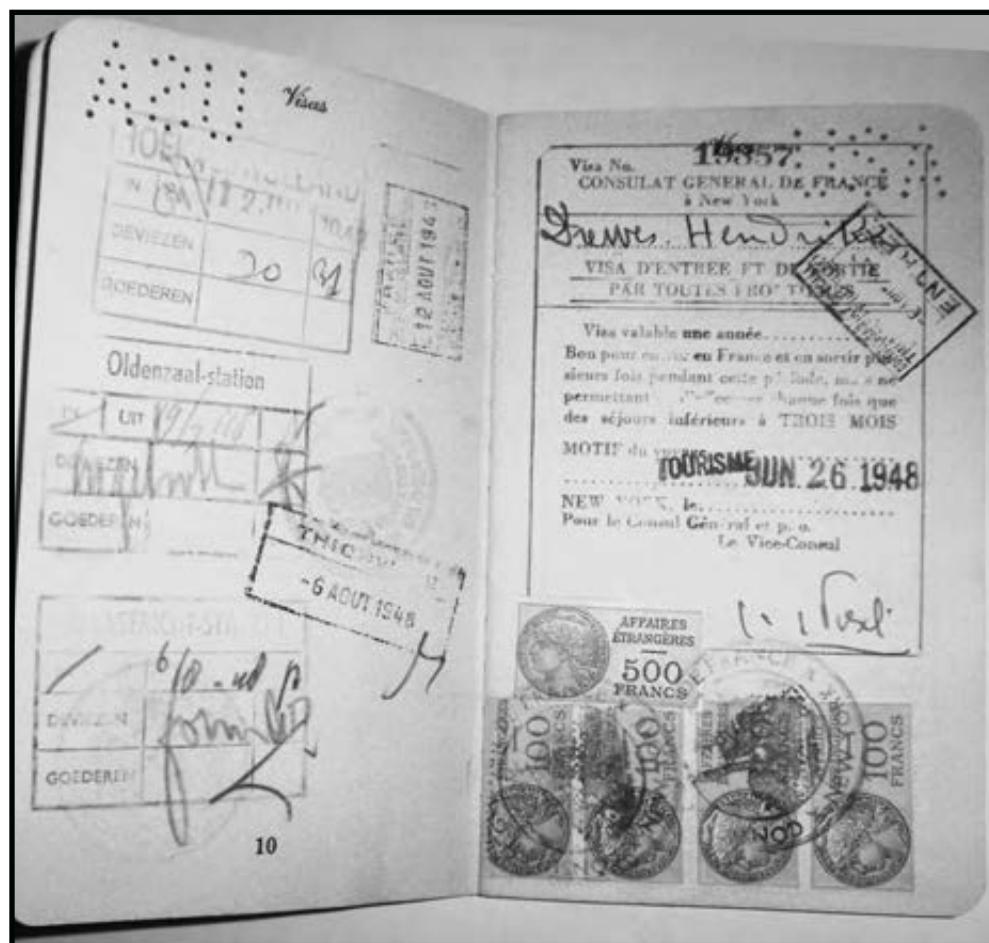
Musical selections are a surprising blend of Broadway standards, songs and dances from many current shows.

You can trust you will get your money's worth with your ticket purchase!

Be sure to take a neighbor, friend, or relative along so you can reminisce together after the show.

There will be plenty for you to talk about, as we have lots of happy memories in store for you!

This will truly be a night for you to remember.



An actual 1948 passport with postal stamps.

# Show-and-tell collections for adults

By Jim Sundberg

2016 started off a new season of stamp collecting and meetings.

Last month's gathering was well attended to experience never seen before collectibles.

The highlights were a 1948 Passport with actual revenue postal stamps (see photo above), and World War II matchbook covers that turned into post cards for use by the armed forces for communications back home.

Don't miss the next two meetings, Feb. 9 and March 8 for more exciting show-and-tell items and fascinating



## Stamp Club

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# So many ways to get healthy - attend a Healthy Living Club meeting to learn more

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Those interested in a healthy lifestyle continue to participate in Healthy Living Club activities.

In our Jan. 13 meeting, we broke out into small groups and discovered additional activities for members to lead.

One specific activity is "Grandma Gatewood's Commemorative Walk" on Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. at John Chestnut Senior Park.

Suggestions for other activities ranged from biking to Ben Davis Park via the Courtney Campbell Bike Trail, to walking in the Florida Botanical Gardens to a Foot Pampering Party.

Our current free courses are Active Living Every Day, Chronic Pain Self-Management, Diabetes Self-Management. These are the same classes that are full at the Aging Well Center.

The Diabetes Self-Management class still has a few openings. Those interested can still sign up online or come to the first class, which starts on Feb. 17, from 12-2 p.m. in the Starlite Room and runs for six weeks.

Online sign-up for our March course, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls, starts on Feb. 1. This class begins on Wednesday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Art Room and runs for eight weeks.

There are also many free online classes on a Website called Mas-



Valerie Martin and Kathleen Santosuosso promote good health during the Get Acquainted Thursday social in January. (OTOW Photo by Doug Kates)

sive Open Online Courses (MOOC). For Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) courses there are modest fees.

Links to OLLI and MOOC are on the Healthy Living Box Office site. So much to learn! Keep those brains active too!

Water Walking, biking (Slow Spokes), and Buddy Walking attract new members weekly.

All exercise classes at On Top of the World are open to all residents.

Also, from the comfort of your home, you can join the Better Balance



class on OTOW-TV every day at 7 a.m. and around noon. The instructors, Cammy and Jessica from Ocala On Top of the World, visited the Good Neighbors on Jan. 14. They teach exercise classes on balance and posture, two important areas for aging adults.

On Top of the World residents, who are interested in joining the Healthy Living Club and were not able to attend the latest meeting, may sign up to be a member on the Box Office. Please note that there is a password, and you will be given the password at our next meeting. The password is needed to sign up for Healthy Living Courses and Events on our Healthy Living site on the Box Office.

To learn about upcoming courses and speakers in 2016, or to make suggestions for specific events, come to our meeting on Feb. 10, from 7-7:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

## For February social, dress code is wear red

By Dave Beaven

February is the shortest month of the year, but it sure has a lot of holidays.

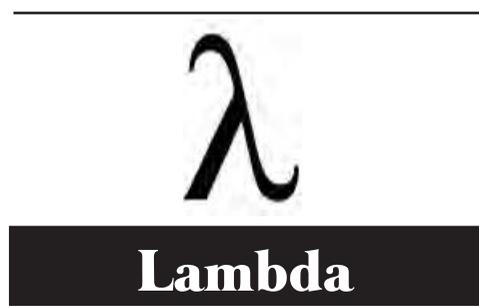
Here are a few examples: Robinson Crusoe Day (1st), Get Out Your Guitar Day (11th), National Margarita Day (22nd), and National Tooth Fairy Day (28th).

Who knew?

But they are all overshadowed by that midmonth holiday when candy, flowers, chocolates and greeting cards are sold out at the stores.

Of course, I'm referring to Valentine's Day (14th), but that day is also known as Ferris Wheel Day and Quirky Alone Day.

Sounds like a month to party and the Lambda Club is on the case.



On Friday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Art Room, we will hold our monthly social. In recognition of Valentine's Day, we are calling it the Red Party.

As you enter, you'll hear the sounds of love songs floating in the air. Step over to the bar for a sip of Love Potion Number 9. Socialize with our friendly members while nibbling on treats from the buffet. It could be the start of something big. Dress

code: Red.

This month marks a little over a year since same sex marriage was legalized in Florida. Last year, we had two couples who were married at one of our socials. And since then, wedding bells have rung for others in our club.

If there is anyone who wants to tie the knot at our February social, we would love to be a part of it. We can supply an officiant. Just contact me, and we'll talk.

In the meantime, I will leave you with this quote by Michael Leunig: "Love one another and you will be happy. It is as simple and as difficult as that."

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an in-

formal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

We look to expand our circle to all LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com). Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

# Time running out to register for Jack & Jill Golf Tournament

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League announce that their annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16 with a rain date on Feb. 23.

Information will be posted on the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Website and on the ladies section of the bulletin board opposite the golf office/cart rental service area in February.

Downloadable forms will be available on our Website. However, registration must be done in person.

Registration began in January and continues Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 at the golf shack from 7:30-9 a.m.

Registration is limited to members of the Ladies' 18-Hole Golf League only. The cost is \$20 per couple. You may sign up as a foursome or eightsome, otherwise, we will assign you a team.

We will use established handicaps. If there is no established handicap, zero (0) will be given.

(Jack) must be a resident of OTOW. Renters will pay green fee and cart fee if cart is required.

Ladies, if your partner requires a pass please purchase the day before the event.

If past registrations are any indicators, it is important to register early to avoid being left out of this fun event. So all you Jills get your (Jack) partnership formed now, and join us for a day of fun and friendship.

Questions regarding registration, please contact Becky West at 727-301-8854 or Marie Belliveau at 727-470-9866.

The committee wishes everyone fun, good luck and good golfing.



Pictured above is the Jack & Jill Tournament committee. In the front row, from left to right, are Maggie Wernet, Sherry Ivey and Marie Belliveau. In the second row are Sheila Meneilly-chairperson, Dotty Meissner and Donna Osborne. In the third row are Gloria Sayer, Ellen Fier, Jackie Woloszyn and Becky West. Members absent were Terry Kuplen and Rose Mulhall. (Photo by Les Meneilly)

## *Ping pong names new president, secretary*

The Ping Pong Club held its December meeting with, what else?, ping pong and a holiday pizza lunch on Dec. 4.

Besides the fun and food, the club named its new officers, Joe Ventimiglia as president and Vicki Portsmouth as secretary/treasurer.

Both promise to continue to follow the leadership standards set by Nick Sapienza, Jasmine Rigas and Eddie Ramirez.

All On Top of the World residents with current recreation cards are welcome to join in for some social ping pong.

Membership play is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the West Activity Center at 10 a.m.

Our room may change once the Large Card Room renovations are complete.



Pictured above are a bunch of people who love ping pong.



The new board consists of Shop Supervisor and Trustee Earl Shettel, Assistant Secretary Doug Erickson, Treasurer Henry Santos, Vice President Bob Patrick, President Lee Catalfomo, Trustee Jim Calamas and Trustee Jose Miranda. (Photo

# Fixers celebrate 40 years with slide show and open house

By Doug Erickson

The annual meeting of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers was an exciting occasion.

The 40-year milestone was celebrated with a review of the progress the club has made. An ongoing slide show ran continually before and after the meeting.

The newly elected officers are: President Lee Catalfomo, Vice President Bob Patrick, Assistant Secretary Doug Erickson and Treasurer Henry Santos.

Trustees are Jim Calamas, Jose Miranda and Earl Shettel. Earl is also the toy shop supervisor. There is still an opening for a secretary.

Both Jim and Lee stressed health, safety and the need for supervisors in their presentations. Lee illustrated his with visuals. It was so well received that requests were made for it. Printed copies are available for viewing in both shops and it will be available on-line.

In the past 20 years, the Fixers have had three minor accidents needing medical attention. It resulted in

one member being refused membership because he would not follow necessary safety procedures.

State of the art electrostatic air filters have been installed in the toy shop and the wood shop in a further effort to provide a healthy environment.

Following the meeting, an open house provided an opportunity for OTOW residents to view completed projects, work in progress and to meet many of the Fixers. Visitors were impressed by the items made by ladies and men.

Pen making, bowl turning, furniture making and carving were some of the things that caught their attention. The use of training aids was demonstrated. Audio visual aids are available to all residents.

A few of the comments made by some of the 150 visitors were: "We moved here because of the shop." "Just what I need." "Creativity is exceptional." "Cleanliness is superb."

The Fixers welcome woodworkers and novices to take advantage of the shop and our assistance.

## No meeting in February

# March meeting will look a little like Plant City Strawberry Festival

By Jane Lee

We hope you enjoyed the Chinese New Year dinner dance held in January.

A special thank you to our members, who help decorate and set up before these occasions take place.

We always welcome help, so please show up an hour early if you have some extra energy the day of one of our events.

There will be no meeting in February, but March will be extra



## NY / NJ Club

special and unique. We are having a Strawberry Fling with lots of strawberries and whipped cream, as well

as an arts and crafts show.

We have invited members from OTOW craft clubs to display some of their creations. We will showcase these items just as they do at the Strawberry Festival in Plant City.

Buy your ticket for \$1 if you are a member, \$3 if you are not a member, and join us at 6 p.m. on March 23.

If you plan to display something, please show up by 5:30 p.m. so we can assure you space to sit by your creation, show it off and

answer questions about your work.

Now is the time to pay your \$5 dues so you can take advantage of the savings a member gets when buying tickets. Stop by our table on Mondays or Thursdays to get tickets and to pay your dues if you haven't done so yet.

You might also read about us by looking up NY/NJ Club at [www.ontopoftheworldnews.com](http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com). Click the Box Office link and look for us under OTOW Clubs.

# Need to register for upcoming presidential election - we can help

By Donna Lukas

Do you remember the significance of Feb. 16 from our January article?

Florida is a closed primary state. You must be registered in one of the major political parties in order to vote in the March 15 Presidential Preference Primary election.

Feb. 16 is the deadline for that registration.

If you attend our club meeting on Feb. 11, you will have the opportunity to register to vote and also learn how to become a voter registration agent.

Once you become a voter registra-



## Democratic Club

tion agent, you can participate in voter registration events to be held throughout this very important election year.

Our February meeting is currently

scheduled for 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Please check television channels 96 or 732, the club Website on the Box Office at [www.ontopoftheworldnews.com](http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com), or your building bulletin boards for possible changes.

Now is the time to pay your \$12 annual dues to become an official club member. You may pay in person at our club meetings or you can mail your payment to OTOW Democratic Club, P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL 33765-5592.

Payment of club dues is an impor-

tant part of keeping our club functioning and supporting Democratic candidates.

Many thanks to all those who came to our January meeting to hear congressional candidate Eric Lynn. Eric shared his views on environmental protection, healthcare and veteran benefits. He also gave specific examples of how he has worked in federal government to get things done, and he collected some individual contributions for his 2016 campaign to succeed David Jolly in Congressional District 13.

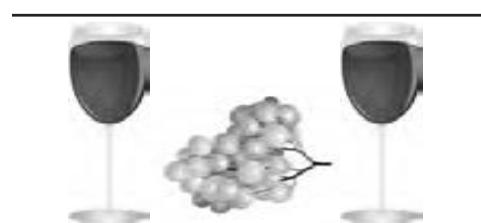
## Tickets available for day at Tampa Bay Downs

By Jerry Kaplano

Our Hot Roast Beef Dinner Dance held on Jan. 20 in the East Activity Center was a big success.

On Feb. 5 we will be going to Tampa Bay Downs. Purchase your ticket now for \$23. A limited number of tickets are available - first come, first served.

On Feb. 17, we will have a meeting in the EAC followed by "Nite at the Races." You have a choice of sandwiches, either Italian or American,



## Italian American

BYOB.

Cost to members is \$5 and non-member \$6. Admission is free.

## Classroom volunteers planning a club social

By Jane Lee

The Classroom Volunteer Club is increasing in membership.

If you volunteer at any school in Pinellas County, we welcome you to join our club.

Come to our table at the East Activity Center on the second or fourth Thursday morning of the month and give us your contact information.

We are in the process of planning a social so all our volunteers can get together. The social will not be during one of our regular meetings.

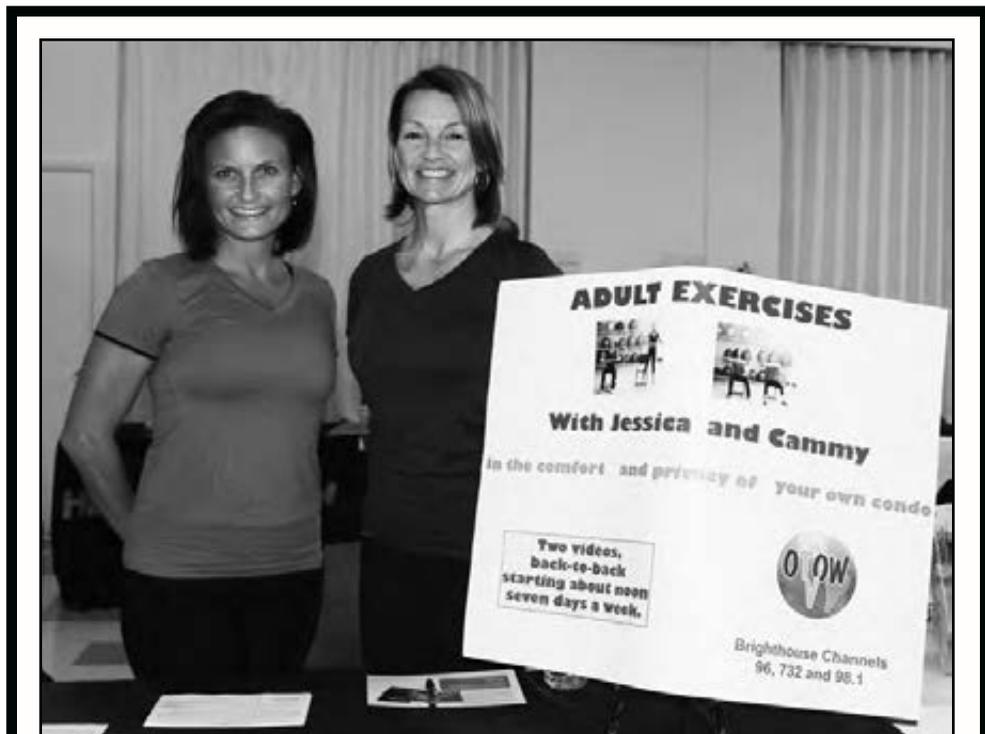
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You can also learn about our meetings if you visit [www.ontopoftheworldnews.com](http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com), click on the Box Office link and look for Classroom Volunteers under clubs.



Jessica and Cammy, from On Top of the World-Ocala, visited Clearwater in January to promote their do-it-at-home exercise videos currently airing on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732. You can watch these adult exercise classes about 7 a.m. and about noon, seven days a week. The 7 a.m. classes have just been added.

Community Service Office. I have a problem.

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At right is the scene from the 2015 Canadian Club President's Ball. This is an evening to honor all past presidents of the club.

## February proves to be very busy for the Canadian Club

By Rick McLauchlan

On Feb. 3 the 2016 edition of the President's Ball will be held in the East Activity Center auditorium.

This is the club's annual opportunity to honor those women and men who have served on our executive board as president. More about that evening in the March issue.

The last day for offering membership in the Canadian Club at the EAC is Feb. 1. After that, those who wish to join the Canadian Club please call Linda McKee at 727-470-9161. The only

requirement is that you are in possession of a valid On Top of the World Recreation Card.

Social Games continue on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Sunrise and Rainbow Rooms of the West Activity Center with the exception that on Feb. 11 and March 17, this activity will have to be held in the EAC Craft Room/Kitchen and Yellow Room due to scheduling issues.

Social Games will end on March 31.

The popular Happy Hour/Cabaret returns on Friday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

in the Craft Room/Kitchen. Come BYOB, a glass, snacks and socialize from 4:30-7 p.m. A 50/50 drawing will be held.

The OTOW Canadian Club Golf Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 14 at 8 a.m. (shotgun start). Please contact Ian Hunter at 727-239-8086 to sign up. Rain day is Feb. 21.

The OTOW Irish Club is sponsoring the 21st annual OTOW St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 5.

Tom McKee has tickets for the Blue Jays versus the Houston Astros

spring training game. Start time is 1:07 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at the Dunedin Stadium. Please contact Tom at 727-470-9161 for tickets.

Spring Fling will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Tickets will be available on a special date, Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room and regular sales on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium. Feb. 25, 29 and March 3 will be the last day for purchasing tickets.

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Temma's treasures include a photo of herself with Syd and a painting by her mother.

## Temma Gotfrit loves traveling to her winter home at OTOW, but will not turn down a trip anywhere

By John Koning

A conversation with Temma Gotfrit doesn't last long before it's evident that she is thrilled to be living at On Top of the World.

Then a mischievous smile will cross her face and she'll tell you that she's thrilled to be living ... period.

Temma's positive outlook on life is obvious. It's also a deciding factor in this octogenarian's ability to make the long trek from her Ontario home to her Australian Way home here at OTOW.

Temma hires a driver to transport herself and her car back and forth in autumn and then again in spring. It's been the same driver for the last six years.

If that's not enough travel, Temma flies back to Canada at least twice more each season. It's safe to say that she's getting the most bang for her passport buck.

While Temma's here, she is a regular at exercise class, at Snowbirds Club line dancing and also at the OTOW Line Dance Club. It's no secret that Temma loves to dance. She used to do quite a bit of it with her late husband, Sydney.

In those days, the Gotfrit and a few other couples would hire a dance instructor and dance in someone's



basement. Temma has many fond memories of waltzing and jitterbugging with Syd.

Temma and Syd met on a ski hill in Prefontaine, north of Montreal, Canada, when she was 17 and he was 23. They were married two years later and spent the next 55 years together until Syd passed away.

Music and dancing go well together and such was the case at the Gotfrit home. Syd played trumpet and clarinet while Temma tickled the ivories of their baby grand.

Temma can boast two handsome sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two of her grandchildren are now studying medicine, one is studying law in French, one is a graphic designer who runs her own company, one is a child youth worker and yet another is a manager of customer relations.

Yes, Temma has serious bragging rights!

Travel was a big part of the lives

of the Gotfrit family, and that was OK by Temma. We have her on record saying she would sell her very soul for the opportunity to travel, but I'm sure she was embellishing for dramatic effect.

At least I think so.

During their working years, Temma was a legal secretary and Syd was a professional fund raiser for the State of Israel. This was his *modus operandi*: He would take clients on a tour of Israel and the Holy Land then ask them to part with some of their money.

Of course, it was all done in the most amiable manner possible. His job was to show them how they could best make a positive difference in the lives of other Jews.

The downside of Syd's professional calling was lots of travel. As far as Temma was concerned, the upside to Syd's profession was, you guessed it, lots of travel!

The Gotfrits visited the Middle East several times a year. With Tem-

ma's less than subtle coercion, they would usually tack a side trip onto the business end of things. There were two reasons for this. The first reason was to give Syd a break from his punishing schedule. The second was to satisfy Temma's travel addiction.

Predictably, thanks to Temma's influence, the family found themselves in Grecian destinations, like Rhodes and Santorini, and many other Mediterranean destinations such as Portugal, Italy and Egypt.

On this side of the Atlantic, the family traveled to various US and Canadian destinations. Her favorite spot was western Canada's Lake Louise area and its mind blowing beauty.

After Syd passed away, Temma indulged her travel bug with a coast-to-coast tour of China. When pressed for her favorite moment of the trip to the Orient, she just couldn't nail it down. Enough said. She followed up that adventure with a trip to Yugoslavia. The beauty of the country is still with her to this day.

These days Temma is staying put, if you can call her migratory habits staying put. When asked about the best part of life at OTOW, there's no hesitation. It's the people.

With residents like Temma living here, is there any doubt?



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# Two great speakers will be here Feb. 16

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By Marvin Lazernik

February 16 brings two speakers to the On Top of the World Ronald Reagan Republican Club.

First is U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, who is returning, to bring us up-to-date on accomplishments and discuss remaining issues. He is the representative for OTOW and in the position to answer questions about local issues as well as your personal concerns.

We are proud to announce the second speaker for our Feb. 16 meeting will be Nick DiCeglie, chairman of the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee. He will speak about how his county organization can assist us in getting people out to vote and how we might assist the county organization in the upcoming elections and various fund raising efforts.

All OTOW residents are welcome to attend the speaker portion of the meeting.

All of our meetings will continue to start promptly at 7 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month.

Our meetings will be in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Thank you to the supervisor of elections office for sending Jason Latimer, communications director for Pinellas County Supervisors of Elec-



tions, and Julie Marcus, deputy supervisor of elections, to our January meeting. Not only did they enlighten us on every aspect of the voting process, but did it in a manner that was easily understood. What a wonderful way to start an election year!

Our club ended the year with Bernie McCabe, state attorney, educating us at our December meeting. He shared some very humorous stories.

Incidentally, both past and present speakers, Congressman Bilirakis and State Attorney Bernie McCabe, will be running for re-election this year! Don't forget to check their box.

Every meeting has attracted new members thanks to all of you continually telling your friends about the educational speakers and the comradery of people that think alike. Please continue



Bernie McCabe (middle) was the guest speaker at the December meeting. He stands with OTOW residents Don and Olivia Kramer.

to keep up the good work. A club is only as strong as the members in it.

Stay up to date using our media sites, including the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, for additional information pertaining to future and current meetings.

Our club also has a Facebook page with county, state and national news

that include articles of where the candidates will be campaigning.

Both of these excellent media sites change frequently. For volunteering, or other information, please call Susan at (727) 239-7585. Also, we are posted on every bulletin board in all OTOW buildings.

## St. Patrick's parade set for March 5

# Irish comedian Danny Justice here on farewell tour

By Rose Mulhall

The Irish Club is off to a great start in 2016.

On Jan. 8, Cahal Dunne, "Ireland's Happy Man," captivated his audience with his musical journey of Ireland through his piano playing, stories, songs and jokes.

One of the highlights of the night was his rendition of "The Eagle has Risen," a song he composed about the aftermath of 9/11. He got a very appreciative standing ovation.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, we welcome back, by popular demand, Irish comedian Danny Justice on his farewell tour.

On Wednesday, March 2, we have our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance. Music, for your dancing pleasure, will be provided by Sharon and



**Irish Club**

Mike O'Rourke, and dinner (corned beef cabbage, chicken and a medley of vegetables) will be catered by Felice.

This year our annual St. Patrick's parade will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m.

The aim of our club is to preserve our Irish tradition and culture, and provide fellowship and entertainment to all our members.

Everyone is welcome, so come and join us for some fun.





### Need An Extra Newspaper ?

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## Shawn Whilhite will bring a variety of musical tastes to Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday in February

Get ready for an entertainer who has performed in New York City, locally here in the Tampa Bay area, and even performed for a year in Japan.

Shawn Whilhite will be our guest entertainer for the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee morning on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Shawn was a singer in New York City before beginning to work on her debut album, "Wave," in 2000.

By 2007 the album was completed. It highlighted sounds of the bossa nova and jazz.

In 2009, Shawn released her second album "Sunflower Cafe," a theme tribute album to singer/songwriters of the '60s and '70s.

Songs included are by original artists Joni Mitchell, Seals & Crofts, Paul Simon and more.



Shawn Whilhite

Shawn has performed many times right here in the Tampa Bay area. You may have heard her at The Brazilian Steakhouse, The Aqua Grill or the Safety Harbor Spa and Resort.

In 2015 she was a featured artist at the Sun Circle Festival in Sarasota.

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Shawn has also toured with various musical productions, such as "Anything Goes," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Sweet Charity" to name a few.

Growing up, Shawn loved listening to her mom play the piano and organ.

She was influenced by '70s soul and pop music and 8-track tapes playing in the family car.

Shawn earned a BA in Theatre Arts and studied at The Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute in NYC, as well as Souza Lima Conservatory in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



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# Happy Birthday Baby Boomers



By Ron Clement

The war was over. The men came home and the babies boomed.

That was 70 years ago and the birth of the Baby Boomer generation.

Over the next 18 years, the United States experienced the largest growth spurt in our American History.

Raised by the "Greatest Generation," by the mid '60s the youngest of us had been born and we were determined to change the world.

Schools were filled to capacity.

A college education was maybe the last goal we shared with our parents. Freed to make our own choices and decisions, college campuses became a



Baby Boomers get together to start their day with a healthy breakfast.

place of both higher learning and social unrest.

Once graduated into the real world, we settled down and became a part of the most productive work force in the history of the world.

As consumers, we contributed to an economy that led the world into the 21st century.

By 2008, three of us had been elected President and some of us began to retire.

We had changed the world. Maybe

not as much as some of us might have wanted, but it is definitely a different world than the one we were born into in 1946.

From computers and flat screens, to cell phones and Facebook, we have adapted to it all and embraced most.

It is with the same enthusiasm and energy that we have taken to retirement. We danced our way into 2016 and we are determined to paddle our kayaks, swing our golf clubs and ride our bikes into the future and beyond.

Just as our parents laid the foundation for us to have a full and productive life, we Boomers are determined to raise the bar and set new standards for a full and active retirement. Happy Birthday Boomers, "live long and prosper."

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# Love is not a perfect science

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He noticed a woman gazing at him without blinking her big eyes.

Phil felt flattered so he walked up to the woman and said in his deepest voice, "I'll do anything you wish, beautiful lady, for just \$100, but on one condition."

The woman appeared to be trapped in the moment and asked as if in a trance, "What's your condition?"

Phil answered, "Tell me your wish in just three words."

There was a long pause, the woman opened her purse, counted out the money and handed it to the man along with her address. She then looked deeply into his eyes and whispered, "clean my house."

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A woman got engaged and then asked a work colleague for some marital advice.

The colleague said, "The first 10 years of marriage are the hardest."

"Oh," the woman said back. "How long have you been married?"

"Ten years," the colleague replied.

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My dearest wife is always going on and on and on about not making a fuss over her on Valentine's Day.

She repeats that it's the thought that counts.

Well, I put a lot of thought into the past 10 years, but she wasn't happy with any of them.

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Marge  
Mayer



## Internet Humor

What's wrong with these wonderful gifts?

- Brand new mop and bucket. I was thinking it would be fun to see what color the floor was, because I couldn't remember.

- Romantic dinner at fast food restaurant. I was thinking that she might like to go inside for a change instead of fetching dinner at the drive through.

- Chocolates left over from last year's candy box. I was thinking of how proud she'd be since I did not waste food. She's been nagging me for years to recycle.

- Midnight moped ride through the park. I was thinking that I am getting too old to be peddling a bike.

- A dozen roses printed on high quality photo paper. One of my favorites. I was thinking this would last a lifetime instead of just a week.

- 45-second back massage. I was thinking any longer and she might think I was interested in something else.

- Windows 8.1 I was thinking how proud she would be to be a part of the technology crowd.

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Q: What did the Valentine Card say to the stamp?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places

Q: What did the light bulb say to the switch?

A: You turn me on.

Q: Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A: No, but they had an Apple.

Q: What did one snake say to the other snake?

A: Give me a little hug and a hiss, honey.

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?

A: Because it couldn't get a date.

Q: What is a ram's favorite song on February 14.

A: I only have eyes for ewe, dear.

Q: What travels around the world but stays in one corner?

A: A stamp.

Q: What happens when you fall in love with a French chef?

A: You get buttered up.

Q: If your aunt ran off to get married, what would you call her?

A: Antelope.

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One morning Emma woke up startled.

Her husband, Jim, asked what was the matter.

She told him, "I just had a dream

that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day." What do you think it means?

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, Emma opened it only to find a book. The title was "The meaning of dreams."

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Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day. He couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them.

Then the man got out a bottle of Channel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes.

By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him and so he asked the man why he was sending all those cards.

The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asked Mike.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

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Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Olive.

Olive who?

Olive you!

## Italian classes offered

A free Italian Class is being offered to On Top of the World residents.

The class will teach you how to speak the language, along with a taste of the basic culture, such as music.

The class is taught by Antoinette d'Oronzio, Igor Nikolic and Rebecca Bernai in January, February and March, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday mornings, in the East Activity Center Small Classroom.

The first class of the year is Jan. 8. All levels of students are welcome.

## Learn to speak Spanish or French

"Learning Spanish" and "Learning French" will be starting up again in February.

Anyone interested in learning how to speak Spanish or French should call this month to reserve a spot in the February classes.

There is no fee. Times, dates and rooms will be set depending on amount of interest.

Call Dolores Rollins at 727-266-7460. You may also tell her what times and days you are available to take these two classes.

## Irish Club Parade March 5

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Pictured above and below is the Fire and Rain Band which will be performing here on Feb. 4.

## Our policies are aimed at safety and comfort

By Marvin Flam

Recently, I have been asked about several of our policies.

First, let me tell you that we take great care in ensuring that each event we present will be pleasant, safe and secure for our audience in addition to being entertaining and fun.

We have plans and procedures in place in the event of an emergency.

We have been fortunate not to have had an emergency situation, but we are prepared.

We comply with the Federal and State ADA regulations. The ushers will assist each guest with regard to the use, storage and placement of wheelchairs, walkers and other physical aids. The aisles must be kept clear at all events for safe exiting.

In the event of an emergency situation, please follow the instructions of the emergency team and ushers who are trained for such potential events.

If you have any special needs,

please discuss it with us and we will do our best to accommodate your needs and concerns. The policies that we have are there to ensure that all our guests have a wonderful and safe experience.

Shorts are not permitted at our Saturday dances. If you arrive wearing shorts, you will be asked to leave.

Both the shows and dances use a table reserved-seating arrangement. Both allow the guest to bring drinks and snacks of their choice, and the

Entertainment Committee provides ice and coffee.

For the dances, each guest gets a free raffle ticket and may win a prize!

All show and dance tickets purchased in advance are reserved, so reserve a seat for yourself and share time with newly-met neighbors and newly-made friends and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment listening or dancing to the music.

This truly makes living in our community a lot more fun!

From the planning, booking and ticket sales to the set up and the stage and auditorium decorations, the great crew of volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that the entertainment experience will be the very best and the most fun!

The volunteers are your friends and neighbors, so if you have any questions or need any help just chat with them.

Our 46th year started with well attended events, so get your tickets early for any 2016 show or dance and don't miss out!

Remember, the Sunday-In-The-Park is free!

Follow us on the bulletin boards in the buildings and the East and West Activity Centers, on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and on [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com).

We look forward to personally greeting each of you at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., and at all our events.



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# SPORTS

*Jack & Jill is Feb. 16*

## December saw some really good rounds

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League's Tuesday tournaments are in full swing with some great golf being played.

In particular, three spectacular rounds were played.

On Dec. 22, Terry Kuplen started her round by hugging and wishing her friends a Merry Christmas to all. Then she proceeded to post a 70 gross, netting a nice 57.

Terry sank a few long putts en route to her nice round which ended with a birdie on 18.

But the next Tuesday, Sharon Hackenmiller out did Terry, shooting a net 56.

Sharon finished her 18 holes not realizing she shot a very low round. This was her very best score in many years. She shot a 38 on the front nine and 34 on the back nine for a 72. Sharon had quite a few one putts and in one stretch had three straight one putt greens.

In gross scoring for Dec. 15, Pat Eastman started her front nine shooting a career low 6-under par 27. The



**Sheila Meneilly our Webmaster at work.**

round included four pars, four birdies, and an eagle.

But it was hard to keep up that pace and on the back nine she had eight pars and one bogie for a 33.

On the 18th green, Pat was putting for a 59, but just missed the ending with a 60. Her career low round at OTOW is a 56, which was 11 years ago when the greens were a lot easier to putt.

### 18-Hole Ladies Golf

That was three nice rounds of golf.

Hopefully, the good play will continue. Good luck, ladies.

Have you checked out our league Website? All the scores for every Tuesday tournament are posted on the Website along with the weekly schedule.

One lady mentioned she checked the bulletin board for her tee time, but she went home and forgot her time. So she looked on the Website and there it was.

So along with scores, it's helpful to check the site for tee times and pairings. Thanks to Sheila Meneilly, our Webmaster. Everything you want to know about our league and more is on the site. Sheila would also like to post any golf related story or photo you may have. Our Website address is

[www.otowladiesgolf.com](http://www.otowladiesgolf.com)

Upcoming events

Feb. 10, general meeting 9:30 a.m., WAC Sunrise Room.

Feb. 16, Jack and Jill Tournament, rain date Feb. 23.

March 14-15 championship and handicap tournament.

Tuesday winners

Jan. 5, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Jill Orchard Flight B - Cindy Schell, Johanna Kendall Flight C - Rose Mulhall, Judith Weaver.

Dec. 29, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Sharon Hackenmiller Flight B - Linda Rice, Ada Bryant Flight C - Jacqui Dolan, Ellen Fier.

Dec. 22, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Terry Kuplen Flight B - Donia Stadler, Donna Osborne Flight C - Joyce Monahan, Ellen Fier.

Dec. 15, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Christine Miller Flight B - Betty McKay, Donia Stadler Flight C - Marie Hebert, NatSue Dawson.

## Enhance your life even more by joining shuffleboard

By Dave Williams

Every now and then we meet a special couple who enriches our experience at On Top of the World.

Meet Mac Grey and Debbie Welker. Mac shows up at the shuffleboard courts with a big smile and usually ribs the players long before we get started.

In some sports it is called sharking, but at our friendly games, it's all in good fun.

Debbie enjoys the fresh air, a little exercise and chatting with friends.

Together, Mac and Debbie travel to the Massachusetts' cape for the summer, but those visits are getting shorter as they are enjoying many of the offerings at On Top of the World.

Mac packed up his family and flew to the U.S. from Scotland when he was in his mid-20s. He worked at Prudential for 30 years and proved to be a natural salesman. The well-known company name opened the door, and Mac's sweet Scottish accent lulled the customers into signing on the dotted line.

Also succumbing to that accent is Debbie, who was a medical technician and loved to work in labs and doctors' offices, before retiring in Bradenton for the winter.

This is where Mac had the good fortune to meet Debbie.

In addition to shuffleboard, Debbie and Mac also enjoy dancing and playing cards with friends. It has truly been a pleasure getting to know them.

Players who have won all three games in a single day for this past month are: Barb Lenzi, Joan Sopok, Paul Santacroce, Marge Sivek, Bob Kurdt, Joyce Young, Gordon Dunfield, Bob Rittner, Ray Willis, Gary Smith, and Dave Williams.

Please call Marge (727) 797-0625 or Bob (727) 729-7970 with any questions, or just show up on Monday and/or Thursday at 1:30 p.m. All skill levels are promised a little exercise and a lot of fun.

### Shuffleboard



**Mac Grey and Debbie Walker**



## Past Presidents dinner open to entire community - come dressed as your favorite celebrity

By Bob Laplante

Join us for "A Night at the Oscars" on Feb. 24.

This annual party recognizes our club's past presidents, who have served the club so well. This event is a theme dinner dance, which is open to all members of the OTOW community.

This year, the theme is focused on the movies, allowing those who like to dress up as their favorite actor, represent their favorite film or just don the glitter that would represent being an audience member attending the Oscars.

At a cost of only \$23, dinner is catered by Felice's and you get to dance to the music played by DJ Ward Hemmond. As a BYOB event, you get to set the tone for your group. With a group of eight to 10 participants, you get to reserve a table for your group.

For tickets, call Barb Lenzi at 754-4278.

Some members of the community have old lawn bowls that are sitting around gathering dust. If you have some that you wish to donate to the club, or to put up for sale, contact Bob Laplante at 723-9674. Arrangements can be made to pick up donations or to advertise the sale to members.

As new members are always seek-

### Lawn Bowling

ing to purchase their own bowls, this is the opportune time to recycle those that are not being used.

We have had a number of internal as well as external tournaments at which members were successful.

The OTOW mixed pairs tournament was won by Pauline McKinnon and Ray Allard, second place went to Brian and Jackie Bedard, and third place winners were Sandy Wall and John Williams.

Congratulations to all who placed.

At the South-East Division mixed pairs tournament held at the Clearwater Club, Marj Kells and Bob Laplante had three wins, but fell short in the total points needed to earn second place.

Sandy Wall, was the first place winner in the singles tournament held at the same venue.

Congratulations to new bowlers who have completed the club-offered training program. These include Marg Letourneau, Dick LeTourneau, Bob Waring, Dina Charing, Peter Charing and Bill Ferranti.

Welcome to the sport.



Ray Allard showing winning form in bowling to his first place finish with his partner Pauline MacKinnon. (Photo by Bonnie Hewitt)

February will see the following events for club members. The Canadian Club Triples Tournament, Valentines Day Tournament, the 4-3-2-1

Club Triples Tournament and the Past Presidents' Dinner Dance. Dates are posted on the bulletin board located at the rinks.

## New season starts with introduction of new board members and a chill in the air

A short but productive annual meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 11, for the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association.

The meeting was well attended and our bylaws were satisfied by a quorum.

Past President Marcus Schell opened the meeting at 10 a.m. and introduced the new board for 2016 with Jim O'Neil as president, Dave Combs as president elect, Phil Smerz as treasurer, Pete Milner as secretary, and Marcus Schell, Lester Whynot and Jay Schwallie as trustees for three years, two years and one year respectively.

Mark thanked all who helped make his year in office enjoyable and successful. He also thanked retiring

### Men's Golf

Treasurer Russ Caughey for his years of service to the Association and Ken Nield for his many years to the Association.

After our business was taken care of with various reports, those attending enjoyed coffee and donuts before moving on with their day.

Golf on Wednesday morning Jan. 13 started off a little on the chilly side, but after the sun made a few brief appearances, it wasn't too bad.

Now that most of our Snowbirds

are back, we have returned to assigned tee times. Please check the scoreboard or Website at [www.OTOWMensGolf.com](http://www.OTOWMensGolf.com) for your tee times and other scheduled events.

There were a few late arrivals and some adjustments in the schedule had to be made. You must check in at the check-in window at least 30 minutes before your assigned tee time or be moved to a later opening. If you are a rider and don't show, you are still responsible for half of your cart fee.

Remember to dress in layers and continue to hydrate. Enjoy your time on the course with your fellow golfers.

Remember also, it's just a game.



**Chances are,  
your dog  
does not flush.  
Please clean up  
while walking  
your four-legged  
friend.**



## Ron Parham scores an ace

# Five weeks, five winners in weekly play

What a difference a month makes.

The weather went from record highs to seasonable, perfect weather for golf.

Speaking of perfect, Ron Parham hit the perfect shot on the 17th hole, an ace with a 4-iron.

Congratulations!

The number of golfers playing in the Thursday Golf League increases each week and we have welcomed a number of new members.

Don Baker was the week five champion. Barry Levene placed second and Joe Wisinski took third place and low gross honors. Bruce MacPherson, Dick Kronawetter, Patti Cook, Joe Wisinski and Don Hahs all recorded one skin. Clyde Hershberger collected two skins. The long drive competitions were won by Leora Hamm, Don Hahs and Clyde Hershberger. Patti Cook won the closest to the pin contest.

Week six saw Allan Teal take first place. Bill Gambacurta edged out Ken

## Thursday Golf

Smith in a tiebreaker for second. Paul Meyers took low gross honors. Brice MacPherson, Allan Teal, Gary Bronson and Don Hunter all collected one skin.

Patti Cook turned in a great round and took first place in week seven. Ken Smith was second and Steve Yauk placed third. Bill Higgins cared the low gross round and captured two skins. Mike Marsh, Ron Parham and Don Baker took one skin each. The long drives were recorded by Patti Cook and Gary Bronson. Dutch Michael had the closest to the pin shot.

Week eight champion was Doug Silver. John Maloof took second place in a tiebreaker over Dutch Michael, who finished third. Low gross honors went to Paul Meyers who also collected one skin. Don Baker, Clyde Hershberger, Gary Bronson, Don Sorensen, Bruce

MacPherson and John Maloof all collected a skin. The high/low contest on the par three holes was won by Don Sorensen and Mike Marsh.

Tom Pettit enjoyed the cool weather and breezed into first place in week nine. Gary Sandine placed second. Doug Oleksy had a trifecta taking third place, low gross and one skin. Mike Marsh collected two skins. Roland Provost, Rick Muchler, Tom Gerkin and Joe Wisinski had one skin each. Long drivers this week were: Joyce Monahan, Don Hahs and Tom McMinn. Rick Muchler had the closest to the pin shot.

The race to the yearlong league champion is led by Don Baker with 20 points. John Maloof has 19, Joe Wisinski is next with 16 points. Don Leamy follows with 15 and Fred Schick and Ken Smith are next with 14 points.

Gary Sandine has 13. Eight players stand at 12 points.

It is still a long way until the end of the competition and all league members

have an equal chance of winning.

Feb. 4 is the date for the league's annual four-person scramble. Only members who sign up in advance will be eligible for this tournament.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 10-10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up, if you show up you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

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 where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggol@aol.com

## Flashing is permitted at Valentine's Day tournament

By Vayna Cormier

Here we are already in February - the month we celebrate love and affection to others.

Valentine's Day game on Feb. 9 is a nice way to show our happiness by dressing up with pretty flashing red or pink clothes.

Our Flight Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 16 and 23. It's too much fun to be missed.

Here are the weekly Awards:

### Dec. 1

A flight - Ann Stewart, Wendy Colquhoun

B flight - Marge Jacobs, Pat Murray, Linda Graff, Margo Smith

C flight - Marge Sivek, Elaine McDonald

D flight - Sue Queary, Romy Brady  
Birdies: Marnie Carr on No. 4, Linda Graff on No. 2, Wendy Colquhoun on No. 3

### Dec. 8

A flight - Wendy Colquhoun, Ann

## 9 Hole Golf

Stewart, Vayna Cormier

B flight - Carroll Harris, Mary Ann O'Neil

C flight - Elaine McDonald

D flight - Romy Brady, Pat Paladino, Marge Sivek, Sue Queary

### Dec. 15

A flight - Wendy Colquhoun, Virginia Chilcote, Ann Stewart

B flight - Pat Murray

C flight - Madeline Nawrocky

D flight - C.C. Shaughnessy, Elaine Ellis, Marge Sivek, Romy Brady

Birdies: Theresa Gates and Carroll Harris on No. 5

Always checking your booklet before a game is the best way to see what is coming for the day.

Happy Valentine's Day and remember anytime is tee time.

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# Great play can lead to multiple tie games

By Bob Rittner

Jim Kemp brought a wood bat to the game. When he uses it, we can talk about the crack, not the ping, of the bat.

**Scott's Pharmacy 10  
Quantum Leap Farm 10**

An admission is in order.

Occasionally, the feats of our players are embroidered in these articles. A player "streaking" in for a catch might more accurately be described as loping or even lumbering.

But the stars of this game earned the superlatives.

Trevor Dixon raced in for a shoe-top catch, went to his knees, rolled over and raised his arm to show the ball securely in the webbing.

Phil Kirch caught all three outs in an inning, the last a towering fly ball he tracked and caught with his back at the fence.

And Joe Farrell's two RBI liner over the center fielder's head drove in the tying runs in the ninth.

Further, after Dan Puopolo stole a sure hit by sliding to his left to grab a hard grounder and getting up to gun the ball to first, Gene Osmond, played superman catching a bullet off Dan's

## Softball

bat.

Despite such tight defense, Joe Maley and Jim Pollock got three hits each.

**Scott's Pharmacy 19  
Quantum Leap Farm 11**

Led by Lenny Segall's two homers, Dan Puopolo's four doubles and four-hit days by Phil Kirch and Bob Rittner, Scott's pulled ahead in the third inning and ran away from the Farm.

Paul Fice had four hits for the Farm and Don Marsden covered lots of outfield acreage to turn line drives into outs.

**Quantum Leap Farm 12  
Scott's Pharmacy 12**

The Farm erased a six-run lead by outscoring Scott's 9-3 over the last four innings.

In a practice unique to OTOW softball, Scott's, the home team, was not permitted its last at bat due to time constraints. Some players think they have a case that may be carried to the

Supreme Court on the claim that such a practice violates all that is sacred in the American tradition, although they admit there is no specific constitutional provision to which they can point.

The Farm's comeback was sparked by Dan Puopolo's three triples while Scott's was led by four-hit days from Frank Brown and Jim Pollock and a Gene Osmond home run.

**Scott's Pharmacy 11  
Quantum Leap Farm 6**

With three innings left, Scott's led 8-0, but the Farm scored six runs and had two on base when a perfect relay from Phil Kirch to Bob Stoddard to Paul Fice cut down the runner at home to end the game.

Shortstop Dan Puopolo's power and defensive brilliance led Scott's abetted by six hits from Frank Brown and five from Joe Maley.

Lenny Segall had five hits for the Farm.

**Scott's Pharmacy 16  
Quantum Leap Farm 7**

Scott's simply overwhelmed the Farm, holding all but Lenny Segall (six hits, five doubles) and Jim Kemp (six

hits, two doubles) in check.

Led by Dan Puopolo (homer, four doubles and a triple) and Bob Rittner (six hits), Scott's piled up runs.

**Scott's Pharmacy 10  
Quantum Leap Farm 8**

Five consecutive singles in the top of the ninth broke the tie for Scott's with Tony Caputo and Roger Hebel driving in the deciding runs.

Dan Puopolo's four doubles and homer kept the Farm competitive, and Duane Anderson debuted in the league with a double and three hits, but stellar shortstop play by Jim Kemp kept the Farm off the scoreboard in most innings.

**Scott's Pharmacy 11  
Quantum Leap Farm 7**

Scott's broke open a 4-4 tie with six runs over innings four to six. For Scott's, Dan Puopolo and Frank Brown were each five for five, with Dan homering and Frank hitting a triple and double. Jeff Fice also homered and tripled.

For the Farm, Jim Kemp was also five for five while Lenny Segall homered and Hugh Quirk had three hits.

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## Two weeks after a playoff win, Eddie Ramirez stays strong to win final tournament of 2015



### Billiards

#### 9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15, after a playoff between Henry Chapman and Eddie Ramirez, Eddie captured first place and Henry had to settle for second place.

On Dec. 22, after a playoff between Henry Chapman and Vinnie Martinez, Vinnie walked away with first place. Henry was second for the second consecutive week.

The last 2015 9-ball tournament was held on Dec. 29 with Eddie Ramirez taking first place. After a playoff between Tony Baker, Craig Burnette and Terry Forbes, Terry edged out the field for second place.

The Billiards Room was all a buzz for the first tournament of the new year held on Jan. 5. There was a playoff between Ron Blaettner and Joe Gora. Joe edged out Ron to take first place with Ron settling for second place.

On Jan. 12, once again, Joe Gora took first place with Eddie Ramirez claiming second.

#### 8-BALL

On Monday, Dec. 14, in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place. After a playoff between Don Sorensen and Dave Williams, Dave captured second place.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, in B Flight, after a playoff between Dan Iacovelli and Vinnie Martinez, Dan captured first place with Vinnie settled for second. Joe Ventimiglia took third place.

On Dec. 21, in A Flight, Denny Balderson captured first place. After a playoff between Joe Gora and Bill Robertson, Joe walked away with second place.

On Dec. 22, in B Flight, Barb Sundberg captured first place, Joe Ventimiglia was close behind in sec-



Pictured above are the top three finishers in the B Flight 8-ball tournament from Dec. 15. From left to right are Vinnie Martinez (second place), Dan Iacovelli (first place) and Joe Ventimiglia (third place).

ond place. There was a three-way tie for third place between Terry Forbes, Garry Patrick and Eddie Ramirez. No playoff was held.

On Dec. 28, in A Flight, Denny Balderson and Bill Robertson held a playoff for first place. Denny edged out Bill for first place. Joe Gora and Dave Williams held a playoff for third. Joe claimed third place.

On Dec. 29, in B Flight, the room was split so there were two winners, two runners-up and two third place finishers. The two, first place winners were Tom King and Eddie Ramirez. Second place was Larry Martin and Garry Patrick, third place was Henry Chapman and Barb Sundberg.

On Jan. 4 in A Flight, the room was split again with Charlie McKague and Dave Williams taking first place, Denny Balderson and Bill Robertson taking second place and Joe Doire and Tony Baker settling for third place.

On Jan. 5 in B Flight, the room was split with Terry Forbes and new member Bill Goza both taking first place, Vinnie Martinez and Nick Sapi-

enza taking second place and Rasha-nee Turner and Barb Sundberg taking third place.

On Jan. 11, in A Flight, Don Sorensen edged out the field to take first place. After a playoff between Joe Gora and Dave Williams, Joe took second place.

On Jan. 12 in B Flight, the room was split. On the West side, Gene Baranowski claimed first place, John Fier took second place and Joe Ventimiglia settled for third place. On the East side, Herb Jordan and Terry Wittman shared first place. No playoff was held for third place between Ron Baltrunas, Maureen Doire and Terry Forbes.

#### SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Dec. 10, there was a three-way playoff between the team of Vinnie Martinez and Mario Rodriguez, the team of Joe Gora and Terry Wittman, and the team of Henry Chapman and Dave Williams.

Vinnie and Mario prevailed to capture first place, Joe and Terry claimed second place, and Henry and Dave

settled for third place.

On Dec. 17 no tournament was held. The club celebrated with a Christmas get-together.

On Dec. 24, the club played singles with Eddie Ramirez walking away with first place and Ron Baltrunas taking second.

On Jan. 7, the team of Joe Doire and Nick Sapienza took first place away from Tony Baker and Craig Burnette. Dennis Balling and Terry Forbes claimed third place.

Players in the A Flight will play 8-ball on Monday evenings and the B Flight will play Tuesday evenings.

Scotch Doubles takes place on Thursday evenings.

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

There are 9-ball tournaments Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in these heavily competitive tournaments. We use the round robin format, which does not favor any one player.



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 My name is Miss Rosie and I was adopted in September 2013 from the Suncoast Animal Rescue Society.

I was found walking in Palm Harbor one day and I was in pretty rough shape. I only weighed 2 ½ pounds.

I'm not sure why my new mommy picked me out of the shelter, but now I weigh 8 ½ pounds and I am feeling great.

I am 80 percent blind, but still have the mist gorgeous opal eyes to show for it.

I love being here at On Top of the World. I can't wait to go out every morning to visit my boy-friends.

The doggy park is my favorite outing. I can't wait to walk through the gates.

I also like chasing balls and taking rides in the car.

I may have some daily struggles, but life is good!

I am owned by Liane Lutz-Brown of the Bavarian Chalet.



*Miss Rosie*

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to [bootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bootss@tampabay.rr.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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# BUILDING REPORTS



**Timothy received 72 votes from 75 voters**

## Pet of the Year no stranger to awards

By Cecile Sangiamo

Let me introduce myself. My name is Timothy, the On Top of the World 2016 Pet of the Year.

My real name is Champion Carousel's Fun in the Sun, which was given to me by my breeder in Oregon.

I was 6 months old and practically all housebroken when I touched down in Connecticut after flying across the country. My new owner, Joanne Fenn, named me Timothy, and I have answered to that name ever since.

I am an Irish Setter, active with a rollicking personality; a Sporting Dog, from a long line of distinguished Irish Setters. Our primary function is to accompany the hunters into the field and point to where they can find birds. From nose to tail, boy, can I point! For us Irish, that's an easy job.

While it's fun being out in the open country, some days I would rather stay in my warm bed.

Joanne and I live in the Brisbane Building. I make sure to be wherever she is whether at home or out. We were together when we received word I received the most online votes in the 2016 Pet of the Year contest sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus, and Barks and Bubbles. My lady was thrilled and surprised. I was not surprised. I'm used to it.

At the age of 5, I became an American Kennel Club champion and won awards in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Orlando and in 2012 at the Bay Area Irish Setters of Tampa.

My lady and I go to the OTOW Dog Park in the morning and that's where I get the chance to run the fence line with the other pooches. Our people think we are just having fun, but we try to see who can run the fastest.

I'm a good traveler, whether in the car or RV, and love it when we take the long trip from Connecticut to Florida. If we stop at a campground or hotel, I make friends with the neighbors, and especially the kids.

I have friends on Cape Cod, and most importantly, the folks in the nursing home up north. That's a special visit where the residents and I have lots to talk about.

When my lady is invited to her friend's homes, I am included because they know I have good manners. I did slip up once, during a cookout, but if you leave four steaks unattended, it's hard for a dog to resist taking one of them.

My lady was mortified, but her friends didn't seem to mind.

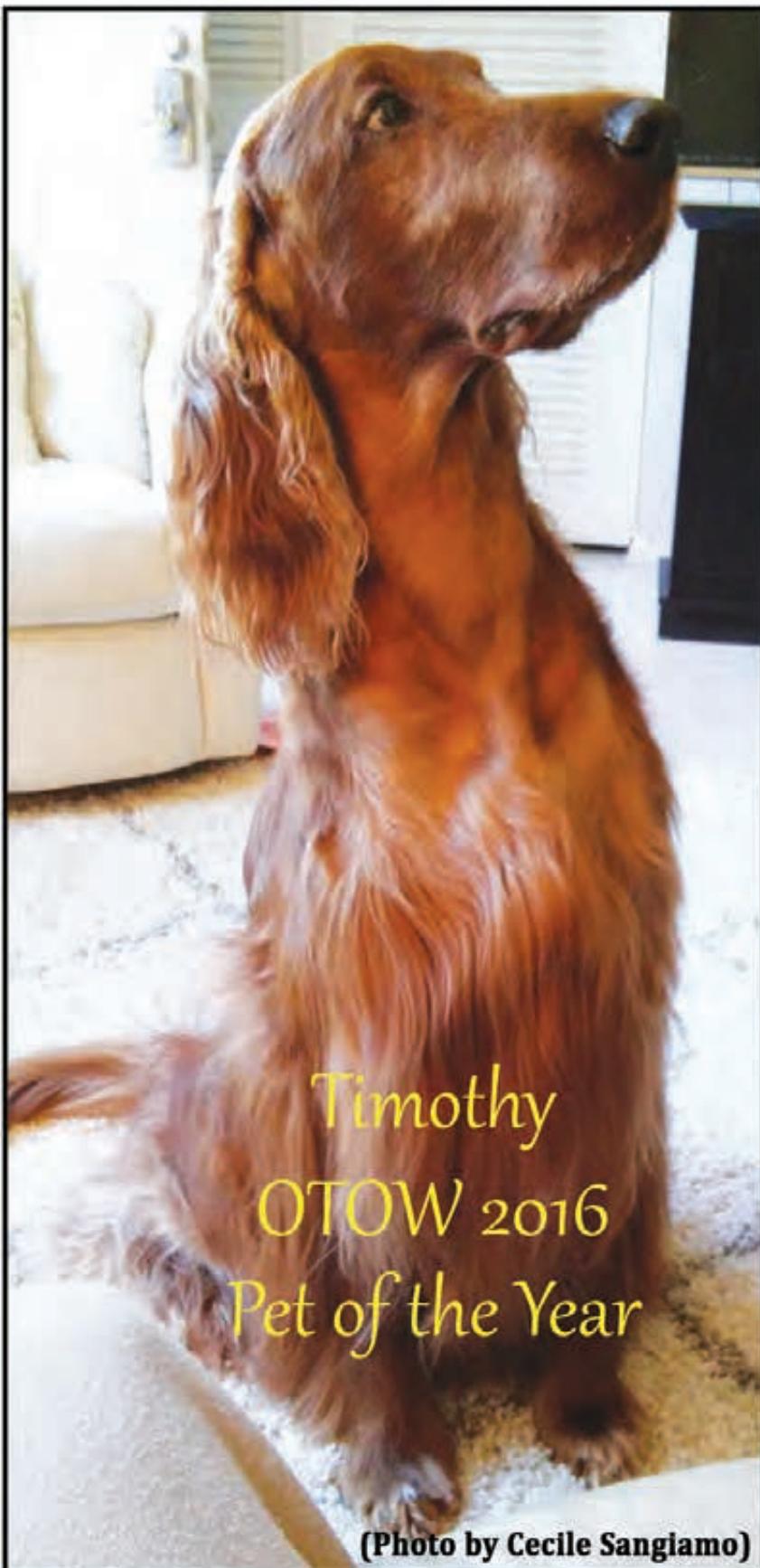
Up North I live in a house that has plenty of space to wander freely. There I can bark when I hear the doorbell. Here in the apartment, I am as quiet as a mouse.

The American Kennel Club has a program that teaches children how to approach a dog safely. Each June I find myself and members of the Holyoke Kennel Club at an elementary school. I stay very still and calm and the children come close and ask if they can pet me. I don't get all excited and wriggly or jump on people, so the children don't get frightened.

Another program is "Meet the Breeds," where the public comes when they are considering getting a pet. This way they observe different types of dogs to decide what would best fit their home situation. I am also active in the Irish Setter Club of Central Connecticut.

Today, I am a retired Snowbird and I enjoy the good life.

I hear I won the yearly pet contest with 72 votes. Stella, a miniature poodle from the Flamenco Building, and Lucky, a border collie from Brittany Farmhouse, tied for second with 19 votes apiece. Overall, 75 people from across the country voted, including 22 states and Canada. If you want to see me in person, I will be marching in the Irish Club St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. Look for me leading the Dog Park gang.



Timothy  
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## Couple finds OTOW is perfect wedding site

On Top of the World – the perfect setting for a wedding!

Brittany Farmhouse residents Ronald (Ron) and Jeannie Blaettner moved to Clearwater 10 years ago. In June 2005, they came from Fort Wayne, Ind., to live near Ron's parents who reside here at On Top of the World. Ron's siblings also live nearby.

They decided to get married and were looking for a nice place to have an outdoor wedding. When they passed by the entrance at Sunset Point Road, they had the idea of using the grounds around the fountains and columns on World Parkway Boulevard.

They inquired at the office and got the permit to do so. Oct. 21, 2005, was the big day. The reception took place at the East Activity Center with 64 family members and friends in attendance. Look at the beautiful picture of Ron and Jeannie shown here (at far right). Isn't it picture perfect?



Ron is a gifted billiards player. He started at the age of 15, and at 16 years of age he already made some money with his skills. He was a member of the Indiana Master Champions Team.

Before he retired he worked as a salesman. Jeannie is still working for the City of Clearwater.

Wishing everybody a sweet Valentine's Day!



Jeannie and Ron Blaettner chose the lovely OTOW fountains and columns for their October, 2005 wedding ceremony.

## New neighbors help kick off the New Year

We rang in the New Year, recovered from partying and made resolutions.

We took down the tree, boxed the decorations and swore off Christmas music for at least a year. Now that we are seriously into the New Year, the bills are arriving, college football has a champion, and it is an election year.

To get the New Year off the ground, my son and his family, complete with grandkids, joined Sy and me for a cruise out of Tampa. My son and family are from Chaska, Minn., so this was a chance for them to thaw out for a few days and enjoy our sunshine and sea food. Great visit — let's do it again!

John and Dolores Parham returned after spending the holiday in New York with family and taking the opportunity to start spoiling their 16th great-grandchild.

Tom and Marie Perrello, along with Peggie Longfellow and Terrie Fitzgerald, also opened the New Year with a cruise. They report that they



were on one of the new super ships with 6,000 other passengers. They had a wonderful time with extraordinary food and entertainment.

Our new neighbors Al Sakey and Ann Setkowitz held an open house to meet other residents of the Azores. About 20 neighbors dropped by to visit and view the changes made in the condo decor. Al reports that their two Boston Terriers were perfect hosts during the

open house! Al is a retired Boston attorney and Ann is a still-practicing dentist. If you missed the open house, drop by to welcome them and see if they have any mimosas left!

On Jan. 23, a large and enthusiastic group of Azoreans went to dinner at the Mirage Restaurant on Gulf to Bay. The food was Middle Eastern that could be ordered from the menu or could be sampled from the extensive buffet. With dinner over, the entertainment, belly dancing, was enjoyed. A great time was had by all.

Sy and I flew out to Kerrville, Texas, to attend a surprise birthday party for my baby sister, Sue. It is hard to believe, but she just turned 80. Her daughter had set the whole thing up and was able to keep it quiet. Sue was delighted with the party. We were all happy to attend and wish her well.

Be sure to load up my in-box for the March issue and watch the bulletin for all the happenings coming up.



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NEW! Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate office receptionist.

This application can ONLY be sent to, or picked up, by OWNERS of On Top of the World apartments and only the OWNER shall process applications for renter Recreation Cards.

### Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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

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

for refreshments, music and singing.

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

### A Note For Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law.

Be sure to always clean up while walking your dog.

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## Residents' trip to the track proves profitable for lucky few

As stated in last month's news, a group of our residents attended Tampa Bay Downs for "A Day at the Races."

Pictures of our group and the announcement on the board were taken by Linda Graff (see photos at right).

Some of our neighbors had small winnings to report. Some of us didn't win anything. One person in our group had a very lucky day in picking the correct horse or horses to win many races. All in all, it was a great day.

Many of our residents had company in the last few months to celebrate the holidays, including the end of the year to welcome in the New Year.



Our daughter and granddaughter were here from Georgia and stayed for a week. Also, our Gainesville nephew and his wife visited with their new baby.

Another year is upon us. Make it count and enjoy the facilities offered in our community.

"Till We Meet Again."



Above, this Roman Byzantine crowd enjoyed "A Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs. Below, the track announcement board acknowledged the presence of the group. (Photos by Linda Graff)



OTOW Community Service Office Phone Number is 727-683-6981



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



**Class is 9-Noon, March 24 & 25 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room**

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**A look back at the OTOW News  
(February, 1991)**

*By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz*

- Foster Brooks, that “Lovable Lush,” appeared Feb. 14, as part of the Entertainment Committee’s show. On the same bill was singer Kelly Foxton.
- The Pool Monitors meeting was scheduled for Feb. 19. They were looking for more volunteers to better cover the shift schedules.
- The OTOW Jesters show was titled “The Fantasy Express,” with plenty of line dancers, tap dancers, singers, comedians and musicians. There were 28 acts in all, with gorgeous costumes to match!
- The Canadian Club was holding its “Golf Fun Day” on Feb. 16/17. The game will be “Texas Scramble.” The 19th-hole party will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the East Activity Center.
- A newspaper notice appeared that stated “Please dim your lights as you approach our gates. Our guards find it very difficult to identify cars with their bright lights on.” (That still holds true today.)

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77-year-old Bill Mooney waves as he participates in the Oct. 25 Marine Corp Marathon, held in Washington, D.C.

**At 77, OTOW Marine vet runs Corp marathon in D.C.**

On Oct. 25, 2015, Marine Corps veteran Bill Mooney ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., at the young age of 77!

The marathon is 26.2 miles. Some 35,000 participants ran the race and 23,000 finished. Bill finished ahead of 4,000 runners in his age group.

One of the highlights of the marathon was running the “Blue Mile,” which are monuments honoring fallen soldiers. When the runners got to this point silence filled the air. This was done to show respect for those who died for our freedom.

They also ran to the U.S. Capitol. Bill’s wife, Barbara was there as well as two of their children and two grandchildren.

Even Bill’s son kept up with Bill’s progress as he watched all the way from the Middle East, where he is deployed.



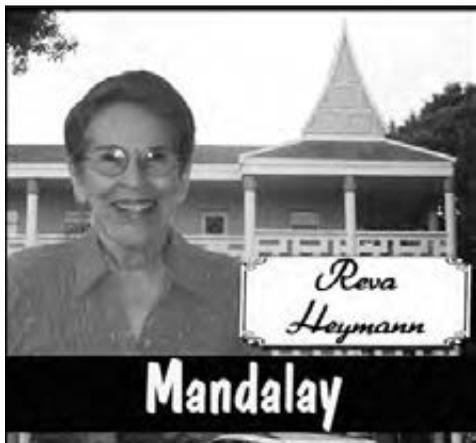
Barbara was able to get to certain checkpoints in order to see Bill and cheer him on by using an application on her cell phone. She made it to every point and was so excited for him and of course, very proud.

Bill is certainly an inspiration to all of us. Thank you for your service, Bill, and congratulations on your run!



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## Renovations help resident kick off year

The holiday season was full of parties and trips to visit with family.

We were happy to see Lee Siegel back at his home and feeling much better.

We were also very happy to welcome Pat Funari back into her apartment. She moved out to allow some extensive renovations. All the Mandalay neighbors had been curious because there were so many work trucks and moving trucks at her door.

Rather than cope with all the noise, dust and disruptions, she put her furniture into Pods and herself into temporary quarters. She is delighted to be home even though unpacking the boxes and putting stuff away is a real chore, of course.

Lily Groomes took a trip to visit her son and his family, including the cute little granddaughter for whom Lily asked everybody to pray.

Lily is ecstatic that the tot is healthy and outgoing and welcomed Lily to her delight.

Earlier, the Make-a-Wish foundation financed a wonderful trip to Disneyworld for her in December. (Her wish had been to see Mickey and Minnie.)

## 'Mystery Person' seems to be a hit

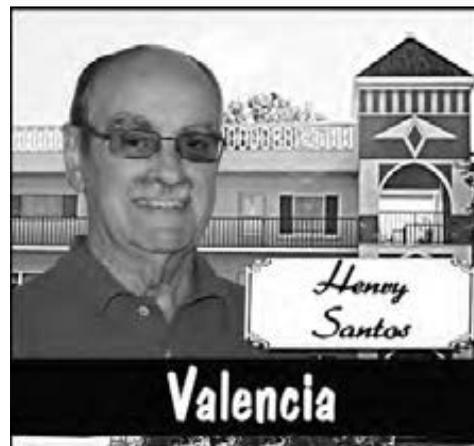
Phil and Debbie Roth, just back from their seemingly annual European river cruises, hosted our holiday luncheon at Rumba's in Oldsmar this past December.

They did an outstanding job of welcoming everyone and setting the holiday tone. Just a note to all the new neighbors that have never attended these luncheons, you are missing a great time and a chance to meet many of your neighbors.

Building co-captains rounded up a group of volunteers to help take down the holiday decorations and put them safely away for another year.

A nice addition to our inventory this year was the beautiful manger setup donated by Jean Guy Pelchat. This will be the center piece of our holiday decorations for years to come.

Finally, "Who's That Mystery Person?" Yes, for all who guessed correctly, last month's mystery person was my wife, Pauline. I promise you the rest will not be so easy! I am very pleased with the response to my request



for pictures and I know some may not be guessed in a million years. I'll try to include a little clue with each picture.

Shown here is another picture of one of our neighbors captured in time. Do you know who she is? She brings a lot of sunshine to our building, even when the skies are gray. Her 11-letter name is hidden in the following 12-letter anagram "A JASMINE THEN" (one extra letter is used for confusion).

I'll let you know next month along with a new mystery neighbor.



Valencia's "Mystery Person" for February. See story for details and clues.

## Checking out the Chetnik goings-on

There were a lot of comings and goings in our building for the holidays.

Joe and Pat Matons arrived at Staten Island on Joe's birthday, after a harrowing, rain-soaked drive on Rt. 95 North. They were even diverted for three exits because of accidents on the road. Number two son and wife hosted a birthday party for his Dad after the hazardous drive. With all that behind them, Joe and Pat were able to see a grandson and granddaughter as altar servers at the Vigil Christmas Mass at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Staten Island.

Angie Ries got a surprise visit from her son and grandson. She opened the door and there they were. Angie became a great grandma for the second time last August. Congratulations, Angie!

Phil Meissner spent two weeks over the holidays with his family in Pennsylvania. He said the weather was in the 60's and gorgeous the whole two weeks. Lucky Phil!

Paul and Clair Bruyere's daughter



was awarded her Bachelor's Degree in Special Ed. She will work with autistic children — a noble undertaking. No wonder they are proud.

During December, I went with friends to the Early Bird Dinner Theater show, "Making God Laugh." You want to know what makes God laugh? Tell Him your plans. It was satirical and funny and very well performed.

While there, I met John and Pat Koning and their friends (mostly line dancers from On Top of the World.) All gave the show five stars as we did.

Thanks to all who put up the Christmas core decorations: Paul and Claire Bruyere, Phil Meissner, Linda Altobelli, Tom Wright, Jean Gaines and yours truly.

Also, thanks to the crew for taking down the trees and decorations: Joe and Pat Matons, Bill Jacobs and the Bruyers.

The holiday cocktail party on Dec. 5 was well attended, and lots of food, wine and booze made for a gala wing-ding. I arrived late, but my pigs in the blanket contribution were well-received. There was enough food left for John and I to stuff ourselves!

Bicyclists, please go with the traffic and at night have reflectors and headlights. Walkers, go against the traffic and at night have a flashlight and wear light-colored clothes.

Again, I remind everyone not to put plastic bags in the recycle bins.

Blessings to everyone in this New Year. May the good Lord keep us all safe.

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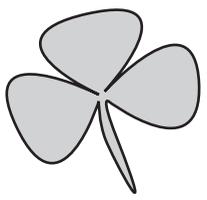
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# ‘Down Under’ tour was highlight of couple’s holidays

Many Capistrano residents spent the holidays right here at home in sunny Florida.

However, a few braved the crazy airports and roadways to be with their families in distant parts of the country.

I, for one, drove 11 hours to Gulf Shores, Ala., to be with family on Christmas.

Ruth Mazelin flew to California and spent Christmas with her grandson and his family. While there, she also attended her great-granddaughter’s christening, the photographer being Dick Van Dyke’s nephew. Seems like Ruth is always bumping into famous people!

Dave Britcher flew to Michigan and celebrated with two of his daughters, two granddaughters, three great-grandsons and his brother and sister-in-law. On New Year’s Eve, his family played their traditional game of dominoes. Each year the winner gets his or her name added to the winner’s plaque.

Just before the holidays, Myrna and Wayne Oakley had an Australia and New Zealand adventure. Their trip began in Sydney, where they spent five days exploring the harbor via water taxis, taking in two Broadway plays and



a performance by the International Staff Band of the Salvation Army. They visited the Blue Mountains and viewed Australian native wildlife, such as the Koala (see photo).

From Sydney, they flew to the Gold Coast, stayed in Surfer’s Paradise for a week and visited Brisbane.

Then they embarked on a 16-day cruise to New Zealand and across the southern part of Australia, finishing in Perth. For part of the cruise across the Tasman Sea, there were winds of 50 knots and 16-foot seas, which was quite a test of the seamanship of the guests!

While in New Zealand, they saw Wellington, the beautiful botanical gardens of Dunedin and magnificent



Myrna and Wayne Oakley got up close and personal with this koala, seen on their recent tour of Australia and New Zealand.

fiords. The trip also included Melbourne, Adelaide, and Esperance, a coastal city known for its ecotourism.

The tour ended in Perth, where they began their 35-hour trek back to their home in Newfoundland, Canada,

and then finally in mid-December returning to their Florida home.

Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone. And remember, in the words of Jim Gaffigan, “Without Valentine’s Day, February would be... well, January.”



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"Old Spokes" bicyclists (L-R): Jim Rudderham, Frank Brown, Bruce Mills, Harry "Crash" Morrison and Eldon Smith. They take rides of 20 to 30 miles nearly every day.

## It's not unusual for these cyclists to ride 20 miles daily

Eldon Smith, Frank Brown, Harry "Crash" Morrison, Bruce Mills, Rolf Scheffler and Jim Rudderham.

What do these names have in common? They are the cycling guys, better known as "The Old Spokes" (see photo above). Eldon and Frank are from our building, while Harry, Bruce, Rolf and Jim are from other On Top of the World buildings.

They meet daily to ride for 20 to 30 miles. Long rides to Tarpon Springs or just short rides around Clearwater — they do it all and have great fun.

Along the way they stop for coffee and conversation with a lot of amazing people, or just enjoy the beautiful weather. If you happen to see these friendly bikers give a shout-out or a wave.

Christine Miller did a wonderful job of organizing the Christmas decorating. Thanks to everyone that volunteered to help make our building look great.

Good food and fun was had by all



who attended our Welcome Back party. A big thank-you goes out to Frank Brown for the Washer Game and to Bob Patrick for the Corn Hole Game. They handmade and donated these games to our building.

The date for the Strawberry Social is Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. Check the bulletin board in the core for details and sign-up sheet. Contact me if you have an interesting story to share.

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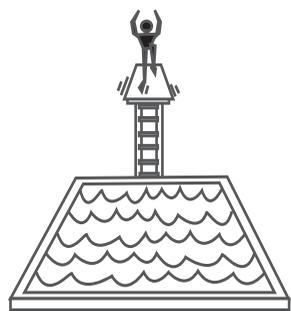
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- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

## New residents jump into volunteer roles

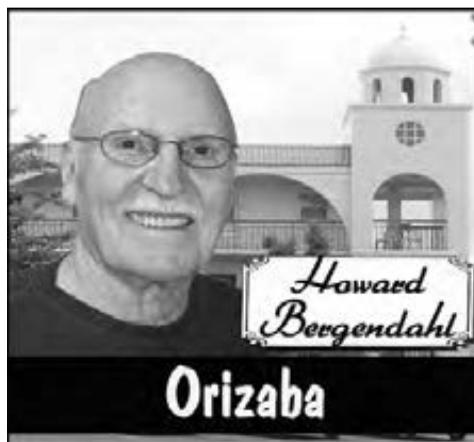
The party days are over, winter is here and our residents are getting back to normal.

It is an odd sight to watch residents walk the complex with jackets on. I asked one about it and was reminded that it is better than shoveling snow.

Keeping with the building tradition of welcoming new residents, we say hello to Dan and Shirley Moran (see photo at far right). Dan Moran may be familiar to many as a volunteer at the Coffee Corner on Monday mornings. He has also been featured in several Jesters shows and entertained with his rendition of "God Bless America" at Good Neighbor sessions.

Shirley Moran is what we used to refer to as a "professional student." She attended St. Petersburg College and received a degree, attended USF and received a degree, and also received a degree from Eckerd College. She also has studied at the University of Michigan and North Texas State besides speaking locally on WTAN radio AM 1340. (Wow, I remember when it was a big deal just to graduate from high school!)

She also has a business called "Ask Shirley," which places seniors in suitable facilities. If you know someone who



needs placement in assisted living, you might ask Shirley who can be reached at 727-796-7835. Welcome to Orizaba, Dan and Shirley!

Happy birthday to Ed Founier, who continues to be an important participating member of our building.

I was lucky enough to be invited to the Dorado building holiday party at Sea Sea Riders and was rewarded with an enjoyable evening thanks to the efforts of Cheryl and Pete Milner.

On Feb. 12, Flo Herman is hosting a pizza party in the West Activity Center. A sign-up sheet is posted in the main core. Be sure to attend and bring a friend if you so desire. Please advise if you are attending and pay the fee so



Featured residents Dan and Shirley Moran.

proper amount of food can be ordered. Helpers are welcome to get the room set up. Contact Flo at 796-9615.

Last year a group of Mensa members (an IQ of 140 is required for membership) met for lunch. They discovered that the salt and pepper shakers had been reversed. The salt shaker had pepper in it and vice versa.

After much deliberation, they agreed on a method to reverse the contents using a napkin, a straw and an empty saucer. They called the waitress over and told her the problem and said they had a solution.

She apologized for the mistake and corrected it by taking the tops off the shakers and reversing them.

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## Wives encouraged men to start their own breakfast club

Hello, neighbors!

While the ladies took the attention last month, I wanted to share the "Breakfast Club" activities of the men (whom we affectionately call "the girls"). This all began due to coaxing of the wives for husbands who are not active.

First, it was just my husband, Tom, and his friend, Bruce. Slowly others were invited and the numbers grew. They are up to about seven members now. Every week around 8 a.m., they all meet in the core and decide who should drive.

What I like about this group is they always accommodate each other for doctor appointments and choose another day to go. So, it could be almost any day of the week, but generally Wednesday works out the best. They are of all age groups and backgrounds.

They find common ground on the place they love going to eat. Their favorite place is Pete's Restaurant. It is close and their favorite server is Emma, who is excellent. She knows them all by name and their favorite breakfasts without asking. The ladies are happy to have time to themselves once a week (sometimes twice!).



The photo shows Bruce Hirschinger, Jim Nolf, Gus Perrotta, Pat Hayes, Tom Schwartz, Bob Jennings and Bob Douglas.

The numbers can change on a weekly basis, but the more the merrier. Some new residents might be interested in attending as well. Camaraderie is the key to finding friends and having a laugh or two. The women encourage it strongly!

Brahman building is having a resurgence of residents. While it is sad to see many leave, we welcome new residents who move in to fill those units that are empty.



A few members of the Brahman Men's Breakfast Club, also known as "the girls" (L-R, standing) Bruce Hirschinger, Jim Nolf, Gus Perrotta, Pat Hayes and Tom Schwartz. Seated are Bob Jennings and Bob Douglas.

Recently we welcomed two new residents who attended our December building meeting, and recently, another couple, Bob and Liz Tabor, and their cute dog, Abbey. We welcome them and encourage new neighbors to check the bulletin board and participate in any activity we plan.

Thanks to Gloria and Bud Sayer who hosted and welcomed a large group of 21 to our building coffee last month. Everyone got along famously.

Also planned are a ladies luncheon and a dinner out. We always welcome suggestions on fun things to do. Remember: Love and Hope.

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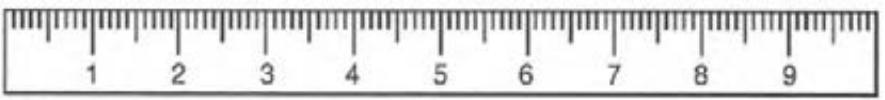
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## Social affairs are bright spots of Loch Lomond life

Our parking lot is full again and many familiar faces are appearing with accounts of what's been going on in their lives.

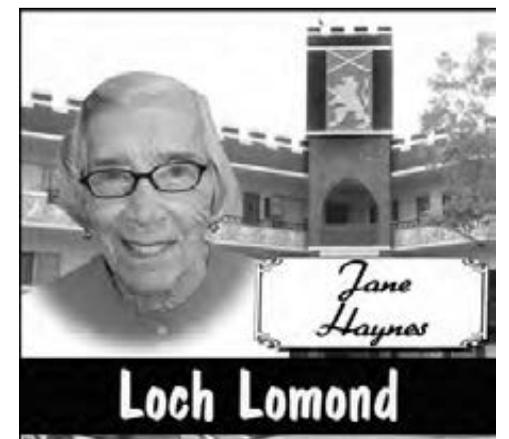
Travelers who flew in for holiday visits found a fortunate schedule of flights that went unusually well, although the weather has changed.

February has the most beautiful holiday of the year: Valentine's Day. Its brilliant red and fluffy, lacy white décor is simply gorgeous and may smell good, taste good, sound good, and just provide good feelings.

In the busy before-holiday season, Enid Goodman's son and daughter-in-law flew in just to join Enid and local relatives and friends for several birthday dinners at her church. Enid is very active in her church, and often gives of her time and effort in helping out with church dinners there. She is a very dedicated lady.

The lunch place that Linda and Phil Woods arranged for, the Varsity Grill, was the spot for the last Friday of January get-together. It was good to see so many people. We go to several places for the meals, but the Varsity Grill is spacious and convenient. We are open to suggestions for other places.

We are trying to organize our building again for several socials, but not elaborate affairs. Again, suggestions



are appreciated. Also appreciated are our annual dues, which help to provide for basic items such as paper and ink for notices, various cards to send out.

Please check your phone number on the old roster and replace it with the correct one if need be. Try to do this soon so it can be reflected in the new listing.

Please do stop and read the various attractive notices posted on the bulletin board by the elevator and contact the persons listed on the board as appropriate.

Please socialize and share your time and ideas whenever you can. The East Activity Center is buzzing with activities and information, so drop over and share your ideas.



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# Award-winning Malaguena resident now writing Novellas

By Phyllis King

Jim Castagno and his wife Paula have been residents of On Top of the World since 2012 when they decided to retire to Florida's Gulf Coast.

In 2005 Jim discovered his love for writing, and wrote five feature length screenplays. Recently, he converted the screenplays to short novels.

Close your eyes and imagine a young girl's quest to survive a journey devised by mythical Zeus; a Canal Zone cop's struggle to solve murders he is told were committed by a 400-year-old woman; or a World War II paratrooper's behind-the-lines mission with Italian partisans.

All of his writing has its genesis in his personal experiences. A visit to the Greek temples at Paestum, Italy, resulted in the story, "Octavia and the Greek Key," which won the 2011 Feature Length Fantasy category at the Endas International Screenwriting Competition in Genoa, Italy.

In Panama, he learned of a local legend that is the basis for "The Lady of the Lantern," which was a Quarterfinalist in the 2009 StoryPros International Screenplay Contest.

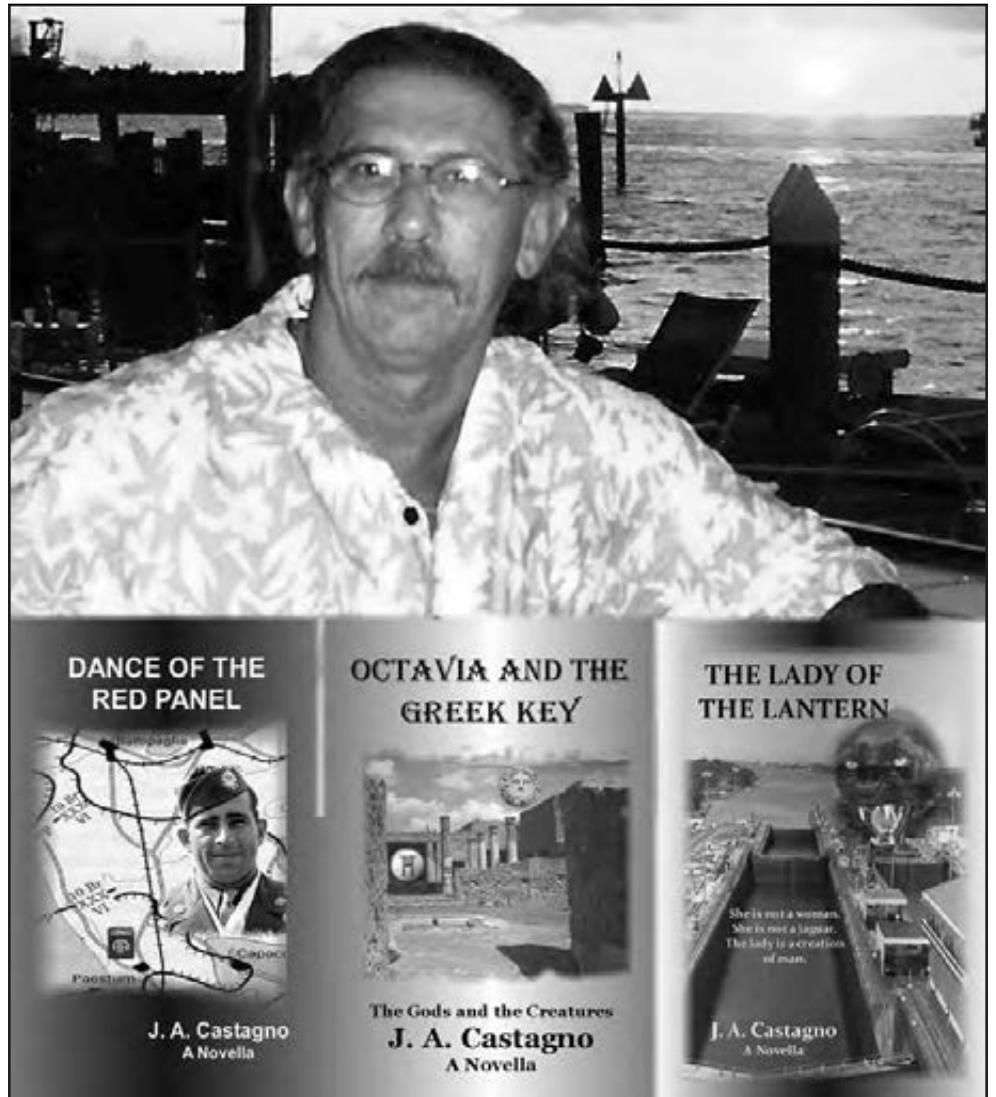
His father's experiences during World War II led to the "Dance of the Red Panel," a Feature-Length Screenplay Finalist in the 2014 GI Film Festival.

Next on Jim's agenda is finishing his three-book "Fugitive" series. These are stories of collaboration between the U.S. Marshals Service and the Italian Carabinieri. "Witness to Terror" and "Out of Tunis," the first two books in the series, are due to be published in early 2016. The third book, "Out of Naples" will follow in mid-2016.

His books are available on Amazon.com under his name, James Castagno, and on the Novellas Page of his website: [www.jacastagno.com](http://www.jacastagno.com). He can be contacted about his books from his website.

Jim has traveled extensively and is a former U.S. Army Special Forces officer and federal criminal investigator.

With over 20 years in law enforcement chasing fugitives and protecting witnesses, Jim has plenty of material for his stories of intrigue, struggle, and perseverance!



Author and screenwriter Jim Castagno lives at On Top of the World with his wife, Paula.

## Recent warm weather attracts visitors

It is very exciting when family comes down to visit, especially those we haven't seen in several years.

Our neighbor, Joan Moore, had a visit for a week from her son, daughter-in-law and 15-year-old grandson. They live in Lewes, Del., and enjoyed the wonderful 85 degrees weather while they were here. Her grandson is shown here "holding up" the On Top of the World globe (see photo).

While Joan did her bicycle exercises, her daughter-in-law sunned by the swimming pool. Her son and grandson played a lot of pool with many competitions between them.

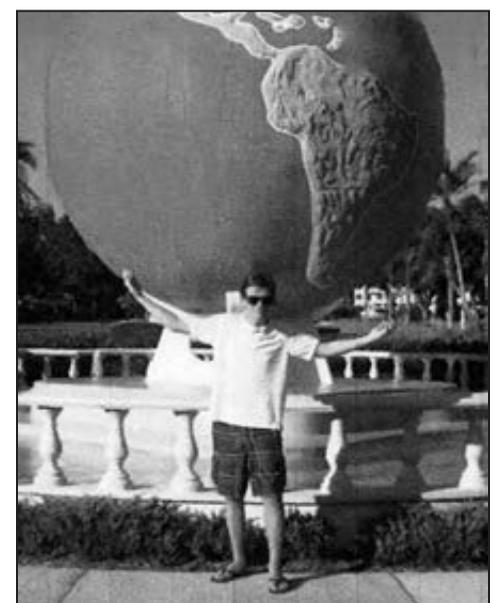
All Joan's family back in Delaware love to sail, including her grandson. When the tall-masted schooner, The Kalmar Nykel, comes to port, they run a version of summer camp. The kids come for three days and work on the schooner. They climb the masts and clean them, etc. What energy the kids have working on the masts!



When Joan's family arrived home, it was 20 degrees. They wished they were back in Florida!

We hope our neighbors have a fun Valentine's Day and a relaxing Presidents' Day weekend. There are many clubs and a monthly dance where they celebrate these holidays.

I missed doing the January newsletter. I do enjoy writing the newsletter. Like Joan, there must be news like that or a special anniversary,



Rila Renaissance resident Joan Moore's grandson "holds up" the OTOW globe in this trick photo. He was visiting here with his family from Delaware.

birthday or birth. Please let me know or put in the white mailbox in the core under the bulletin board.

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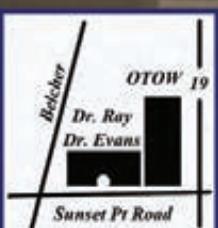
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# Artist uses mirrors, tiles to create striking mosaics

When Austrian Alpine resident Jan Stiffler first considered cutting mirrors into small shapes for the 3' by 5' outdoor panels on the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center in Safety Harbor, she thought the total effect would be unimpressive.

However, Jan discovered that the colorful reflections in the "mirror mosaics" of the sky and scenery at sunrise, sunset and all times in between were both spectacular and fascinating. Surprisingly, the reflected images also change with the angle at which they are viewed.

Others are also fascinated by the changing reflections in the Safety Harbor house of mirror mosaics: the British HGTV network filmed the house twice, Xtreme Cribbs covered it and numerous artists have visited and ooh/ahhed over it.

A group of On Top of the World Baby Boomers joined Jan on the creation of a 3' by 5' mirror mosaic panel of a flower.

This was so much fun that the Boomer group completed five more panels. (see photo at top right of them working) Dozens of other groups have worked on the panels as well.



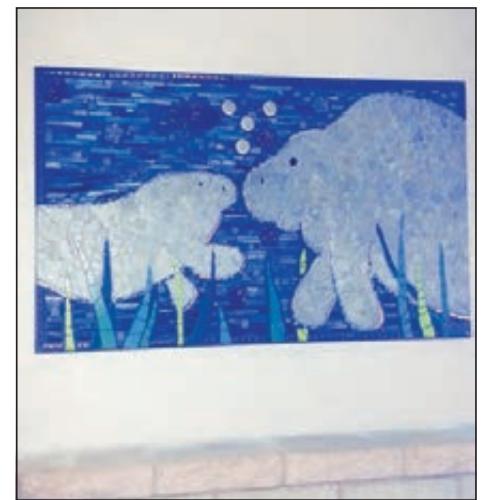
Hydraulic lift equipment securely attaches the panels to the frame surrounding the Art Center.

Jan cut most of the mirror and tile for the panels by cutting specific shapes: ellipticals, flame-shaped petals, books and waves. The mirrors that she cuts are donated. Jan also created the mermaid (see photo at right) and octopus panels at the Center.

Some of Jan's other "cutting edge" projects are the mosaics along the entrance of the Safety Harbor Library, the cut glass for the Wedding Garden at the Botanical Garden in Largo, and the Mother Meres Project in Tarpon Springs. Some of her smaller projects are mosaics on tables and benches.



Above: OTOW Baby Boomers help cut-glass artist Jan Stiffler prepare her creations. Below: The mermaid at left adorns the Safety Harbor Art & Music Center, while the manatee was placed in front of the Safety Harbor Library.



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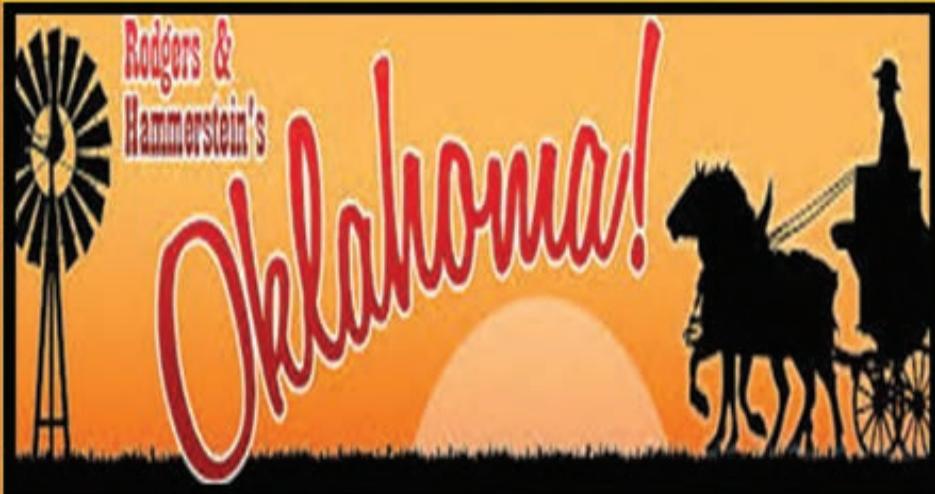
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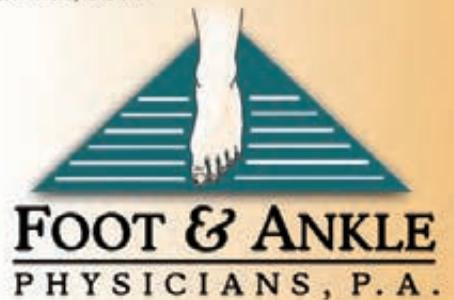
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# Let's catch up on the news from Bohemia

Good news — we had our greatest turnout ever for the Annual Christmas Dinner at the Clearwater Country Club.

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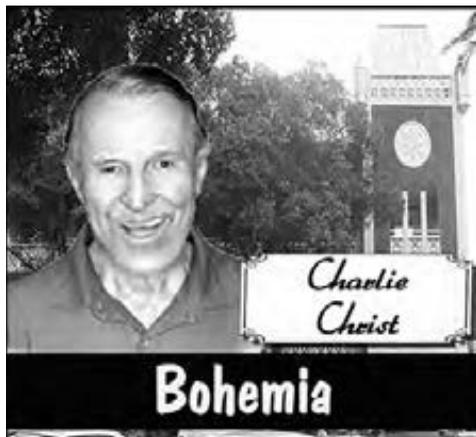
The total amount collected from the bidding was \$400. So \$200 was pledged to Wounded Warriors and \$200 went to The American Diabetes Association of Clearwater.

We owe all of this to the efforts of the good folks who helped make it happen. Thanks to all of you!

The Annual Turkey Trot was completed by six of our residents who did the 3.2 mile course on Thanksgiving Day at Clearwater High School. Proceeds from their efforts go to the Clearwater Youth Recreation Fund.

This is a good way to work off calories before devouring all that turkey and stuffing. Just ask any of the participants or me how they did it and you'll be able to join in on the fun next time.

We had coffee and donuts recently to welcome our new residents and



returning Snowbirds. There I met Nicholas and Orysia Jakowiw who moved here from Jewett, N.Y. He retired from telecommunications and she managed a cafeteria for kids with special needs. He enjoys golf and softball and she is satisfied just getting things squared away for the time being. They have two children. (see photo).

We want to also welcome Al Shambro and any other new arrivals.

The walking club now has two carloads going to the mall and is perking along on its fifth year.

The Freaky-Tiki is now Franky T's, but we're still on for Friday nights. No more freebees, but drop by for a fun evening with your fellow Bohemians,



Bohemia welcomes newcomers Nicholas and Orysia Jakowiw along with several other new neighbors.

even though the price is a bit steeper.

Something new - The Lucky Dill on Mondays at five. See you there!

In concluding, listen to how yours truly won two gold and silver medals at the Florida Senior Games recently. One goal was for fastest 100 yard backstroke, the other for first place in the 3.2 mile run. Confession: There was only one person in each event, me. The silvers were for swimming 100 yards. I came in second in the breast and crawl strokes. Confession: There were only two of us in the 90+ age group.

Sometimes it pays off being an old fogie and just being a finisher! See you around!



## Golf outing, horse racing coming up

Busy, busy, busy, as we began the year with an empty calendar which we filled very quickly.

The first week in January our decorating committee removed all our holiday decorations and were gratefully rewarded for their labors by receiving delicious pastries from our own Peg Talak. Peg also hosted our first plenary board meeting of the season at which much was discussed and planned.

On Jan.18, we had a well-attended luncheon at Grillsmith's, which was arranged by Trish Burch.

We held our general meeting at the home of Barbara Humphreys on Jan. 26. The next day we held our building social hour, which was just what the name implies — friendly socialization with no business discussed.

On Feb. 4, my hubby Stan and I will celebrate our 60-year anniversary. We can't believe the years flew by so quickly!

The Granadans will hold their annual golf outing (which also happens to be Stan's birthday) on Feb. 28

On March 19, we will be having Granada Day at Tampa Bay Downs, which will consist of a buffet luncheon at 1 p.m. and more socialization while watching the horses run. The gate opens at 11 a.m. with post time at 12:25 p.m. Lunch is from 1–2 p.m.. Check the building bulletin board for further information.

Until next month, stay healthy, active, positive, purposeful and youthful thinking!

## Polar Bear swimmers celebrate birthdays

Look for upcoming events on the bulletin board, as Kirk and Karen Safee, our entertainment chair people will post happenings.

Thanks to the powers that be, our building had elevator work as well as water lines attended to minus much disruption to any of us.

Some 20 Polar Bear swimmers celebrated January birthdays at the Beachcomber. Always a fun time with that group — come join us. Polar Bears swim every morning at 9 a.m. If the temperature is 62 degrees, the East Side pool, being a delightful 82 degrees, is most enjoyable while swimming. Getting out, on the other hand, well we hustle at times!

Speaking of the pool area. The Chia Pet growing from an urn on the wall was weeded by a hawk-eyed maintenance person recently.

Took in "Star Wars" at the IMAX Dome at MOSI in Tampa. Only one of 17 IMAX theatres in the country with the true millimeter concept to show this film as it was shot. Tickets were easy to



get and it was fun. Just Google MOSI.

Hal and I flew to Maine and Boston for a few days. Hal got a good report, so we scampered back as quickly as possible. Old saying about New England weather, "Wait a minute, it will change," held true. To say it was chilly would be an understatement. Snow, high winds, rain, power outages and nary a peek of ole Sol all crammed into our whirlwind trip. Just missed another eight inches of snow that started to fall as we left Boston.

Our son Mike flew out the next morning for Hawaii in a nor'easter. Appreciate even more why we are Snowbirds!

Understand benches, such as in the dog park and new smoking area by the pool, are to be sprinkled around for walkers to rest while taking advantage of our wonderful weather and pretty grounds. They will be greatly appreciated by us with cranky knees or other health issues.

And rumor has it a BBQ area with covered cabanas is in the works. That will be a most welcomed addition to our little piece of paradise.

Being February, it's Valentine's Day. Best remember the candy, flowers and dinner.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate!

Hint: Fresh cut flowers put to bed in your fridge at night will last a very long time. Mine from Christmas went well into January.

Any news fit to print, e-mail it to me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

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# Second-generation residents a growing part of OTOW

By Cele Radeloff and Kathleen Santosuosso

Just how many current On Top of the World residents are second or third generation? More than you think and this column will highlight a few of them each month through the summer.

Cele Radeloff, veteran proofreader and writer for the Siboney building, started noticing a trend in second-generation OTOW residents when she recognized the last name of a new, volunteer proofreader in the OTOW News office.

“Santosuosso,” Cele sounded out when she met Kathleen at the proofreading table. “I knew your in-laws John and Gina! They were line-dancers, as I was and am now.”

Snowbirds John and Gina Santosuosso also enjoyed square dancing, lawn bowling, golfing, walking, and the warm weather. Permanent residents Kathleen and husband Joe like to bike, walk, travel, and have fun with the Baby Boomers and Healthy Living Club.

They love being outdoors and recall visiting OTOW during spring vacations with their children in the 1980's. They remember going to Clearwater Beach, running to Netherlands and Dunkin' Donuts, swimming in the East Side pool, and enjoying many Early Bird specials at area eateries.

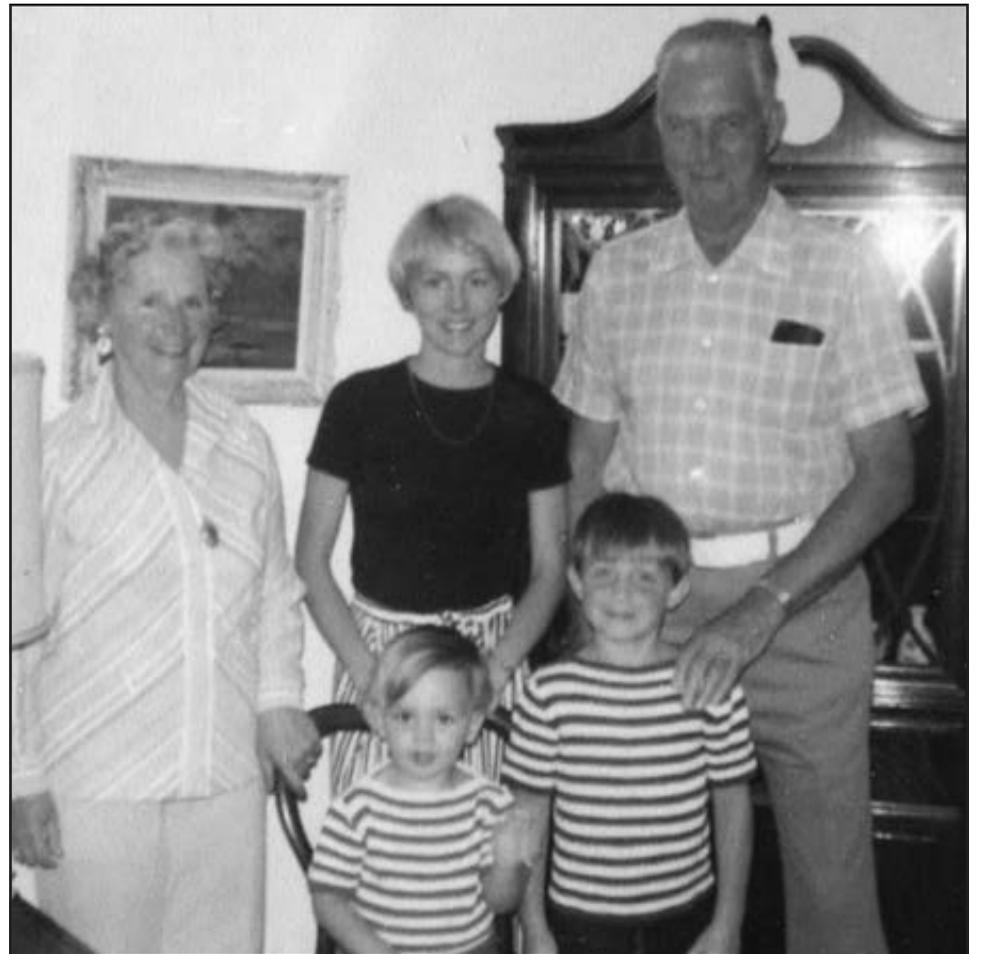
Dale Stackhouse, another second-generation OTOW resident, enjoys line-dancing, Zumba, and yoga. She also paints dogs and landscapes with watercolors, and is active with the art guild. She recalls visiting her parents, Jack and Kaye Bedbrooke, at the pristine On Top of the World starting in 1972. Jack and Kaye moved into one of the first buildings, No. 22, Roman Byzantine. The golf course was new, and former residents, alligators, wandered onto both sides of the golf course.

Dale and her husband also spoke of a rattlesnake that joined them on the course one memorable day.

Dale thought her parents were too young, in their sixties, to move to a retirement community. Then she saw so many of her parents' contemporaries having fun here.

Dale's dad, Jack, was one of the founders of the Canadian Club and on the first board of directors. Her mom, Kaye, was the Sunshine Lady for the lawn bowlers, and later received a lifetime membership in the lawn bowlers. Both of her parents were ardent lawn bowlers. They also had fun ballroom dancing at the Saturday Night Dances. Those dances are still a hit.

As Dale Stackhouse and her husband were both teachers, they would visit On Top of the World with



The Stackhouse family in March of 1976 on a visit to OTOW and the Roman Byzantine building. Front row, Shawn and Jeff Stackhouse (grandchildren); back row, Kaye Bedbrooke, Dale Stackhouse (daughter) and Jack Bedbrooke.

their children during spring vacations (see photo above).

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Club and Group Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am East Activity Center auditorium  
Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner  
Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 pm, East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 am, Veranda Room  
Have your taxes done free by AARP, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am in Small Card Room



## Classes and Crafts



### ART GUILD

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

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room  
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 am, Computer Room

### DANCING

Snowbirds Salsasize, 9 am, Tuesdays, Sunrise Room  
Jazz & Tap Dancing, 10:30 am, Auditorium

### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 am, Small Classroom, with Antoinette d'Oronzio, free

### KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

### LAPIDARY

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m., Lapidary Room

### PROCRASTINATING QUILTERS

Saturday, 9 am, Sunrise Room

### SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Starlite Room

### SPANISH

Tuesdays, 3 pm, Yellow Room

### WOOD SHOP

8 am, Mondays-Fridays, Wood Shop Room

### WRITERS INK

Thursdays, 12:30 pm, Computer Room



## Exercises



### AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

### BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Art Room

### CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 am, East Gym  
Mon & Wed and Fri, 10 am, West Gym

### CO-ED FUN FITNESS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

### CO-ED STEP EXERCISES

Fridays, 11 am, East Gym

### HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

Morning Walkers, Daily, 9 am, Meet at Red Robin, Countryside Mall  
Water Walking, Tue & Thu, 4 pm, EAC Pool  
Slow Spokes (bike riders), 9:30 am, Fridays, Meet at EAC Pool  
Silver Spokes (bike riders longer distances), 9 am, Fridays, Meet at EAC Pool

### LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

### LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)  
Saturdays 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

### SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

### SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 8 am, Sunrise Room

### TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

### YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

### ZUMBA

Wed, 9:30 am, Auditorium and Art Room  
Mon, 9 am, Craft Room  
Fri, 9 am, Yellow Room



## Traditional Games



### BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight A  
Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight B  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

### CANASTA

Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

### CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

### DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

### BRIDGE

Mon, Thu, Sat, 11 am, Yellow Room

### EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room and Sunrise Room

### PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room  
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room  
Sun & Wed, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room  
Wednesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room  
Thursdays, 1 pm, Small Cardroom

### PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)  
Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room  
Fridays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

### SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda Room

### SHUFFLEBOARD

Mon & Thu, 1:30 pm, Shuffleboard Courts

### SCOPA

Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

### TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)  
Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

The schedule above has been revised to reflect events in the current month.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the Community Service Office so we can make the change for next month.

If you are in charge of an event, and dropping it from this schedule, please notify the CSO one month in advance.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the CSO. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

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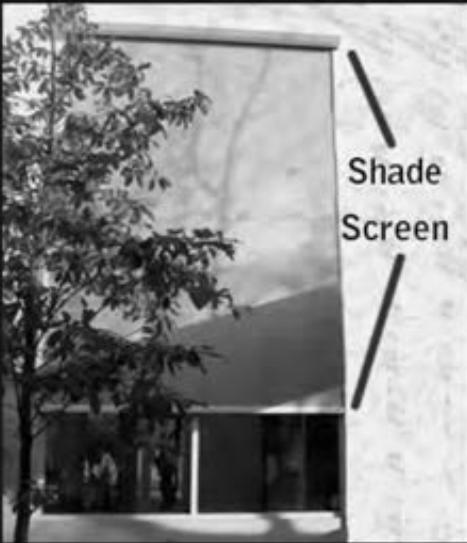
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## Couple found that volunteering can sometimes be hard work

Following a suggestion from a neighbor, I scheduled an interview with Sharon and Larry Wadel.

I might have guessed that I was in for a very pleasant and cooperative interview. They are an interesting couple who moved here in April, 2010, after a number of other retirement experiences that were both rewarding and hard work.

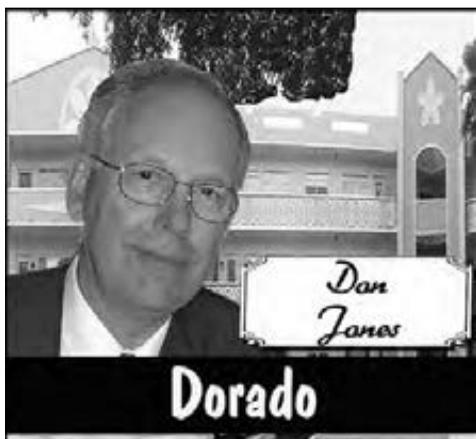
They chose to volunteer at state parks in both their native Pennsylvania and here in Florida. They volunteered in Lake Louisa State Park near Clermont and found their volunteering was like a full-time job. They split wood, painted, cleaned the shops, and did the gardening, which was very hard work.

Their experiences in other parks included driving a shuttle tram from the campsites to the beach every hour or two and taking care of campers' special needs and concerns.

Larry had his own business for 50 years selling cars, trucks and heavy equipment. In retirement, he still occasionally reconditions vehicles back in Pennsylvania. Both come from Shippensburg, Pa., about half-way between Harrisburg Pa. and Hagerstown Md.

Like so many of us here, they heard about On Top of the World from a friend, whose brother had researched and visited many places in Florida.

They have not been disappointed with their decision to move here. They have travelled extensively and found many friends. They enjoy all their neighbors along their wing in the Dorado building. They play cards, and Sharon belongs to the Pennsylvania Club, the Computer Club and the Baby Boomers Clubs here at OTOW. Along with all the OTOW amenities, Sharon and Larry enjoy walks on the beach.



Larry Wadel likes to entertain folks with his dobro, a guitar-like instrument, which he brings to various Florida venues.

Larry also does light maintenance for the neighbors in the building.

He also has, in the past, brought his Dobro to play at various places in Florida. For those of you who are about to ask, Wikipedia says "Dobro is, in popular usage, the generic term for a wood-bodied, single cone resonator guitar." Looking at the photo, above,



Dorado featured residents Larry and Sharon Wadel shown at the OTOW globe with a couple of handsome dogs which belong to their daughter. (Photos by Don Jones)

you might say it looks like a guitar with a happy face on it.

They also like being close to their daughter, who is Professor and Assistant Dean at the St. Petersburg College Marketing Division in Seminole.

She may have been influenced by her mother Sharon, who was employed at the Pennsylvania State University in Shippensburg.

Larry and Sharon have been

married for over 48 years and this year will take a cruise together for the first time. Larry is also looking forward to having his first experience flying in an airplane.

This happy couple has a formula for living life to the fullest here in Florida and at OTOW.

Larry and Sharon are pictured here with their daughter's dogs which are very special to them.

## Items of interest about Espana you may not have known

For you new folks: During the early years, when the Espana was first built, Herb Cervinka would put up an American flag on the Americus Blvd. side of our building to mark the Christmas holidays. The year that the World Trade Center was destroyed Herb designed, built and painted the 12-foot Santa to hold our American flag.

As the years progressed, it became impossible for Herb to carry the Santa and erect it against the trees on Americus Blvd. Tom McCann took over, and for the past several years Tom has handled taking Santa from storage and erecting him in his usual spot.

When you happen to see Herb and/or Tom, be sure to thank them for their efforts.

I have been asked to remind you when you are walking in the dark or



dusk either early in the morning or the evening be sure to carry and use a flashlight. All cars do not move away from the walkers and it could be because they can't see you. Please be safe and turn that flashlight on so the drivers will know that you are there.

Many years ago there was a photograph album of the Espana events. The back yard by the lake had many orange and lemon trees. The original first-floor residents decided to put geraniums around the trees.

The fruit trees are now all gone but there is a picture of the fruit trees surrounded by the silk flowers in the photograph album.

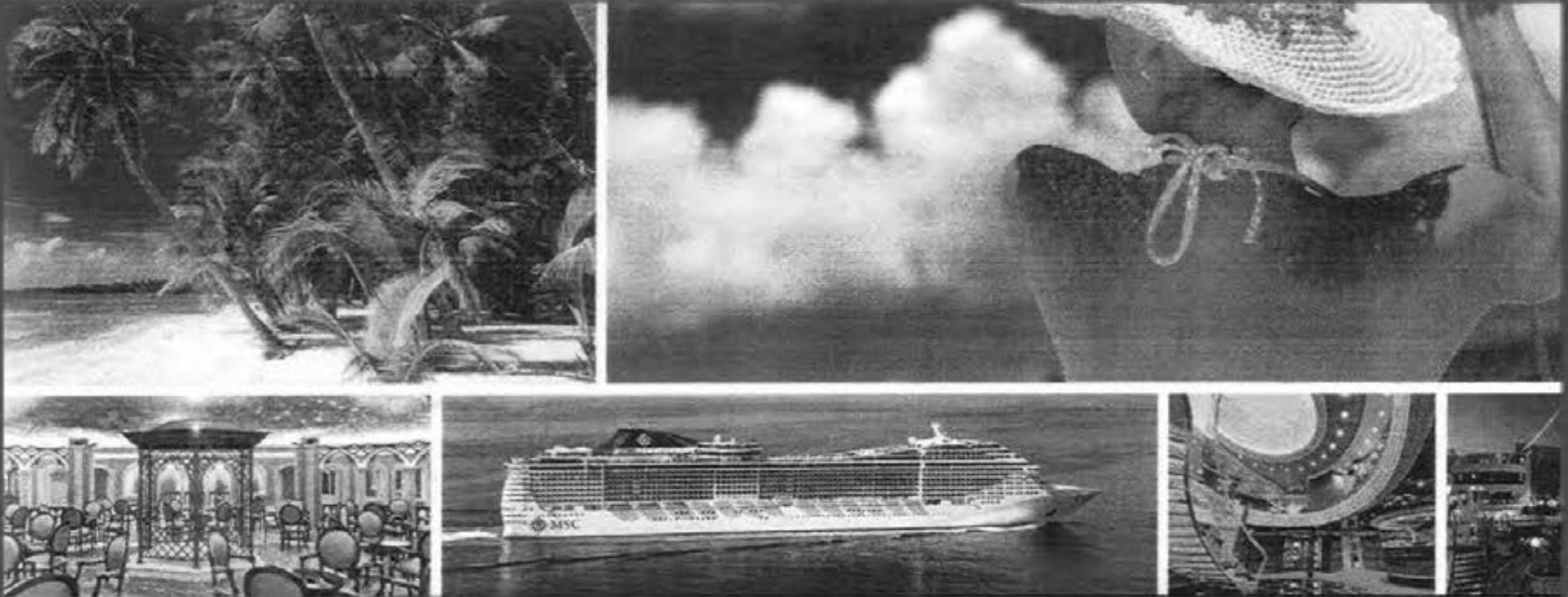
That album was kept by the secretary and used to be brought to the building meetings for people to see what all has happened over the years.

A word to the wise: The editor put this in the January issue, but I will repeat it in case you missed it. When you are leaving the West side of OTOW and going to turn left to go up Belcher, sometimes, there is a problem.

Unfortunately when a driver coming from the East side turns his signals on that he is going to go south on Belcher, occasionally the car behind him doesn't want to wait and speeds around the turning car and comes straight ahead to our West Side of OTOW. There have been serious accidents at this point, so be careful.

The Espana potluck dinner will be held Feb. 8. Be sure to sign up if you plan to attend.





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## Next building meeting is set for Saturday, Feb. 6

Val Kastner had a visit in December from her son and daughter-in-law. They attended the "Marks Made" Women's Art Exhibit at the St. Petersburg Fine Art Museum.

Prior to coming to On Top of the World, her son and his wife had been in Miami attending a big art show that only comes to Switzerland and Miami.

Val reports that while her son was here, he helped her check off some items on her "to do" list.

Our first building lunch of 2016 took place at Papa's New York Diner on Jan. 16. In February, we will be dining at the GrillSmith. Be sure to check the bulletin board for more information and sign-up sheet.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. That is the day set for our next Melbourne building meeting, and it will be held in our building core. All residents are encouraged to attend this important informational meeting. An agenda will be posted on our bulletin board one week prior.

Storage room rules have been posted on each storage room door. Please make sure your storage unit is in compliance with OTOW rules. Residents are also reminded that only



household trash is to be placed in our trash room.

On Dec. 20, to get everyone into the holiday spirit, 12 carolers from the Melbourne Building walked around the Baghdad, Bohemian and Melbourne buildings singing Christmas carols.

Many residents came out to listen and some treated the carolers to Christmas cookies.

Thanks to Shirley and Jim Wishmier, Liz and Gary Thompson, Carol Futej and Grace Rudman for taking down all of our Christmas decorations in the core!

If you have any news for our March issue, please let me know.

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# Trips up North plus OTOW visitors make for winter happiness

Well, the “Noel” signs are down, thanks to Ralph DeVoe, Skip Heller, Bob Maynard and Dave Mathewson.

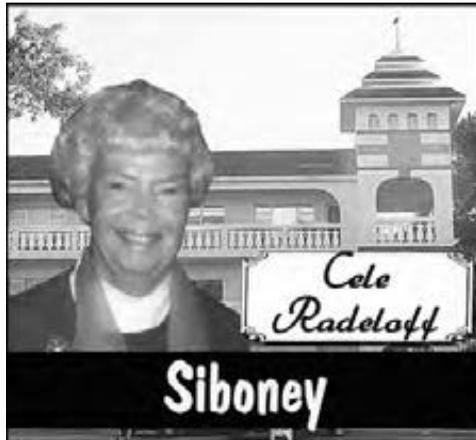
The core looks bare now that the tree has been dismantled and the ornaments stored away by Rita Tombari and Mary Jane and Ralph DeVoe. Now on to Valentine’s Day!

Many of us visited family: Audrey Decker flew to her son’s home in Baldwin, Md., and met her granddaughter’s fiancé for the first time.

Rita Tombari visited in Dallas, Texas, and was there when the tornado hit. It just missed her son’s home. What a miracle!

Skip and Pat Heller spent Christmas in Virginia with their daughter and her family, and again, the weather was cold and damp. Skip was kept busy with his son-in-law’s newest project.

This reporter enjoyed Christmas at my son’s home in Sparta, N.J. Then it was on to Long Island to visit with my



two daughters and four grandchildren. A great-grandson, aged 6, was a big hit watching the Jets team play and doing a dance each time they scored. Fortunately, the Jets won (they are all big Jets fans).

Back here in Clearwater, the nice weather brought many visitors: Ethyle Lee’s daughter and her husband arrived from Tennessee and spent 10 days here. Her grandson and his wife and two daughters also came

down from Tennessee. To top it off, a granddaughter and her husband and two daughters drove in from Tampa, making a total of 11 folks for Christmas dinner. Ethyle Lee enjoyed every minute!

Lillian and Mike Foy’s home was a revolving door! First, their daughter with her husband and their son arrived. Then their son from Ohio surprised them with his arrival, then Mike and Lil’s grandson and his fiancé drove 16 hours to arrive on Christmas Eve. It was borrowed air mattresses for all!

Roxanne Heintz’s two daughters visited for Christmas. Roxanne says it was too short a visit.

Doris Prekopa, along with her sister, Penny Drummond, their cousin, Ruth Moore, and a friend, Hazel Young, enjoyed a 16-day cruise to Hawaii. The highlight of the trip for Doris was meeting her niece in Los Angeles, whom she had not seen in over 15 years. Although the daughters could not attend, Doris really enjoyed the

reunion. These four “Golden Girls” had a marvelous trip and the luau was a big hit for them.

Lillian Foy and her sister-in-law enjoyed a five-day karaoke cruise to Costa Mayo and Cozumel. Since Lillian is a member of the Jesters and the Chorus, it was natural for her to participate.

Both Lillian and this reporter have tickets for the upcoming Jesters show on Feb. 12–14. The show is “Broadway: A Night to Remember.” Tickets are \$5 each. You’ll love the show!

Many thanks to Sue Watlington for the new telephone list found on our bulletin board. Pick one up today!

Our next Siboney building meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Sunrise Room, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please join us — after all, it’s your building!

Happy President’s Day and happy Valentine’s Day to all!

Check out OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 732

## Busy month coming up for Englander residents

February is such a busy month! It starts with Groundhog Day, a very important date when we all lived “up North.” We also recognize Valentine’s Day, President’s Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday; and finally, the end of the football season.

It’s also the time when all our northern friends and family come to visit; and we finally get to the beaches, which was one of the reasons we came to Florida.

We have lots of travelers in our Englander family. Jean Kelley returned from Hawaii where she spent the holidays with her children and their families, BettyAnn Walker toured Vietnam and Cambodia; and who can keep up with the Kaplan’s who’ve just returned from their second cruise!

Before Christmas, George Algozzina treated his mom, Dorothy, to a relaxing get-away on a seven-day cruise to Central America and Mexico.

And, for a break after the holidays, George took another cruise, this time a nine-day cruise on the *Vision of the Seas*, where the pianist invited him to sit in with the band and play four hands on the grand piano (see photo).

George’s musical talents are amazing. Whether we’ve listened to his performances in his condo, at a Ruth Eckerd concert or even at Beer and Hymns at Hamburger Mary’s, we are always entertained and joyful. Watch our building’s bulletin boards for his upcoming performances and events.

What do you celebrate? I’d love to hear about it and include



Englander resident and accomplished pianist, George Algozzina, is seen here performing with the orchestra during a recent cruise.

your activities in our upcoming news column.

I hope it’s not too late to say what a wonderful Christmas dinner our building residents enjoyed at the Island Way Grill. We were chauffeured to and from the restaurant in style and enjoyed delicious meals and excellent service.

May you be showered with lots of friends and friendship, candy and flowers as you celebrate the “love” month of February.



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# New residents come from multi-cultural backgrounds

Renowned for our international connections and fine cuisine, Emerald Isle can boast about two of its newer residents.

Stuart and Elena Hester arrived here in April from Panama, very happy to be back in the good old U.S. of A. and especially here at On Top of the World. A couple they had met while living in Panama owned a condo here and frequently extolled the virtues of our community.

Stuart was born in the Philippines, where his father was an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Stuart still maintains dual citizenship even though he left the Philippines at the age of 6 months.

From there, his family went to Japan where he spent the first nine years of his life. Although his grasp of Japanese remains somewhat dubious, at the time he could understand much of the language. Stuart especially remembers with pride the positive impact General Douglas MacArthur had on the Japanese, and also the Americans stationed there.

Hopscotching around the world like most military families, Stuart lived in Hawaii, Washington D.C., Guam,



and Okinawa, where he himself enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

After four years, Stuart left the Air Force, remained in the reserves, and began attending college in California where he majored in business administration. After many years in various jobs, he found himself working in Louisville, Ky., as an employment specialist at an AARP program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. This was a fortuitous assignment because it is where he and Elena met.

Elena's story also entails an interesting and circuitous journey from her native Panama to Louisville. When

her grandmother was in her sixties, she came to New York where she worked tirelessly to get enough money for the rest of her family to join her. Elena left Panama at age 13 and, arriving in Brooklyn, was immediately a victim of major culture shock.

This did not deter her from learning better English — her father was Jamaican and spoke English at home — and assimilating her new culture, all the while promising herself not to lose her accent, which is a delightfully lilting combination of Jamaican, Spanish and Brooklynes!

One of the most salient moments of Elena's life was when she and her mother both became naturalized citizens on the same day. Elena was in her thirties and her mother was 75! They both cried and cried out of pride and happiness. An additional memory of that day was that Arnold Schwarzenegger received his citizenship at the same ceremony.

Elena spent 30 years in California as a para-legal in Beverly Hills. The law firm had a number of well-known Hollywood types which made the work all the more interesting and enjoyable.



Emerald Isle featured residents Stu and Elena Hester. (Photo by Sue Naylor)

After retiring, she moved to Kentucky to be near her oldest daughter, which is where she began working for the government's Senior Community Employment Program, steering clients into government programs where they could improve their English and acquire valuable job skills.

Some time later, Stuart came to work in the same office and was immediately taken with Elena. He would stop by her desk to sharpen his pencils, to borrow a paper clip, and to eventually propose!

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### 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 Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Wednesday Afternoon

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

## Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

### BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

On the second Monday of each month from September through April, blood pressure testing will be available at the East Activity Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Special thanks go to our nurses for volunteering to take blood pressures. Remember, all are welcome.



### OTOW After-Hours Emergency Number: 799-1115

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## OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitter's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

#### FOR SALE

Coffee table, wood, two-tier, glass insert, light gold/walnut mix \$55; Samsung microwave, white, 700 watt \$15. 717-372-3091

Two armchairs with wheels & cushions on seat and back, very good shape \$25 each. 386-4245

Hoover "Windtunnel" vacuum cleaner, like new, 1-1/2 years old \$35. 480-9456

100 used golf balls \$10. Good condition, great for the chipping range! 458-8954

Ladies' 24" Huffy bike, mint condition \$35. 600-8850

Hoveround MVP5 scooter in great shape, no issues, instruction booklet and charger included. 723-1819

Large 46" Sharp TV, excellent condition (you will love it!) \$199; awesome 3-tier stand; Roku available. 270-1327

Serta Perfect Sleeper twin bed 12" thick mattress, frame, headboard, new sheets & mattress pad, all like new \$100. 559-1851

Dell Optiplex 780 tower computer w/Windows 10 & 4GB RAM \$115. Price includes delivery and setup. 400-5739

Bookcases, white, real wood, 62"H x 32"W x 12"D, pair for \$150; vintage rocker, dark wood, heart-shaped back, unique \$70. 725-8130

London Fog raincoat with zip-out lining, like new, size 12 petite \$30; Lenox cup/saucer, gift box \$20. 791-7610

Headboard, full-size (double) white iron \$25; practically new midsize car cover \$20. 260-705-6616

26" women's bike, Schwinn Point Beach cruiser, nearly new \$100 firm. 726-2247

Floral bedspread with matching valance and shams \$20; yoga mats, ankle & hand weights, comforter \$5; decorative items. 726-0085

Small table with 2 vinyl chairs or bar-style table with two wooden stools, each 2' x 3' \$100 each. 223-8488

32-inch flat screen TV with DVD player, like new. 723-3238

12 five-piece place settings, Pfaltzgraff blue Yorktown \$60; Prince graphite tennis racquets w/covers: ASR 90 \$25; Precision Series 110 \$25; other racquets. 796-7663

26" 18-speed men's performance bike with helmet, excellent condition \$75 OBO. 799-6361

Ethan Allen hutch top, teak color, 40" wide x 48" tall, good condition \$100 OBO. 799-4303

Invacare Lynx L-4 scooter; Jolly J6 scooter w/joystick. 272-1390 or 754-6233

6' artificial bush \$20; toilet safety support for sitting or rising \$25; Brookstone scanner for iPad 30-pin connector (iPad 2) \$50. 692-7028

Two bikes: Huffy "Good Vibrations" 24" coaster bike \$40; Mongoose full suspension 21-speed mountain bike \$70. 303-550-7930

Beige leather sofa bed and matching love seat, sofa pulls out to make queen-size bed, excellent condition \$350. 796-8631

Oversize Franklin recliner, near new condition, beige color microfiber material. Sold for \$500 new, asking \$175 OBO. 400-5739

Computer desk \$25; beach chairs, new glassware, new towel sets. 602-373-1028

Large collection of LP records, "our music" of the 1930s & '40s. 726-6301

Green microsuede 78" sofa, coordinating armless chair, matching wall art, all excellent cond., used only 3 Snowbird seasons \$400. 239-565-0330

2-wheel golf cart, nice \$10. 266-4078

Two queen-size comforters w/matching pillows \$35 each; counter-top microwave, white \$25; two chrome/crystal lamps \$45/pair; two bathroom rugs, white & pale green. 725-0753

Oriental rugs, beautiful colors, sizes (approx.) 3' x 5' \$75, 4' x 6' \$90, 8' x 10' \$300. Photos available. 727-223-5548 or 859-814-6902

#### WANTED

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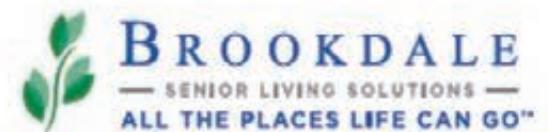


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