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Coloring Book Club

It's yoga - with crayons and pencils



Gabriele Baranowski works on a flower scene in a coloring book which actually comes in story book form. You can read along with the pictures.

By Doug Kates

Imagine something so relaxing it can relieve stress, encourage creativity and even provide personal rewards.

And unlike yoga, you don't need to sit on a floor to achieve it all.

What is this magical activity?

Coloring.

"We are not too old to have fun," said On Top of the World resident Karen Heaphy. "We know a good thing when we see it."

The OTOW Coloring Book Club formed last May and held its first gathering in June. Since then, the club has evolved into a completely relaxing, social and non-competitive group, which never critiques anyone's work.

There are no instructors. There are no contests. It is merely a time to color, tell stories, smile and laugh.

"We have one rule," Karen said. "Do what makes you happy."

You won't find anyone in the club coloring in Mickey Mouse, Superman or Big Bird, but you will find them working on basic-to-extreme flower scenes, patterns or wild animals.

Tools include colored pencils and gel pens, plus markers and paint. Occasionally, someone may add glitter to a completed piece.

The hobby is more popular than you might think. Local businesses actually sell coloring books for adults. Karen said there are so many varieties, it can become addicting. You can walk into one store and see a coloring book subject you have never seen before. Then the desire is there

to buy it, color it and add it to your collection.

"We joke about how we need to stay out of stores just to stop buying new books," Karen said.

Angela Patrick said her family did not take her very seriously when she told them she was joining a Coloring Book Club. But upon completion of a few projects, she mailed them out and everyone responded positively.

The most common response was, "You did this?"

"When I started, I didn't know if I was going to be very good," Angela said. "But now, sometimes when I come home, and people in my building know I am returning from the club, they ask to see what I did that day."

Karen said, if everyone in the club was given the same picture to color, no two pictures would look the same upon completion. That's what's fun.

The club currently has more than 20 regular participants. There is no membership, no dues and no obligation to attend each week. But the artists did have a holiday party in December and are planning other group activities later this year.

Best part is, the club will remain functional right through the summer. There is no off-season for coloring.

Coloring Book Club meets 1-3 p.m., each Wednesday, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Like the local dance lesson groups at OTOW, Coloring Book Club has also found it difficult to bring in men to join them, but to make it clear, men are wel-



On this particular day, 12 people were working on 12 projects using 12 different styles. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

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OTOW asking for cooperation as plans near for EAC interior renovations

Community Improvements

The On Top of the World community and activity centers have received several updates over the past few months.

As discussed in my previous article, this type of work is typically scheduled off-season during lower occupancy.

However, due to vendor schedules, it will be necessary to begin additional projects in the upcoming months.

Beginning in March, the West Belcher entrance building and signage wall will be updated. The East Belcher entrance building will soon follow. The necessary equipment and work crew placement may require lane changes and/or lane closures at these entrances. While every effort will be made to cause the least amount of interruption to traffic flow, you will need to slow down and pay attention to posted construction signage.

We ask that you exercise extra care in these areas when personnel and equipment are present and be aware of traffic flagging personnel.

As we prepare for upcoming interior design changes in the East Activity Center, we will require all clubs to complete an inventory and audit of items in storage rooms and storage cabinets.

Please dispose of or donate any dam-



aged, unwanted or unused items. A dumpster will be on site to help with this process. A date will be announced.

The auditorium will be getting repainted and flooring will be getting replaced. We will require a temporary relocation of stored items and storage cabinets. Each club will be advised of the temporary location in the upcoming month.

When work is complete at the EAC, storage cabinets will need to be inspected by SCA and Inspection Services personnel before they are returned to a storage room.

The style, placement and number of cabinets will be allocated by location of

use, size of club and corresponding community events.

A meeting with club officers will be scheduled in the near future to discuss this project. Club officers will be notified directly by mail. Additional information will be available in the Community Service Office beginning Feb. 15.

Keeping Common Areas Safe

The Inspection Services Department continues to focus on common areas with the attention on life/safety code violations and overall consistency in the appearance throughout the community.

As a reminder, plants, 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 Association approved decorative items. The placement of items in a common area requires approval by the Association.

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 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, residents 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 a stairwell during an evacuation (remember elevators are not used during a fire emergency).

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

New Owner Orientation

Prospective purchasers and realtors may obtain applications for Association Orientation online by visiting otowclearwaterinfo.com under Condominium Association Forms. In order to expedite the Orientation process, please follow all directions included in the paperwork.

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East and West Activity Centers

Renovations will be extending into additional areas of the West Activity Center over the next several weeks.

Work will begin at the East Activity Center upon the conclusion of the West side.

Some renovations will require the activity centers to be closed and advance notices will be posted.

The East Activity Center renovations will first require some "Spring Cleaning" and club assistance is requested. All storage cabinets and closets will be inspected by their respective club and the SCA staff. All old, unused or unneeded items will need to be discarded. A dumpster will be provided for your convenience, but please only place items removed from your storage cabinets or storage closets located at the East Activity Center. No items may be brought from home.

Additional information can be obtained at the Community Service Office.

Memory Care Bus

The Memory Care Bus will be conducting face-to-face screenings, which consist of a series of questions and/or tasks designed to test memory, language skills, thinking ability and other intellec-



tual functions.

The individual who administers the screening will review the results with the person being screened and suggest whether the person should follow up with a physician for more extensive testing.

All results of the memory screenings are confidential and participants will receive the screening results for their records.

The Memory Care Bus will be here from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17 at the East Activity Center North Parking lot. Residents will be screened on a first come, first serve basis.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9 and Friday, Feb. 10 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 56 of the On Top of the World newspaper.

Activity Card Information

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

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

As a reminder, you must bring your valid Activity Card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. The resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities.

Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World As-

sociation.

Important Phone Numbers

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

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911.

The OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981.

Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only.

Important Reminders

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

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



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It is good to be in Florida in February!

This is the time of the year that the community population reaches maximum occupancy.

By extension, this newspaper also reaches the maximum readership.

In honor of those two events, I've taken out my soap box to make the following points: Your Board has made a commitment to go through the community and make numerous safety improvements and enhancements to the amenities. These include providing an expanded and updated gymnasium, as well as improving space for continuing education opportunities on-site.

To accomplish this, the Board moved some activities from the West Activity Center to the East Activity Center and from the East to West. We don't do this to annoy or confuse, rather the Board is considering how best to optimize space utilization.

We listen to what you say and make great efforts to provide the activities On Top of the World residents want and will benefit from. Changes may be difficult at first. My best advice is to hang in and welcome the new opportunities being presented.

You may just really enjoy the changes.

Among the things that keep me up at night is wondering how each of us, as members of society, can remain civil to each other and thereby advance our intersecting communities.

Let me add that I believe civility and respect are essential for a healthy nation, and by extension, a healthy community. I'm finding it increasingly difficult to trust what I read, hear and where I go on the Internet. It is just too easy to become cynical.

That said, I believe it is within each person's ability to push back against anger and cynicism. Begin with what is available to us: practicing kindness and compassion.

Whenever you have the opportunity to interact with a management company employee or visit the Community Service Office, pause before you speak, breathe, and remember they are there to bring some benefit. These same principles are encouraged in the management company employees.

Smile and speak as you would like to be spoken, too. You may find that this simple practice will improve the dialog of whatever desired outcome you are seeking.

Protecting Your Property and Your Neighbors

Considerable damage happens each and every year as a result of improperly maintained heating/cooling units (HVAC).

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

As to the washer/dryer, unless you



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

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

Simply put, a dryer may result in an overload at the electrical panel because it is drawing excessive power.

In some cases, we have found that unauthorized dryer installations have used the same circuit breaker as the stove and HVAC. This is an open invitation for trouble. Now really, is an in-home convenience worth your property or, god-forbid, your life?

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

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

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

The Community Service Office does sell, at cost, a warning device that senses dampness and alarms loudly (see ad on next page). This same unit may also be extended to the pan in the HVAC unit, thereby giving you a two-for-one benefit. If you can change a 9-volt battery, you can also install this simple device. It makes good sense to install this device.

If an adverse event occurs in a property, the Association will attempt to notify the owner promptly. It is critical that the Association has updated owner emergency contact information. Please help your Association by updating your emergency contact information. You may do this through the community Website or at the Community Service Office. All information is held confidential and only used in an emergency.

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

Property Insurance

Failing to be adequately insured leaves the owner at risk of large dollar losses in the event of fire or water damage.

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

Generally, owner property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the condo and on your personal property.

Your Association's coverage ends at the interior finish on your walls.

In other words, everything from the paint in is yours. The tile, carpet, cabinetry, appliances, plumbing above the finish floor, air conditioning and other components are also all the responsibility of the individual owner to insure.

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

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

It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and their liability when they don't. Proper insurance coverage will help save you large out-of-pocket expense if that happens.

February is a great month to review your property and casualty coverage (I know this because my condo insurance rolls in February). Your Association always recommends that you discuss your coverage with your agent, but to also request multiple bids on coverage. Your Board suggests using the on-line agency, www.ChallengeMyRate.com and Coleman Agency. Coleman is local and provides great service. Their number is (727) 441-9911. Checking rates really does work and can save you money on your HO6 coverage.

The HO6 rider covers the insured owner for a portion of the deductible the Association maintains. Currently, your association maintains a deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence to property damage from any peril other than wind (such as fire). Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have coverage in place and that it is adequate.

Upcoming Community Projects Painting/Waterproofing

Buildings 22, 18A and 8 are the next buildings scheduled for new waterproofing coatings beginning in the month of February. Please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating on the rear facade of these buildings and may require residents to temporarily relocate personal patio property in order to perform this work. As always, start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The residents of Building 11 will be the next members of the community to see crews from the roofing contractor arrive.

The contractor will begin staging and preparation activities by Feb. 2 with an anticipated start date of Feb. 6. This work will require the staged closure of the building's two parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for the safe and efficient operation by the contractor. Bulletins will be posted in the building coordinating the contractor's activities during the project's duration. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

New walkway lighting fixtures are slated for installation at Buildings 63, 66, 75 and 80 in the month of February. Residents may see Parkway maintenance crews operating in the walkways and around unit entrance ways as this project progresses. Please watch your step around these work areas if you happen to encounter them.

Building 41 will be the next structure to have its walkway and stairwell railings improved with the work anticipated to start near the end of February, pending permitting from Pinellas County.

As with other railing projects, a licensed contractor will affect the complete removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the second- and third-floor balcony walkways and center core and end stairwells. The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks from the start of the project.

Notices will be posted in advance of the start date so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates. As with all other improvements, please exercise caution in the areas where this work is taking place.

A project affecting the roofline of Building 34 is anticipated to begin in mid-to late-February. This work will involve a contractor working on ornamental elements of the front façade.

Notices will be posted to the buildings bulletin boards in advance of the start date and residents will be asked to temporarily relocate their vehicles to allow the contractor ample room to perform their work.

There may be delays to pedestrian traffic around this building while the work is underway so please be patient and watch your step in the interests of safety.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

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

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

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improvements to the community

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

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme. The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of Caution and Wet Paint signs in and around these work areas.

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard. Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2016/2017 improvement cycle.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If, for some reason, you were not at

home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but has the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

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

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately, there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most 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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Ingredients

2 beef tenderloin steaks
(1 inch thick and 8 ounces each)

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided

2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns, crushed

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons finely chopped shallot

1/2 cup port wine

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1/2 cup beef stock

2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary or 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed

1 ounce bittersweet chocolate, chopped

Seared Beef Tenderloin with Port Wine Sauce

Directions

COOKING DIRECTIONS

This is the perfect Valentine's Day dinner. Yes, it is an expensive cut of meat, but you only need two small steaks. It is really fast and easy to prepare and it is delicious. Pair steaks with a salad and baked potato and you'll have a meal equal to or better than any steakhouse.

Rub steaks with 1 tablespoon of oil. Sprinkle with peppercorns and salt. In a skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat. Add steaks. Cook 5-7 minutes on each side or until they reach desired doneness (for medium-rare, a thermometer should read 145 degrees, medium 160, well-done 170). Remove and keep warm.

In same pan, heat remaining oil over medium-high heat. Add shallot. Cook and stir about 1 minute or until tender. Add port wine, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Stir in beef stock and rosemary. Bring to a boil. Add chocolate. Cook and stir until melted and sauce is slightly thickened. Serve with steak.

Tip Of The Month

When making beef or chicken stock, pour leftovers into ice trays and freeze. Then when you need some stock, take a few cubes out of the ice tray.

The Perfect Beverage

Cabernet Sauvignon - The king of red wine.

A bold, dry wine is perfect with steak, beef stew and lamb.

Baby Boomers help make dream cultural center come to life in Safety Harbor

By Penni Telleck

What can you do with a group of Baby Boomer volunteers and hundreds of shining shards of mirror?

Boomer-Art!

On Top of the World Baby Boomers helped cover an entire two-story building with gorgeous one-of-a-kind mirrored, mosaic panels.

In 2012, local Safety Harbor artists, Todd Ramquist and Kiaralinda, began to fulfill their lifelong dream and build a Safety Harbor Art and Music Center. They wanted a venue where “children and the children-at-heart could gather to celebrate art.”

Three years ago, another Baby Boomer, Jan Stiffler, asked for volunteers to help construct the new Safety Harbor Music and Art Building.

Baby Boomer volunteers stepped up and showed they make excellent workers.

Not only do Baby Boomers love to sing, dance and eat, but they also make excellent volunteers.

Our group of Boomers share the skills of retired electricians, architects, artists, contractors, engineers, grant writers, teachers and myriad other talents.



Baby Boomers

Boomers helped create some of the mosaic panels of mirrors that cover the cultural center building. They also helped paint, fetched water, worked at Songfest and made fun art.

Boomers were cheerful helpers, even when covered with grout, as many helped finish the panels. They helped paint murals of psychedelic hibiscus. They set up chairs, danced, ate and laughed.

Curious about the whimsy of the cultural center? It's located at 706 2nd St., N. in Safety Harbor. You will be amazed at



Baby Boomers relax and have fun at the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center.

your reflection.

In January of this year, Boomers celebrated our sixth birthday. We recognized the efforts of the seven people who started the group. Then we enjoyed a large birthday cake and the sweetness of

Boomer friendship.

If you'd like to become involved, please join us. The Baby Boomers will be meeting 5:30 p.m., Feb. 1 and 16, in the East Activity Center Art Room.

See you there!

Pet of the Year was 'love at first sight'

More than 70 people, from 15 different states, and two countries, helped crown the On Top of the World Pet of the Year for 2017.

Introducing our winner, Mimi, who calls Swedish Traditional home during the winter months, and calls Pittsburgh home during the summer months.

Mimi was the Pet of the Month for May and was one of nine dogs and three cats in the running.

Mimi received the most votes with 25.

Alex, our Pet of the Month for December, took second place with 19 votes, and Callie, our Pet of the Month for April, took third place with 18 votes.

Our highest ranked cat was Macy, who received 13 votes and took fourth place overall.

Overall, most votes were placed from locations throughout Florida, but some



Mimi

tallies came from as far as Alaska, California and New Mexico. There were two votes placed in England.

Mimi, now 3 years old, is a Jack Russell Terrier/Shih-Tsu mix. The proud

owner is Maureen Stewart.

Years ago, Maureen was trying to get over the passing of her best friend, a dog named Mac. It was not easy emotionally and Maureen was definitely not ready to

start over with a new dog right away.

But then it happened.

Maureen saw a flyer with a cute, little, dog's picture on it. The flyer read, "I need a home."

Maureen couldn't say no.

When Maureen saw Mimi in person for the first time, Mimi said "hi. I need a forever home." It was love at first sight.

When Mimi is living at On Top of the World, she enjoys chasing lizards, shadows and laser lights. Sometimes it is safe to say she even acts like a cat, according to Maureen. Mimi loves the OTOW Dog Park and enjoys playing outdoors in the winter months.

Mimi will receive a gift basket from Pet Supplies Plus and a free bubble bath and grooming from Barks and Bubbles. Mimi will also be a part of the Irish Club parade March 4. Look for her!

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By L.A.

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Dog's Rule! Way to go Mimi!

BINGO MARATHON

**Sunday, February 26, East Activity Center.
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Doors open 10:30 am. Games start 12 pm.
Four hours of bingo. Lunch, coffee provided.**



Bingo Marathon tickets are sold Mondays & Thursdays, 8:30 - 10:30 AM in the EAC auditorium and before regular Bingo, which starts 6:15 p.m. each Monday in the auditorium



Bingo Marathon, big prizes, lunch set for Feb. 26

Our next big Bingo marathon is coming up this month.

During the four-hour stretch, we will offer the same specials, including the Bonanza game and Pull Tab games. There will be a lot of excitement and prizes galore.

Organizers will be selling tickets at

Bingo every Monday night in the East Activity Center auditorium. Brad Day will also be in the auditorium each Monday and Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. selling tickets.

More than 175 people are expected to attend, so get your tickets early. You must have a valid Activity Card. You can bring

one guest.

Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available until the donuts are gone. We will have a waiting area in the Starlite Room for the early birds.

Games will start at noon with a lunch break about 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We will have Publix chicken with

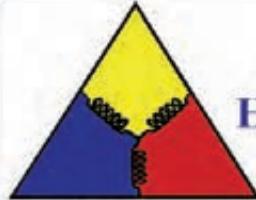
two sides.

The games will be over about 4 p.m.

So, come on down to the East Activity Center and get your tickets soon. We are your neighborhood Bingo hall with the most fun and still the cheapest games in town.

Best of wishes in the coming year.

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February

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

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

ART/CRAFTS

CARING AND SHARING
Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS
Tuesdays, 12 pm, Craft Room
Fridays, 9 am, Craft Room

CHINESE PAINT BRUSH
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

DRAWING CLASS
Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room

PAINTING PALS
Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room

PAINTING WORKSHOP
Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room

GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS
Wednesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

ATHLETICS

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

BILLIARDS

EIGHT BALL - A FLIGHT
Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

EIGHT BALL - B FLIGHT
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

NINE BALL
Tuesdays, 1 pm, Billiards Room
Fridays, 1 pm, Billiards Room

SCOTCH DOUBLES
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

QUE'T LADIES
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS
Thursdays, 4 pm, Yellow Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE
Mondays, Thursdays, 11 am Yellow Room

CRIBBAGE
Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Wednesdays, Saturdays, 10:30 am, Yellow Room

HAND & FOOT CANASTA
Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG
M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room
Mondays, 4:45, Rainbow Rm
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm

PINOCHLE
Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

PINOCHLE LESSONS
Thursdays, 3 pm, Yellow Room

SAMBA
Mondays, 12 pm, Small Card Room
Thursdays, 6 pm, Craft Room

SCOPA
Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

BOARD GAMES

CHESS
Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

DOMINOES
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

CLASSES/LESSONS/EDUCATION

CANADIAN CLUB ENGLISH CLASSES
Wednesdays, Fridays, 4:30 p.m., Yellow Room

COMPUTER CLASS
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Kitchen

COMPUTER CLUB
M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Computer Room

COMPUTER CLUB WINDOWS 10 WORKSHOP
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Small Card Room

ITALIAN CLASSES
Fridays, 10:30 am, Small Card Room

DANCING

DANCING WITH NOLAND
Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS
Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

SNOWBIRDS SALSASIZE
Tuesdays, 8:30 am, Art Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS
M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED
M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

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

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

TAI CHI
M,W,F, 2 pm, Exercise Room
M, 3 pm, Beginners, Exercise Room
T, H, 6 pm, Intermediate. Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, East Pool

YOGA
M, W, 11:30 am, Exercise Room (Sun Moon)
Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA
Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen

TEXAS CARD GAMES

Texas Card Club: M,W, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room
Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Tom: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Rm
Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 pm, Yellow Rm
Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Yellow Rm

FITNESS CENTER

Monday-Saturday, 7-9; Sunday 9-8

LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays: 9 am - 12 pm
Wednesdays & Fridays: 1-3 pm

WOODSHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

MONDAY

	Ent. Committee & Clu 9:00 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Stamp Collectors Mee 1:00 PM - Sunrise Roo Healthy Living Club H 10:15 AM - Small Carc Healthy Living Club C Management 11:15 AM - Small Carc Ent. Committee. Meet 10:30 AM - Veranda
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Join Us

Good Karma Book Club will be discussing ‘Sunnyville’ during three meetings in March

We are fortunate to have both a library and café located right here at the East Activity Center.

We also have plenty of space to meet for lunch and conversation, yes, “conversation.” Remember that lost art?

Reading books can help initiate conversations and become a fun activity to be enjoyed on a regular basis. Studies have shown reading can stimulate your brain and reading before bedtime will give you a better quality of sleep.

These are just a few good reasons to join our new Good Karma Book Club, hosted by the On Top of the World Library and Community Service Office.

The book club will meet in the East Activity Center Yellow Room (across from the Good Karma Café) commencing Thursday, March 2, and every other Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. The dates to meet will be: March 2, 16 and 30.

On March 2 and 16, we will discuss the book “Sunnyville” by local author Ricko Donovan. There will be a lunch break at 11:30 a.m.

Very Important: Please read a minimum three chapters before the March 2 meeting.

On March 30, Ricko will be our special guest. He will present a lecture, take questions and sign your books.

Ricko is an award-winning singer-song writer and multi-instrumentalist, who relocated to St. Petersburg on the heels of his second novel, “Sunnyville,” an all-at-once playful and serious romp through a Florida over-55 retirement community.

The book earned a Summer Reading List Pick from Nashville Lifestyles Maga-



zine, which touted it, “a delightful, engaging read that allows you to fully appreciate everything good in your life, body and soul.”

During his visit to OTOW, we are in for an additional treat, as Ricko, a.k.a., “Master of the Strings,” will enchant us with a tune or two on the hammered dulcimer.

Ricko has arranged for us to buy the book, or the audible online version of the book, for half price at \$7.50.

“Sunnyville” is not currently available through the Pinellas County Library System, but if librarians receive requests, they might purchase a few copies.

Meanwhile, you may find a copy of the book second hand on EBay for about \$3.99.

During each book club meeting day, you have the option of purchasing a lunch package catered through the Good Karma Café. The lunch includes a deli-style sandwich, bag of chips and beverage - all for just for \$15 for all three meeting days.



OTOW Librarian Katy Gerritt (standing) and OTOW Community Service Office representative Nancy Rogers will be hosting the first meeting of the new Good Karma Book Club on March 2.

Advance purchase of lunches is required.

Registration for the book club is required and has already begun in the Community Service Office at the Activity Desk. The registration deadline date will be on Thursday, Feb. 24, for the March

series.

Our Good Karma Book club will be a very relaxed, casual get together, led by OTOW resident, volunteer, librarian, Katy Gerritt and on occasion, a volunteer from the Pinellas County Library.

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SWEET IDA MAE'S

BAKERY



Press Association re-energizes engines with road trip and luncheon



Press Association

When the Press Association held its annual holiday luncheon in 2015, few people showed up.

The reason? Most people were too busy during the holiday season.

So, the Press Association made a decision in 2016 to hold a Kick Off the New Year Party in January instead of a holiday party in December.

The results were a little better.

More than 30 members of the Press Association attended the first Kick Off luncheon at the Sunset Grill. First, the board and present members took care of their monthly business, then everyone enjoyed an excellent lunch together.

"We work very hard as a group," said editor Doug Kates. "Every once in a while, we deserve a chance to step out of the community and hold a meeting in a different environment. We did this and now we are ready to build great newspapers for another year."

During the meeting, Doug announced there would be some minor changes to the newspaper, starting with this month's edition. The club icons are changing to photographs and the newspaper itself may shrink in size a little.

It's an experiment.

The Press Association will hold a



Press Association members enjoy a meeting-on-the-road in January as a luncheon took place at the Sunset Grill to kick off the new year. Thirty staff were in attendance. The kick off luncheon replaced the club's holiday luncheon, which normally took place in December.

regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. March will be a pizza party and April will be an Appreciation Luncheon

for staff members who contribute at least three items to the newspaper and attend at least three meetings over the past 12 months.



Bingo!

Every Monday, 6:15 pm,

EAC auditorium

Activity Cards required.

Each resident may bring one guest.

Good Neighbors 2017 schedule of events

The Good Neighbors Association 2017 schedule is well on its way.

Get Acquainted Coffee continues on the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m.

In cooperation with the Community Service Office, Get Acquainted Coffee is a chance to hear news about upcoming events and happenings here at On Top of the World.

We provide opportunities for various vendors to introduce themselves, and showcase their products and services.

We also provide a litany of entertainment for your pleasure, including Opera Tampa on Feb. 9 this month.

We conclude with a small goodies raffle at the end of the morning.

Good Neighbors Association has put together additional events for residents. Some of them are as follows:

On April 1, we will host our combined Flea Market and Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. If you wish to purchase a display table, visit the Good Neighbors table starting Feb. 13. We will be located outside the Ve-

Good Neighbors



President Jim Bjorgo

randa Gift Shoppe on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

On April 7-8, our spring clothing drive will take place to benefit those less fortunate. We will collect clothing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the portico at the EAC front entrance. Simply drive up and we will unload your donations.

On April 16, Good Neighbors will host our traditional Sunrise Easter Service, 7:30 a.m., in the EAC auditorium with the Salvation Army, their Citadel Band and Citadel Songster Brigade.

The Entertainment Committee will provide beautiful flowers for the service

and free coffee will be available courtesy of Coffee Corner.

A Free Will Offering will take place for anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the Salvation Army's work in our community.

On Oct. 20-21, the Good Neighbors fall clothing drive will take place.

On Nov. 4, Good Neighbors and the Community Service Office will bring you the 2017 Senior Expo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., inside and outside the EAC. There will be many vendors, a variety of food products, raffles and entertainment.

On Nov. 11, we will host our combined fall Flea Market and Craft Show. Tables go on sale Oct. 2.

As always, your Good Neighbors Association will continue to strive to provide events and services for the benefit of all OTOW residents. To do this, we always need volunteers to help with planning and execution of these events.

If you have time to volunteer, please stop by the Good Neighbors table from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the EAC auditorium.

Good Neighbors also runs the Veranda Gift Shoppe, which provides an outlet for crafts hand-made by residents. Under the management of club Vice President Maureen Bjorgo, and her volunteer workers, the shoppe continues to provide unique items at very reasonable costs.

When is the last time you stopped by the shoppe to see our fine-quality, hand-made greeting cards?

Stop by and see what your neighbors have made.

You can also get a sneak peek of contents in our shoppe by visiting the Box Office Website. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click Box Office, click Enter and look for the Gift Shoppe button.

Lastly, the Good Neighbors Association board of directors is in need of additional members to continue on with our good work. Please see any association member, President Jim Bjorgo, Treasurer Roger Nicoll, Secretary Sue Salmieri or Maureen to discuss your interests.

The work is not very difficult, but is very rewarding.



NEWCOMERS



Photos by Mary Lou Wall



Regina Hansen
of Canada



Marilyn Stringham
of Florida



Lydia Cote
of New York



Wayne and Sue Pall
from New York



Tom and Sandy Doyle
of Missouri



Karen and Frank Marino
of Massachusetts



Mary Woiler
(and son Glenn)
from New York

OK, On Top of the World, time for your first lessons on DOs and DON'Ts

Hello everybody.

I'm Rachel Wagoner. Jerry Colen and I are partners in our law firm of Colen and Wagoner, P.A.

I've already written one column for On Top of the World News, and from time to time, I'll be writing more of them.

However, I don't plan on following Jerry's format. He writes "Scam Alerts." I'll be writing "Rachel's DO's and DON'T's."

Also, rather than use a question and answer format, as does Jerry, I'll be taking a topic or two and just discussing the issues with you that I've brought up.

Everyone loves Jerry's column and I really hope you will find what I write to be interesting and with much to enjoy.

Rachel's DO: DO make sure your anti-virus program on your home computer is completely up to date. And DO make sure you have a firewall that is up to date as well.

If you don't know how to install them, or how to bring them up to date, perhaps you need an expert to help you. Try your grandchildren first, but if that doesn't work, there are many "techs" who specialize in computer security.

At our law office, we use David Goldberg and we can provide you with his email address if you wish. This newspaper also has individuals who specialize in computer security.

Or, just ask your friends who they suggest if you need that kind of help.

Rachel's DON'T: When you are leaving your home for a vacation, or for any reason, DON'T mention it on any social networks such as Twitter or Facebook. Discuss what you did when you return home.



Rachel's DON'T: Don't click on any links that are sent to you on your computer. A lot of times we get emails from folks we know, close friends even. Then, when we open the email, we read something like "This is amazing. You've got to see this." Then it's followed with a link for you to click on.

DON'T. DON'T. DON'T click the link.

DO and DON'T: I want to take some time discussing this with you. Sure as I am writing this, sooner or later, some of you will get a call from the Internal Revenue Service or from the United States Marshal's office, or from some other governmental agency.

You'll be told that you didn't pay your taxes or that you missed jury duty or you broke some law and you must pay a penalty or a fine immediately. Or the caller will say they are sending someone to your home to arrest you.

DON'T try to talk with that caller. **DON'T** tell that caller anything about yourself or your home or your bank accounts. **DO** hang up the phone. **DON'T**

talk!

We get a lot of questions about Wills. Let's talk about them.

Your Will should specify what you want done with the assets you hold in your name alone at the time of your passing.

To be clear though. I mean only those assets that are solely in your name alone, and not assets that you might have in your and your spouse's or your children's names.

Nor do I mean those assets which are set up in a payable on death mode at your bank or brokerage firm.

So, it's only in your name alone with no beneficiary listed on the account or accounts that your Will controls.

We usually prefer a Will over a Trust because Wills are just as effective and much less costly than a Trust.

Also, if you set up your accounts correctly, so that on your passing, what's in the account goes directly to your beneficiary, we feel you probably don't need to consider the more costly Trust method of estate planning.

Sometimes, I am asked about changing a Will after it's been signed. Yes, you can change it. A Will can be changed as often as you like, if you want to do that.

I try to suggest to my clients that after you've made one or two changes, you should simply redo the Will rather than make further changes.

By the way, the term for amending a Will is Codicil. If you do a Codicil to a Will, then when you pass, it's necessary that both the Will and also any Codicil be filed in the probate court with the Will.

So, if you sign a Will and then you want to change something in it by using a Codicil, just keep in mind that the original Will AND the Codicil both become avail-

able to all persons named in either or both documents.

Finally, let me add something that bothers both Jerry and me. We see Wills that have been properly prepared but then handwritten changes are made on the Wills. You ought not to do that because those changes are more than likely not valid, and depending on the amount of the handwritten changes, they might even invalidate the Will.

Wishing you the very best - Rachel.

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LOOK FOR PEDESTRIANS



Remembering the 'Ozark Nightingale'

Walter
Balderson



Inside Showbiz

Starke is a small town in Florida, located southwest of Jacksonville, and is well known as the town with the most famous speed trap.

If you ever traveled through this area, you probably got a ticket.

Starke is also home of famous singer, "The Ozark Nightingale," otherwise known as Judy Canova, who entertained us for three decades.

Judy was born in 1914 and hit the vaudeville circuit in her teens with an act that included her brother and sister. Soon, all three found themselves in a Broadway show entitled, "Calling All Stars."

From their appearances on Broadway, Judy was signed to a film contract with Warner Brothers. After making one movie

at Warner Brothers, it was back to Broadway in the Ziegfeld Follies.

Judy left Warner Brothers and signed with Republic Pictures, where she made a number of musicals, including her most famous ones, "Scatterbrain" and "Chatterbox."

During the 1930s and 1940s, Judy quickly became a crowd favorite as your "man-lovin', pigtail-braidin', straw-hat-wearin'" country bumpkin.

Her first marriage was to Bob Burns, a comedian known as the Arkansas Traveler. She was married four times and had two daughters.

Judy's last movie was "Sleepytime Gal" with a wonderful score by Julie Styne. Judy's last stage appearance was in "No

No Nannette" which toured in 1971. She made many cameo appearances in movies and was close friends with Betty Grable, Ann Miller and Dorothy Lamour. She was a regular on the Rudy Vallee radio show.

In 1981, at the age of 69, Judy died after a long bout with cancer and her ashes were interred in the secluded section of Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. She was honored with two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame – one for her contributions to the film industry and a second for her radio career.

Judy is best remembered today as a comic actress, but she cut her share of records from the early 1930s, well into the 1950s. She was a most unlikely success story.

Irish Club Parade

Saturday, March 4, 10 am

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NOTICE

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Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

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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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Theater Workshop captures a moment in our history during the Prohibition Era

By Lilli Scheifen

The Prohibition period in the United States provided a demand for illegal services.

Money derived from bootlegging and racketeering trickled into the American economy and the many people prospered from it.

This is where Theater Workshop's show, "The Hiway," steps in.

Chicago, in the 1920s, is the scene of our fictional show in March.

Gangsters were popular during the 1920s, which was also known as the Golden Age for the Mob. At this time, the mob was viewed by most folks as heroes.

Providing illegal services, blocked by prohibition, was an opportunity too lucrative to pass by.

Chicago, because of its proximity to Canada, was a major distribution location for liquor. This affected everyone as cash poured into the city and the city saw a major growth.

Everyone got a piece of the action and this made the 1920s the decadent age it became.

There's your history lesson for the month. Sound interesting? Now come see



Theater Workshop

our show.

"The Hiway" will take place Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$5 every Monday and Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the EAC auditorium. Look for the Theater Workshop table.

Everyone in the show should be aware by now of rehearsal times. If not, here is a reminder. Rehearsals are at noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Dancers should check with their instructor.



Tootsie, left, played by Mary Sundblad, is the girlfriend of mob leader Al Capone in Chicago during the 1920s. In this scene from Theater Workshop's upcoming show this March, Tootsie is an actress getting ready to perform on stage. Vinney, right, played by Sam Gonnella, is a mob bodyguard, who is making sure Tootsie stays out of trouble.





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Jesters opening night is Feb. 10

By Sue Calinski

It's showtime for the On Top of the World Jesters Club!

Back in May, when our club started planning for its spring show, opening day seemed so far away.

But now it's here!

"Thanks for the Memories" is a Jesters show that you really won't want to miss.

It is full of humor, music and dance, but is unlike any previous show presented on the OTOW stage before!

Be sure to get your tickets for this one, because all of your neighbors will be talking about it!

Tickets are, as always, only \$5. Such a bargain!

Tickets are available in the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tickets will also be sold at the door, or can be purchased from any of your Jester friends.

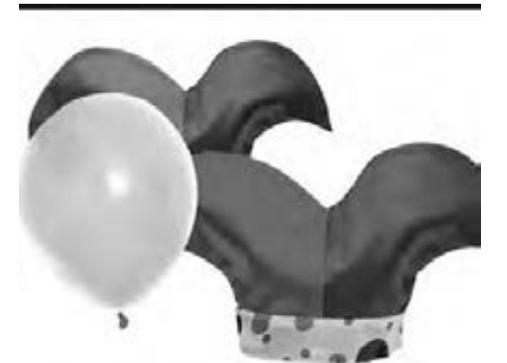
Who remembers television theme songs?

Or songs from movies?

Or funny little things that we don't use any more?

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Jesters

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Remember, tickets make great thank-you gifts for that neighbor who has helped you throughout the year. It's also a great way to gather a bunch of friends for an evening out, enjoying the theater!

We hope to see you all there, and we are sure you will be delighted by our performances!



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Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee

Opera Tampa returns in February

Opera Tampa is an On Top of the World favorite and always draws a large crowd to the Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee program. Opera Tampa will return to the East Activity Center auditorium stage on Thursday, Feb. 9. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with free doughnuts and coffee served at 9 a.m. Residents will get a chance to meet their neighbors, say hello to someone they haven't see in a while or simply make new friends. Community announcements will be made. Sponsors are given time to talk about their business and the opera players will perform about 9:30 a.m. Raffles will follow. At right, Vanessa sings at OTOW last winter. Stop by to see who sings for us next month.



Mark Piasecki played a variety of accordion music during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in January. There was polka music to dance to and he also encouraged residents to sing along. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



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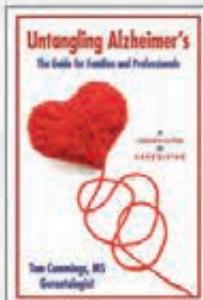
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Holes-in-one are easy when the player before you shows you how

By Pat Eastman

On Dec. 20, on hole No. 15, Nancy Lo, Gina Yoon and Gail DuCharme watched new member, Aija Avis Kim, as her tee shot landed close to the pin.

The foursome high-fived Aija and cheered the great shot.

Seconds later, Nancy stepped up to the tee and took her

tee shot. With Aija's form fresh in her memory, Nancy hit a similar shot - it landed on the green and rolled toward Aija's ball and toward the hole.

Except one thing was different with Nancy's shot. The ball went right in the hole!

Cheering could be heard all over the course.

Nancy knew exactly what club to use. She has two career holes-in-one and has now used the same club, a 5-wood, for both of them.

Nancy came to Florida from Niagara Falls, N.Y., in 2010. First, she was a Snowbird, but now lives here year round. Nancy joined our league on 2011. Her first hole-in-one was Jan. 13, 2012.

That wasn't the only recent hole-in-one. Betty Gerkin got her first one on Jan. 3, at Dunedin Stirling Links course on hole No. 18 using a 7-iron.

When Betty hit the ball, she knew it was a good shot and thought it rolled right in the hole. She ran up green with her playing partner, Jean Harned, and the ball was in the cup. What a great way for Betty to start the new year!

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association's league play is in full swing with many highlights ending 2016 and beginning 2017.

Karen Oshona has been a member of our league for about one year. She moved from the Chicago area to On Top of the World mainly because of family in the area.

While in Illinois, Karen played golf only in the summer and only about twice a month in a 9-hole league. Her golf was limited then because her job involved 90 percent traveling.

18-Hole Ladies



Nancy Lo holds up the golf ball she used to record an ace on Dec. 20.

Today, Karen loves being retired with more time for golf. She plays at least once a week and plans to play more. Karen plays for exercise and fun, but wants to improve. She is hoping to move up to Flight B and is on her way by recently shooting a nice low net of 54.

A putting tournament was played on Jan. 3. The winners were: Flight A - Donna Osborne, Flight B - Nancy Lo, Flight C - Deb Young and Gail DuCharme.

Gail was wearing a lucky hat that day. The hat was similar to a Dottie Gonsalves signature hat. Gail was hoping it would bring her luck.

Dottie was one of the best putters

ever in our 18 hole league. She is a former member and has been practicing putting about once a week. Her New Year's resolution is to get back to playing golf.

Hope you saw her nice picture in the January article.

Upcoming events

Feb. 6, golf clinic at Dunedin Stirling Links.

Feb. 15, general meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sunrise Room WAC.

Feb. 21, Jack and Jill Tournament, rain date Feb. 28.



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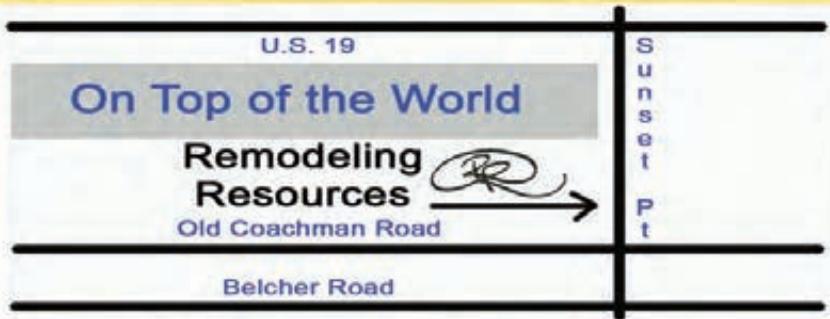
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Song Brooks sewed 290 walker caddies last year - all in her own style, patterns

By Cheryl Butcher

The first order of business for this month is to wish a happy 100th birthday to Frances Cichanski, a long-time member of the Knitting Group.

Although she has not been able to attend for a while, she keeps in touch with the membership and continues to knit, making lap robes when able and donating them to the group's efforts.

Best wishes, Frances, and be careful blowing out all of those candles.

One of our prolific members is Song Brooks, who is best known for sewing walker caddies from cotton fabrics. The caddies can be tied to walkers so the person can tote any number of items in them.

Song even makes a modified version of a caddie, which will accommodate an iPad for all of us computer savvy seniors.

Song developed her caddies after looking at one at a nursing home the Knitting Group visited. She came up with her own design, and her color and pattern combinations are outstanding.

At our last meeting, Song announced that she had made 290 of them in 2016.

Amazing!

But not only does she make the cad-



Knitting

dies, she also makes lap robes and shrugs.

As our leader Helen Duranti likes to say, "Song, do you ever sleep?"

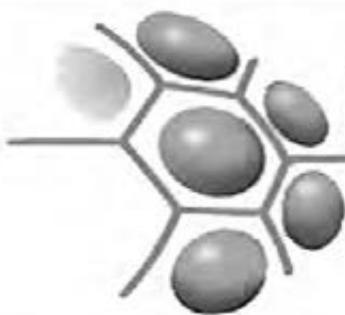
The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them as well as Coffee Corner.

We meet every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us. While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems.



Song Brooks shows off her version of a walker caddie. She sewed 290 of them last year.



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Chorus' spring concert will feature British composers



Chorus Librarian Keith Bekofske displays some of the music selected for our spring show in March. All of the music selected are works of British composers.

By Ilene Bargerstock
 Get ready!
 "The British Are Coming!"
 And it's a good thing!
 This is the theme for the On Top of the World Chorus spring concert scheduled for March 25 and 26.

Don't miss this one.
 Tickets will be available soon in the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m.

Rehearsals are underway and members are excited to sing beautiful musical arrangements from Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John, Jule Styne, Arthur Sullivan and Charles Chaplin.

Some of us were unaware that Charlie Chaplin, of silent movie comedic fame, was also a composer. We'll be singing his song, "Smile," written in 1936 as a soundtrack for the movie "Modern Times."

Lyrics were added in 1954 by John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons.

Believe it or not, Charlie could not read music. His "hums" and "la-la's" were taken down by collaborators and orchestrated by others. Nevertheless, he won an Oscar in 1973, not for his acting, but for his musical compositions.



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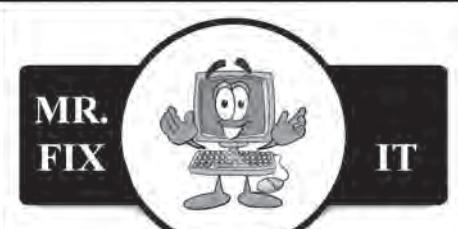
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Red Party to follow in February tradition

By Bruce Lovett

Love is in the air.

At least, that's what you see in all the stores. Red hearts, greeting cards, candy boxes and flowers.

Yes, Valentine's Day is a big deal in February and, in accordance with the special day, the Lambda Club monthly social this month is our annual Red Party.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Feb 15, at 7 p.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room. You'll hear love songs playing as you walk in. Drift over to the bar for the cocktail of the day, Cupid's Arrow. One drink and you'll be smitten.

Meanwhile, chat with old friends and make new ones. As usual, our members will be bringing in tasty treats made with love, naturally.



Lambda Club

Dress code: wear red.

Of special interest at this month's social is what comes before it. Call it a "Be-

fore Party."

From 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the East Activity Center Art Room, an L hour will take place for the lesbian residents in our LGBT population at On Top of the World. Drinks and light snacks will be served. Of course, attendees are welcome to stay on for Lambda Club's Red Party that follows at 7 p.m.

Finally, since this is the month of love, here are a couple of quotes to reflect on:

"Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile. - Franklin Jones

"The chance to love and be loved exists no matter where you are. - Oprah Winfrey

Wishing you a month full of love in February.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are a casual group that gets together for various activities; monthly socials, game nights, brunches, etc. Our club events are also open to all OTOW residents who would like to meet their LGBT neighbors.

North America is a cultural, economic and political melting pot. Our community here in Clearwater and Lambda Club, itself, is simply a reflection of that fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club and its activities check out our continually evolving Web-page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: lambda@yahoo.com. Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

NY/NJ Club pizza party set for Feb. 23

By Jane Lee

The New York/New Jersey Club will hold its first pizza party of the New Year on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m.

This will be held in the East Activity Center. Anyone is welcome.

Get your \$4 ticket at the EAC auditorium on Monday or Thursday mornings before all the tickets are sold. Ticket cost includes pizza, and a soft drink or water.

Anyone who cares for something stronger is encouraged to bring your own beverage.

Remember to put New York-New Jersey Club meetings on your calendar since we meet later in the month. It's easy to forget on what night the club meeting is scheduled.

If you would like to have someone call and remind you of the meetings a few days in advance, call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380.

You can also read about us on your computer if you visit the Box Office - we have our own Web page. Go to www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Click the link for the Box Office and save the page among your favorites. Then "Enter" and



New York - New Jersey Club

find the link to club pages. Click the Statue of Liberty and you will be on the New York/New Jersey Club page.

If you would like to help decorate for this occasion, come an hour early to help Marge Sutton. Those who set up could also use some help. Volunteer and get to know more people here at wonderful OTOW.

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State elections are coming in 2018 and the Republican Club has its first candidate guest

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

As the new year begins, Republican Club President Don Dinello would like to take this time to wish all of our members and fellow Republicans at On Top of the World a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

"We have much to be excited about with the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump and all the hope that he brings for our nation," Don said.

"I am honored to serve as your new president of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club. We will continue to bring informative and interesting speakers to our monthly meetings and hope you will join us each month," he added.

If there is a particular topic of interest any resident would like to learn more about, just contact the Republican Club and let us know. We will attempt to arrange for a speaker.

At our January meeting, our guest speaker was the Honorable Bernie McCabe, our State Attorney.

To anyone who missed the meeting, but wanted to attend, our club's apologizes. We are still in transition and did not get emails out in advance of this date. We have corrected course and will get this out to everyone in the future.

Our meeting in February will take place in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Former Representative and member of our club, Ed Hooper, will speak.



Republican Club

Ed is kicking off his campaign for the State Senate in 2018 and will also have a kick off event at Marina Cantina on Feb. 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. at 25 Causeway Blvd, Clearwater Beach.

"I hope to see many of you there to wish Ed well," Don said.

A flyer was sent to members via email in January.

"I hope to see you all at the February meeting for an informative night and camaraderie with fellow Republicans," Don added. "The meeting for March will be on March 14 at 7 p.m. in the WAC Sunrise Room. So mark your calendars.

Our club's new board is as follows: President Don Dinello, Vice President Bea Pacelli, Treasurer Mary Jane Lofton, Communications Esta Schwartz, At Large Jim Bjorgo, Secretary Lilli Scheifen 50/50 Coordinator Marge Sutton, Registrar Mary Harker, Phone Calls Lois Kirkus and Hospitality Sue Salmiere.



At the January meeting, State Attorney, the Honorable Bernie McCabe, was the Republican Club guest speaker. At right is club President Don Dinello.

Both parties have a political voice in 2017

By Donna Lukas

This is the time of year when we think of new beginnings, fresh starts and renewal.

If you didn't renew your \$12 annual membership during the On Top of the World Democratic Club meeting in January, you can still renew by mail. Send your check, payable to OTOW Democratic Club, to P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL 33758. If you prefer to pay in person, come to our Feb. 9 meeting at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

How are those New Year Resolutions coming along?

The country has a new President and the start of a new Congressional election cycle. Maybe one of your new resolutions



Democratic Club

is, or should be, to become more politically involved.

In January there were opportunities to be involved in a Jan. 14 "Healthcare Is a Human Right" Rally or a Jan. 21 Women's

March in St. Petersburg.

The easiest opportunity to act right now involves pending Florida legislation involving guns.

Despite the shootings at the Ft. Lauderdale airport, Senator Greg Steube is sponsoring Senate Bill 140. This is a comprehensive bill to expand open and concealed carry of guns, including on college campuses and in airports.

Regardless of your political party affiliations, you might want to call Senator Steube (941-342-9162), who is also Chair of the Judiciary Committee, which hears the bill first, and voice your opinion.

State Representative Jake Raburn (813-653-7097) is sponsoring House Bill 6001 which expands open and concealed

carry of guns in airports. State Representative Scott Plakon (407-262-7423) is sponsoring House Bill 6005 which expands open and concealed carry of guns on college campuses. They could also use phone calls.

Studies have shown that Florida requirements to obtain gun permits are very lax. A Jan. 11 article in the Tampa Bay Times entitled "Concealed carry training falls short" makes good reading and gives you something to talk about with your elected legislators.

Look for updated information via our club page at the OTOW Box Office. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click "Enter," click "Club Pages" and then the Democratic donkey.

OTOW residents attending Chase luncheon

On Top of the World residents who retired from Chase bank are encouraged to go together to a retiree party this month.

The event will take place at Applebees Restaurant, 5110 East Bay Drive, Clearwater, on Feb. 8, at 11:30 a.m., which starts with a meet-and-greet. Lunch will follow at noon.

"We have a lot of fun," said OTOW resident Arlene Ber-

gen. "In the past we have made new friends. The old bank stories are great to hear."

Arlene has more information about the luncheon should anyone need it. She would also like a head count of how many OTOW residents will be attending. Her phone number is 727-539-6388.

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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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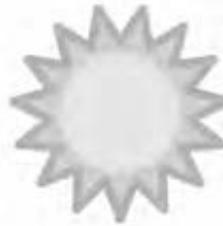
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Co-Ed exercises resume on East Side

Co-Ed Exercises in the East Activity Center Exercise Room takes place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-10:45 a.m.

Classes are free for residents with a valid Activity Card and are led by Lee Catalfomo.

Co-Ed Exercises in the West Activity Center gym have been discontinued. Residents from the West Side are encouraged to join Lee on the East Side.

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Well, here's an answer.

"We are people who find 'giving back' or 'pay-it-forward' is a good way to help others," said Mickey Stout of AARP. "Our OTOW group is a congenial collection of folks and we enjoy returning every year to see more than 300 clients."

The AARP tax preparers are a mix of veteran trainers and simple students. The range of experience is from 3-15 years.

"And one of us has volunteered with the Tax Aide program for more than 50 years," Mickey said.

When not doing taxes, AARP volunteers are teachers, financial planners, retired Armed Forces personnel, or workers in hospitals, churches and local entertainment centers.

But the one thing they all have in common is, they know how to do taxes.

"We train with AARP and the IRS every December and January," Mickey said. "We must pass rigorous certification tests in order to continue working with the program."

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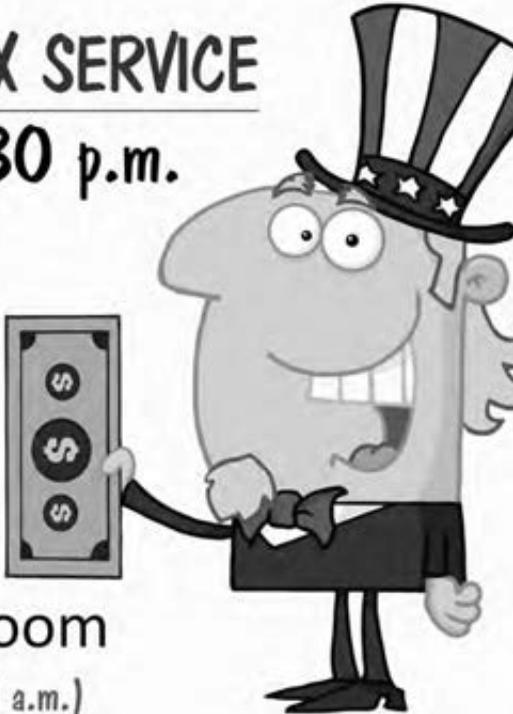
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If you would like your taxes done at

OTOW by an AARP representative, here is what you need:

- Proof of identification, such as a photo ID.
- A Social Security Number for everyone included on a tax return. An Individual Taxpayer ID Number (ITIN) may be substituted.
- Birth dates for everyone on a return.

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- Last year's tax return.

AARP will electronically file tax returns. Both spouses must sign the required forms on a married-filing-jointly return.

AARP representatives will work from the East Activity Center Small Card Room, across from the Good Karma Café. A waiting area will be set up in the kitchen, when available.

AARP will work on your taxes through April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. No appointments can be made. However, no taxes will be started after 11 a.m.

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Mid-Winter Dance Party was very successful - next one is March 5



By Ed Foland

John Robinson, also known as Mr Showcase, presented a line dance workshop to the line dance community on Jan. 25.

His high energy and entertaining style explains why he won several top prizes at the World Country Line Dance Competition recently held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

The On Top of the World Community Mid-Winter Dance Party was enjoyed by many dancers on Jan. 15. The disc jockey prepared an extensive list of danceable songs for both line dancers and couples, which kept the dancers on their feet all evening.



Members of Ed's Line dance practice class and line dance leaders celebrate moving the class to the spacious Auditorium in the East Activities Center. (Photo by John Koning)

The next Dance Party is scheduled for March 5 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Ticket price is \$5 and they are available at the door. Dance is open to all residents of On Top of the World

Ed Foland claims to have two left feet and says he does not hear the beat. So last year he started a line dance class for others, like himself, for the Snowbirds Club.

The class caught on with people who want to learn the basics before jumping in with both feet. He has now combined that class with his popular Line Dance Practice Class, which teaches 12 basic steps of line dancing. The practice class prepares dancers to join Dolly Foland's beginners line dance class. Ed's class meets from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium followed by

Dolly's Classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. We are now accepting new dancers - no experience necessary.

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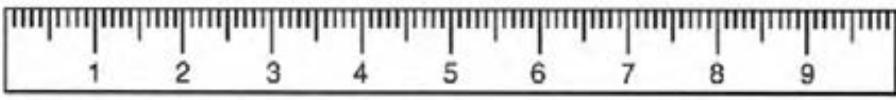
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Take a look into the history of the Revolutionary War

By Shirley Perry

The Family History Group was pleased to return to our regular monthly meetings following the holidays.

Happily, some of our members took advantage of holiday DNA sales and now anxiously await results with the prospect of expanding their family tree.

Expectations of a great lecture on the Battle of Gettysburg by Jerry Colen resulted in an outstanding turnout for our January meeting. Attendees were not disappointed.

A three-day military battle can scarcely be examined in 45 minutes, but Jerry's ability to define the day-to-day situation from each army's perspective allowed his audience to see how military plans and upsets led to Gettysburg gaining the distinction of having the most casualties of any Civil War battle.

Switching gears to another time in our nation's history, Rand Scholet, founder of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society, and our own Tom Richarme will give a presentation on Alexander Hamilton's key role in the Battle of Yorktown at our



Family History

February meeting.

That last significant battle of the Revolutionary War was a major defeat for British forces and General George Cornwallis. Hamilton's pivotal role in the capture of Redoubt No. 10 was crucial to the success of the American forces, yet is often overlooked by historians.

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New club secretary has passion for music, dance

By John Koning

Regina Burke is the new secretary of On Top of the World Line Dancing.

She represents the evolving profile of our club. She is bright, adventurous and has a deep seated love of music.

Gina comes by her love of music honestly. She inherited it from her father who, along with his bride, had immigrated to this country from Poland.

When Gina was a child, Sunday afternoons would find the family gathered around the record player in their Syracuse, N.Y., home playing their favorite albums, many of which were polkas.

It was her first introduction to dance.

Gina has a keen ear for the beat and will spontaneously break into dance in her kitchen when a good song plays on the radio.

She is attracted to a wide range of music and, ultimately, that is what drew her to OTOW Line Dancing. She loves the current program of dances and the new ones that arrive monthly, thanks in part to our four in-house choreographers.

Like many before her, and more to follow, Gina was drawn to OTOW by the weather. After retiring from her 23-year



From left to right are club Treasurer Ute Sheibe, Vice President Sheila Bonomo, President John Koning and Secretary Regina Burke.

elementary school teaching career a year and a half ago, she packed up the car and headed south.

Upon arrival, Gina threw herself into the OTOW lifestyle. Besides her position

as our club secretary, she finds herself also serving the Travel Club as vice president.

When asked what she likes about line dancing, her answer comes easily, "It's great exercise! We dance to a variety of



Line Dancing

music like country, latin, jazz, waltz and Broadway. The steps range from simple to complicated and, finally, I don't need a partner!"

Gina quickly graduated from Sheila Bolster's beginner class and began Carol Babini's level two class. Gina likes that she can gradually move into a leadership position where she can help others by teaching dances.

We welcome Gina to our burgeoning club. Be sure to stay tuned for her club reports. If they are anything like their author, they will be fun and enjoyable!

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By Jerry Kaplano

Everyone at the Italian American Club social in January had a good time.

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On Feb. 22, club members will be going to Tampa Bay Downs. You can purchase your tickets from any club member or visit our table in the EAC auditorium Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$23 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Only a limited number of tickets are available. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Our next meeting will take place on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. We will have a "Nite at the Race" followed by coffee. Admission is free, but sandwiches will be available for a fee. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

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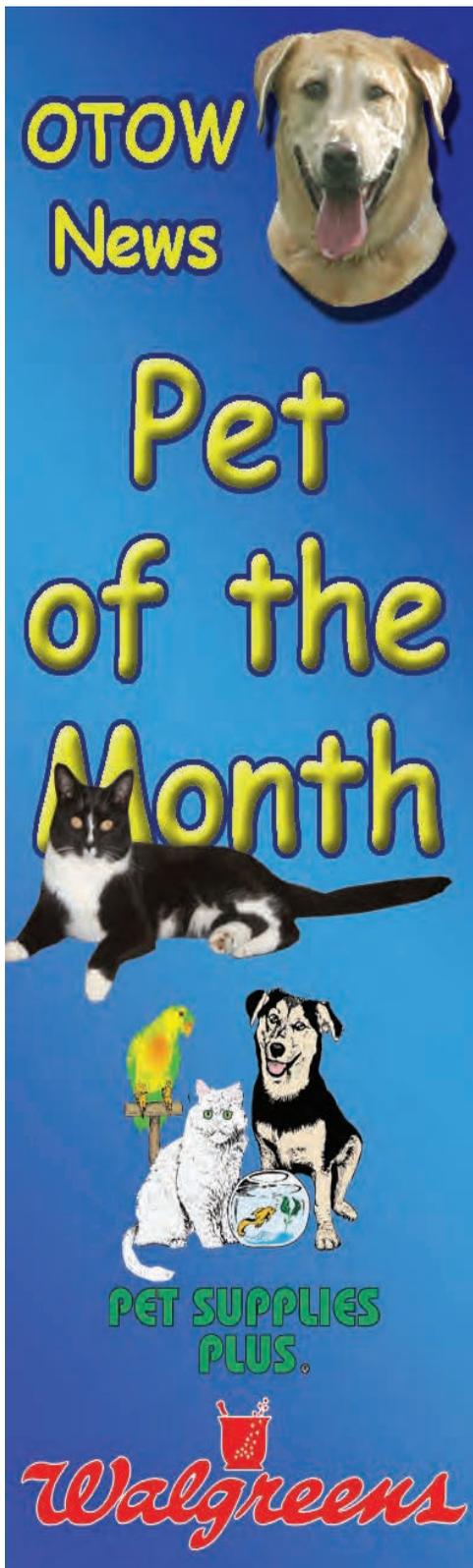
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Pet of the Month

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I also go by the following names: Poopihead, Pumpkin, Schmoopsbear, Stinky and kleine Maus.

I recently moved to On Top of the World from Germany with my parents, Marika and Fred Reimann of the American Swiss building.

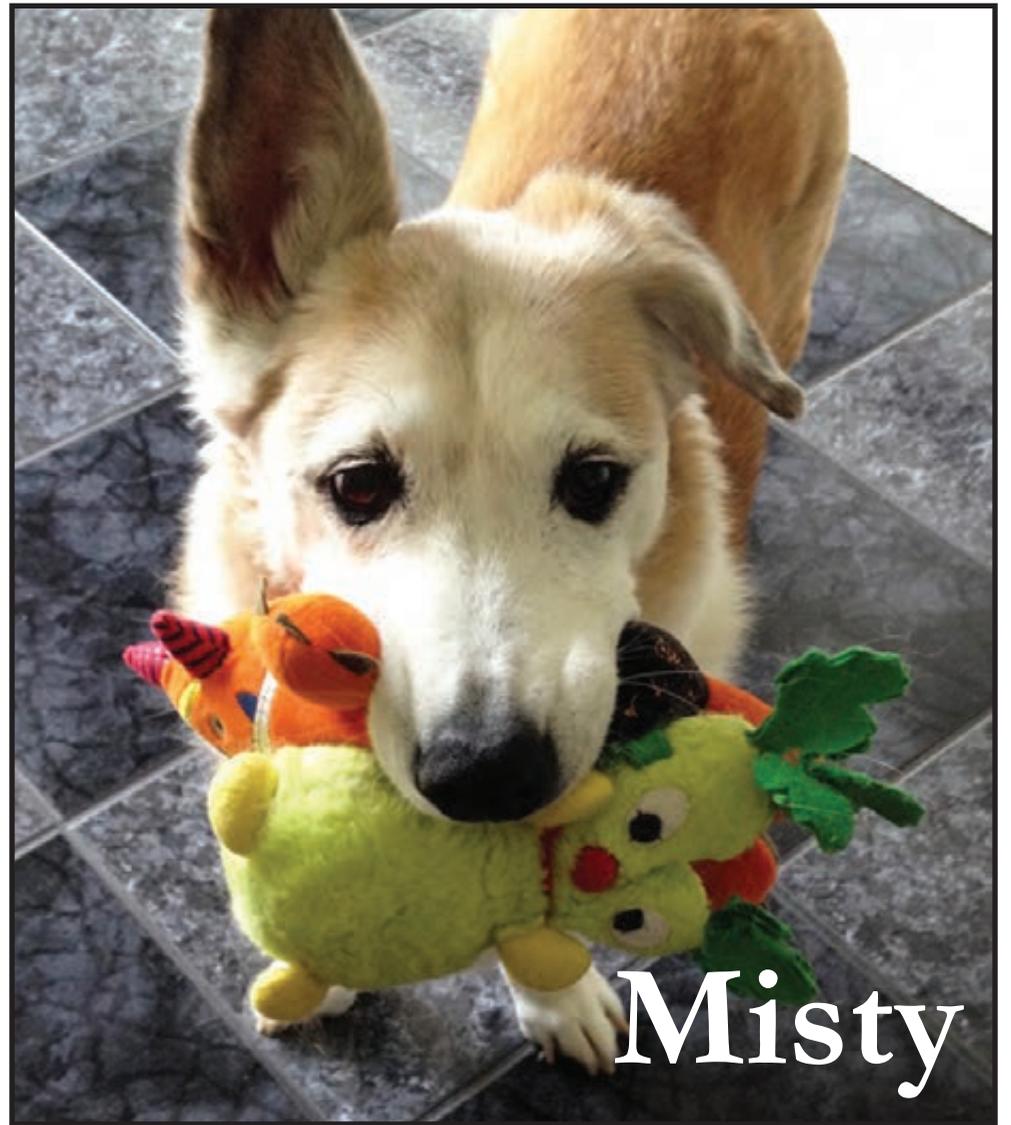
I wasn't born here. I was born in New York City. After 9/11 I lost my home and stayed in a shelter in New Jersey for a while, where my mom finally found me in December 2001.

I am about 17 years old and I understand English and German. With my one ear up and the other floppy, I conquer everyone's heart in an instant.

Florida is beautiful and I especially love the squirrels. I do miss the snow, chasing snowflakes and yummy German sausages!

I am almost deaf, so if you talk to me and I don't pay attention, it is surely nothing personal. Scratching my ears is always welcome!

Whenever I get a big treat, I collect all my favorite toys and carry them around, whining. Just like on my picture. I can't wait to see you around!



Misty

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to otow.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. 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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ART SHOW**Community artists take center stage March 5****Art Guild**

By Judy Mills

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

The show will be on Sunday, March 5 from noon-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

There will be many members exhibiting and selling their work. 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 it will inspire others to explore your artistic talents. We hope to see you there.

At our January meeting we held a short business discussion, followed by some refreshments and cast our ballots for Artist of the Month - congratulations to Vayna Cormier! Her beautiful painting will be hung in the lobby for the next month. Stop by and check it out.

After the meeting we enjoyed a presentation by Pam McFarland, president of the Creative Artist Guild in Dunedin, on painting with alcohol ink. It was very creative and informative.

We are having another of our very popular Paint and Sip nights in March - be sure to sign up soon as they have been booking up quickly. Call Penny Page at 648-4729 to get on the list.

As usual, 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 beginner and experienced painters, 9:30 a.m. in the East



Vayna Cormier shows off a painting she did as a member of the Artist Guild. She was awarded Artist of the Month honors for January.

Activity Center Art Room. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information.

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. Please call her for more information. 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 lessons from 1-3 p.m. Bring your own paper/sketch pad and pencils.

Membership in the Art Guild 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.

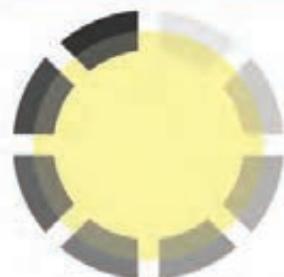
Our meetings are the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of the EAC.

At our meetings, we have a short business discussion, refreshments, a artistic 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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Don Dinello: Soldier of good fortune

Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

Donato Dinello served this great country for almost 40 years, rising from the rank of private to full colonel.

During those years, he has had many memorable days. There is one day, however, that he will never forget.

Don, as his friends know him, understands the notion that freedom isn't free. He knows that freedom is paid for with the service and sacrifice of military people like his father and his brother.

Even as a young man, Don embraced the idea of putting his country ahead of his own safety and comfort. Now, as a veteran soldier, he believes that every young person should give at least a couple of years of service to their country.

On a clear, cool morning, on Sept. 11, 2001, Don was in a meeting at the Pentagon with a group of generals who were conducting a General Officers Steering Committee. Don was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time. The brass were congregated in room 1E385. A last minute change had moved them from another room into this one.

Don was there to "back seat" Brigadier General John Adams. Back seat is a military term for managing the reams of information each general brings to a meeting and to have just the right information in his general's hands when they need it. Don was seated next to the door to the hallway.

Then, 9-11 happened.

The impact from the first explosion, as a hijacked plane pierced the building, blew the door next to Don open with such force that it whacked him in the head, stunning him.

Seconds later, when he regained his wits and checked outside the room, he was greeted by utter destruction in the hallway.

He quickly corralled his general and others, escorting them to safety through a secondary exit.

By the way, that other room where Don and his cohorts' meeting was supposed to take place, was incinerated.

On that clear fall day Don was truly a soldier of good fortune.

For the rest of what became a very long day, followed by many more, Don and his peers began a new kind of war against an insidious enemy. Through it all, the priority for those who escaped the explosions and fire was to account for every lost soul and to give the families of the fallen some closure so they could start the healing process.

Much later, Don confided in his brother about the uncontrollable sweats he would suffer on his way to work at the Pentagon. They were so consistent that his brother suggested to Don that he might be suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, a completely normal response to horrific and abnormal circumstances. This career soldier and veteran of countless hellish experiences had narrowly escaped an attack on the seat of US military power. It made sense.

So how does a kid from Pittsburgh rise from private to ultimately be considered for the rank of general not once, but twice?

Don might call it luck, but this reporter begs to differ. The kid from Pennsylvania started with a university degree, then added some street smarts, a healthy respect for family and country, and packaged it all up with some formidable people skills.

During the interview for this feature, Don sited scores of names of the people he served with during his long career.



Don holds an Engineer Guidon, backdropped by colors given to him by the officers and men of his last combat command.

The first and last names rolled off his tongue like he was talking about family. He still knows when he met each one and when their paths crossed again. With each name came the description, "my good friend."

Enough said.

Today, Don and his wife Jeongryul

(Jay) share an idyllic life here at On Top of the World. Both are active participants in the many clubs that make this community great.

For Don, today's battles are fought between his brain and his feet on the dance floor. On most days his feet fall into line like good soldiers.

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Internet Humor

A man says to an elderly gentleman, "You have been married to your wife for 50 years and you still call her 'Honey,' 'Darling' and 'Luv.' That's so sweet.

The elderly gentleman responds, "Well, actually, I forgot her name 49 years ago.

A wife, in the mood for romance, looks at her husband and says, "I wish I were a newspaper. Then I would be in your hands every morning."

The husband looks at his wife and says, "Great idea. Then I can have a different newspaper every day."

A marketing research company asks a woman, "What book has helped you the most in your life?"

The woman responds, "My husband's checkbook."

A man walks into a bookstore and asks a female clerk, "Do you have a book called 'Husbands - Masters of the Household?'"

The female clerk responds, "Fiction and comics are on the first floor."

A husband wakes up in the morning and says to his wife, "It's a fine day!"

The next day the husband is eating breakfast and says to his wife, "It's a fine day!"

The very next day the husband is watching TV and says to his wife, "It's a fine day!"

Finally, the wife says to her husband, "Why do you keep telling me it's a fine day?"

The husband replies, "Because last week you said 'one fine day you are going to leave me.'"

This month, learn more about the state you live in with Eckerd College Professor Gary Mormino

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Professor Gary Mormino presents an interesting lecture on Florida on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Sign up for the lecture today.

Professor Gary Mormino is fascinated by Florida.

A machinist's son from Illinois, he moved to Tampa in the 1970s to teach history at the University of South Florida.

Since then, he has made a career of studying the weird and wonderful Sunshine State.

Gary will present the lecture, "Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida," 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

This is one of three lectures presented by Eckerd College, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) available this month, to On Top of the World residents.

Gary is the co-founder of the Florida studies program at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, and the Frank E. Duckwall Florida professor of history emeritus.

In 2015, he received the Florida Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing. He received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

For this interview, Gary was asked about the state we all call home.

Why study Florida?

Florida is irresistible to a historian. Here's a state that in 1940, on the eve of Pearl Harbor, was the smallest state in the American south. Today it's the third largest state in the union, having just surpassed New York. If someone had told you in the 1950s or 60s that Florida would be larger than New York, people would have told you that you were out of your mind.

It's an over the top state. Someone wrote in the 1960s, "to understand America, you need to understand California."

California was at the center of the universe. But since the 1980s, Florida has overtaken California as the "Page One state."

Think of all the major events that happen here - most recently the Pulse nightclub shooting. Most of the Sept. 11 conspirators lived in Florida. Add to that the cultural scene - Miami Beach, etc. People always ask me, "Why is Florida so weird?" And you have to wonder: Do weird people automatically move here or do perfectly normal people come here and become weird?

I'm also fascinated by Florida as the senior capital of America. It's truly a microcosm of the country: There's political diversity - seniors are not all Republicans, or Democrats. You have wealthy seniors, impoverished seniors. You now have gay senior condos in Fort Lauderdale. Penney Farms is a retirement community for retired pastors. The senior population is so diverse.

The other dimension is immigration. And that's a story that goes back 100 years - we could have had this same conversation in 1910.

No other state has a Tarpon Springs (Greek) or Ybor

City (Spanish, Italian, and Cuban), or Masaryktown - a 1930s Czech community, whose residents were all chicken farmers.

Take a place like Miami - you really have to compare it with the Lower East Side in New York City or Chinatown. And every day there's a new story - today it was Obama rescinding the Wet-Foot / Dry Foot policy. Yesterday's news is almost worthless - it's such a dynamic state.

Why are so many people in Florida from somewhere else, and what does that mean for the state?

That's a pivotal question. Only 1 in 3 Floridians is a native. Only Nevada may have a lower ratio of natives.

One of the reasons the Sept. 11 conspirators chose Florida is that you could blend in. Everyone is from somewhere else.

In terms of politics - a Rick Scott could never be elected in Pennsylvania. Nine out of 10 people in Pennsylvania are natives. There you have to have deep roots. But in Florida, no one really cares about your past. It's a new style of politics. You have so many non-natives here. It has probably created a really balkanized, disjointed state.

Florida is really too long to be a state. The distance from Key West to Pensacola is equal to the distance from Pensacola to Chicago. Do people in Pensacola really care about people in Collier County? Contrast that with Texas, where people become patriots as soon as they land there.

Where does one choose to be buried?

There used to be a thriving business in air freighting coffins from the Tampa Airport to places up north. Where you choose to be buried has a lot to do with where you consider home. How do we get new residents to function as caring citizens of the state?

What are the top three "must read" Florida books?

• "The Yearling" by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings - I love The Yearling more than any other Florida book. In part because if you read it when you were 9, it will be a very different book than when you're 49 and 79. Because it's about relationships - Jody with his parents, relation-

ships with the land. It's also a pretty good movie.

• "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston - a classic. We are so lucky that Florida has such a rich literary tradition. Imagine, two giants like Zora Neale Hurston and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings living at the same time. How interesting, that searing decade of the great depression produced the greatest decade of Florida literature.

• "Florida: A Guide to the Southernmost State": a guidebook written and compiled by the Work Project Administration's Federal Writers' Project in 1940.

What about Florida movies?

"Sunshine State" is a wonderful movie made in 2002 with some really memorable quotes. The 1962 "Where the Boys are" is such a bad, good movie. It was the first spring break movie, which spawned an entire generation of spring break movies. The book is even more interesting. In the book, after spring break, the students go to Cuba to harvest sugar for Fidel Castro.

Any final thoughts?

Yes, I'd like to ask the On Top of the World audience their opinion on this question: Is Florida a Southern State?

Throughout history that would have been a silly question - of course! It's the southernmost state! But World War II was really a lynchpin between a state that was very much part of the Old south, and the post-war "sunbelt state" we know today.

I like to find out audiences' opinion on that question - do you consider Florida a southern state? I look forward to discussing that during my lecture at On Top of the World in February.

Professor Mormino will present on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. His presentation is part of "An Offering of OLLI" a 10-part lecture series presented by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College. To register for his talk, or for more information on the entire lecture series, visit: www.eckerd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld or call (727) 864-7600.

New to Windows 10? Still have questions? Don't panic - the Computer Club can help



For a first-time Windows 10 user, this home screen could cause sudden panic or confusion after turning on a computer. If you want to understand Windows 10 better, attend the next Computer Club meeting.

By Joe Wisinski

Windows 10 has been on computers for quite some time now, but many users still have questions about the operating system.

Others are having problems with it.

Some On Top of the World Computer Club members have asked, "How can I keep Windows 10 from invading my privacy?"

Another question is, "One of my favorite programs doesn't work with Windows 10. What can I do?"

Windows 10 is considerably different from previous versions of Windows, so there are not necessarily easy answers to those questions.

And then there are changes and updates.

One of those changes will be a new Windows 10 interface, which Microsoft plans to roll out later this year. (The interface is what we see as we look at the computer screen.)

Because many, if not most, computer users have upgraded to Windows 10, many OTOW Computer Club sessions concentrate on answering questions about the operating system. If you have Windows 10 questions, chances are someone at the club can help. And even if you don't use Windows 10, or don't have questions about it, you will profit from club presentations. Computer Club visitors are always



Computer Club

welcome.

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the basement of the East Activity Center. Club members may come to EAC Classroom 1 from 8:30-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, for free assistance with computer issues.

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

Anyone who wants to learn how to improve their OTOW club or group Box Office web page may get a password from Doug Kates in the newspaper office and then see Joe Wisinski at the computer club.

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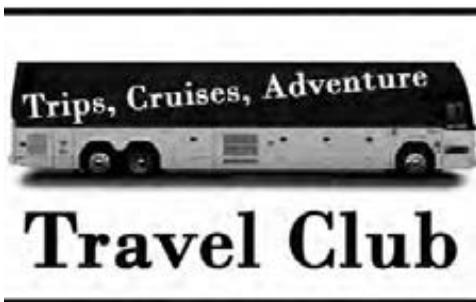
By Tom Jamrozy

We are very excited and encouraged by what's happening in the On Top of the World Travel Club.

We already have 169 members, who have paid their 2017 dues, including 72 who are new members.

Our goal is to continue to provide trips that are entertaining and affordable.

We have monthly luncheons at various restaurants in the area, as well as day, overnight and long distance trips



that our trip team works up.

We always welcome ideas on where you are interested in going and if you

want to help with the plans. Please contact Vice President Gina Burke with your comments.

If you are interested in our club, please stop by our sales table on Mondays and Thursdays 8-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center to see what we have to offer.

Pick up a list of our current events, fliers and bring your checkbook. We are a year round club and dues are \$10 each year. Remember to bring your OTOW Activity Card when paying your dues.

Our past president and advisor for

the new team, Terri Mikszenas, and the past board did an excellent job running this club and overseeing various trips to Texas, Georgia, St. Augustine, Fort Myers and the Caribbean, as well as the monthly luncheons, which are very popular. Terri has trained the new board and volunteers for the sales/trip team during this transition. We are here to make her proud.

As President Jacqui Dolan said, "Get involved and know that we are thankful to all the volunteers who help plan and sell trips to make our club a success."

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Check out our health classes in February and March

By Kathleen Santosuosso

How easy it is to keep up with our resolution to stay healthy with our new gym, exercise and dance classes, and Florida's great outdoors!

We can also manage our own health by participating in classes offered through the Healthy Living Club.

Just come to a class to sign up.

Information on Healthy Living Club Classes

January 4-June 16

A Matter of Balance will meet from 10:15-11 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday in the Art Room in the East Activity Center (EAC). Participants will learn to view falls and falling as preventable. They will also learn low-impact exercises to increase strength and balance.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance will meet from 11:15 a.m.-noon every Wednesday and Friday in the Art Room.



Healthy Living Club

Participants will learn movements that help develop strength and confidence. Participants learn at their own pace and

employ gentle motions including Tai Chi. This class is more advanced than A Matter of Balance.

January 9-March 27

Healthy Eating Every Day (HEED) will meet from 10:15-11 a.m., for 14 weeks in the Small Card Room in the EAC. This evidence based course helps people improve the quality of their diets and includes a pattern approach to build cognitive and behavioral skills around healthy eating. HEED is based on current nutrition recommendations and helps people learn to use lifestyle-management skills and develop and maintain healthy eating habits.

January 9-February 13

Chronic Pain Self-Management will meet from 11:15 a.m.-noon for six weeks in the Small Card Room. This evidence-based program is designed for people who have a primary or secondary diagnosis of

chronic pain.

February 20-March 27

Diabetes Self-Management will meet from 11:15 a.m.-noon for six weeks in the Small Card Room. Participants will make weekly action plans, share experiences, and help each other solve problems they encounter in creating and carrying out their self-management program.

Physicians and other health professionals, both at Stanford and in the community, have reviewed all materials in the course and it has proven to be effective in enhancing the quality of life for those dealing with Type 2 Diabetes.

These classes are no cost to our residents and are provided through the Pinellas County Area Agency on Aging. Two trained coaches guide us in the classes.

Healthy Living Club meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month from 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Art Room.

150 years of Canada to be honored at club tribute

By Rick McLauchlan

We are already into the second month of the Sesquicentennial Year for the Dominion of Canada.

Many activities are scheduled from coast to coast to coast and the On Top of the World Canadian Club is doing its part with a celebration here in our community.

On Feb. 2, we pay tribute to our club's past presidents while celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. We will have a Canada Day in the USA BBQ in the East Activity Center auditorium.

It is expected that a special guest will visit our party and I hope to have more information and a picture of this evening in our March article. Stay tuned.

January also brought the launch of our new Canadian Club Website. Those of you who are on our Facebook page and eMail probably have visited the Website already, but for those who have not please visit our wonderful and informative document. The link is:

<https://otowcanadianclub.jimdo.com>

You will find pages devoted to How to Register for our club, a calendar of activities that allows you to print or download the information you need, a new photo gallery.

Separate pages have been set up for our upcoming events, like the ones below, with all the information you need, as well as whom to contact about the event.

Also, if you wish to contact the club, there is a place for that and it is bilingual.



Our club's Happy Hour/Cabaret will continue on the third Friday of February and March in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. BYOB, snacks and socialize from 4:30-7 p.m. A Share-the-Wealth draw will be held each night.

The OTOW Canadian Club Golf Tournament will tee-off at 8 a.m. on Feb. 19 at the OTOW 18-Hole Course. For information contact Ian Hunter at 727-239-8086.

For tickets to a Blue Jays vs Minnesota Twins spring training game on Monday, March 20 at 1:05 p.m., please contact Tom McKee at 727-470-9161. Tickets are \$22 per person.

Lastly, we ask you to Like Us on Facebook. The address is <https://www.facebook.com/otowcc/>

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE


New Year's Eve was very successful again with more than 400 people in attendance. Tickets for New Year's Eve 2017 are already on sale.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Did you know your friends or neighbors can reserve an 8-person table for an upcoming show or dance?

By Marvin Flam

Tickets for all 16 of our shows and all 17 of our dances in 2017 are now on sale, including New Year's Eve 2017.

The Entertainment Committee offers full-season ticket package deals.

We offer a discount deal if you reserve an entire 8-person table for a show or dance - perfect for a group of friends or neighbors who want to have a fun night out while staying right here in the community. You bring your own snacks and beverages of your choice. The Entertainment Committee provides ice and coffee.

We also offer another discount if you purchase tickets for four upcoming shows and dances at one time.

If you prefer individual tickets, shows are \$15 apiece and dances are \$10 apiece.

All tickets for New Year's Eve are \$30 apiece.

All shows are scheduled for Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., except for a Dunedin Concert Band show scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24.

All dances are scheduled for Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Please check the dress code for each event before you attend.

For 2017, the Entertainment Committee has installed a new ticket sale procedure which will speed up the ticket buying process. It's called the Entertainment Committee Membership Identification program, (ECMI). Sign up and get your

ECMI card.

What something for free?

Sunday-in-the-Park events start at 2 p.m., one Sunday each month, in the EAC auditorium. They are free, no tickets required. The seating is open. We provide professional entertainment and fun events, along with snacks and soda. Tickets can be bought for a cash raffle drawing.

This past year, the Entertainment Committee was fortunate to have several shows and dances well attended and/or sold out. We thank our membership.

For 2017, as soon as the reserved seats for each event are sold out, there will be no further ticket sales for that event either in advance or at the door.

The Entertainment Committee follows fire code regulations, which limits the number of seats, to assure a safe and fun event.

Buy your tickets now at the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30 -10:30 a.m.

Check on upcoming Entertainment Committee events by viewing OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732; on the OTOW Box Office (OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com); and on all bulletin boards in the East Activity Center, West Activity Center and all buildings.

For more information, call us direct at (727) 449-9243 or email us at ent-com2014@gmail.com.



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If you enjoy the thrill of competition then some of our upcoming tournaments may be for you

By Bob Laplante

The On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club prides itself in being a social club as well as a competitive sport.

It caters to new bowlers as well as the experienced player by providing a range of events.

You can play competitively or just for entertainment. You can make your own team or join a randomly made team. There are a variety of experiences.

Also available are purely social functions, such as luncheons after social tournaments and the annual dinner dance held in the evening.

Having something for everyone means that each member can find a place to feel comfortable while still enjoying the great sport of lawn bowling.

Our club's annual dinner dance, in honor of past presidents of the club, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23 between 5-9 p.m. This year's theme is a Venetian Masked Ball, where guests are encouraged

Lawn Bowling

to wear a mask with or without a costume and enjoy music by Ward Hemmond and excellent Italian cuisine.

The meal will, once again, be catered by the incomparable Mamma Felice, who will provide an appetizer table, a highlight at last year's party, baked penne, meatballs, chicken piccata, string beans with potatoes, shrimp pasta salad, coffee and tea. BYOB and glasses. All of this for a cost of only \$23. You will think you are in old Venice.

OTOW residents are welcome to join us, with tables reserved for groups of eight to 10 people. For tickets, see any member of the Lawn Bowls club or give Barb Lenzi a call at 754-4278.

Our club's mixed doubles tournament was held early in January with John Williams and Sandy Wall succeeding as club champions. Runner-up was the team of

Dave Murray and Cathy Mills. The third and fourth places were Arthur Allen with Thelma Jacobsen, and Rick Carr with Betty McWhirter.

Congratulations to all and a special thanks is extended to the coordinator of the event, Hal Jacobsen.

Our Australian pairs tournament held on Jan. 13 and 16 was coordinated by Tom Barret. The club champions were Dave Murray and Art Allen, second place was Rick Carr and Betty McWhirter. Also placing were the teams of Mary Pinot with Margo Smith, and Jerry Cotton with Bill Swain. The high score without a win went to Ian and Shirley Hunter.

February sees a number of tournaments and activities. The Canadian Club Triples tournament will be held from Feb. 3-6, the Valentine's tournament on Feb. 13 is followed by a luncheon, the 4-3-2-1 triples tournament is scheduled for Feb. 17-20 and the Venetian Masked Ball dinner dance will be on Feb. 23.

Regular bowling is held every Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in learning how to bowl is asked to leave your name on the sign-up sheet at the club or stop by the green any Tuesday or Thursday at 11:15 a.m. If you are staying for lessons, please wear footwear that does not have heels or large grips as they compress the rink surface.

Some terminology that may help you understand the game ...

We roll bowls not balls.

We call it grass even though the surface is Har-Tru, the same material as a clay tennis court.

We call it a rink, not a lane while the whole area is a green not a court.

The small white target ball is a jack.

Each bowl has a bias, not a curve, or weighting. (They are made to always have a curve when bowled.)

Don't worry, all will be explained to you if you come to watch or play.

After 10 weeks, eight golfers within four points of league title

The best golf weather of the year has finally arrived and Thursday Golf League members are taking full advantage of it.

The greens are putting well, there is some roll on the fairways and the rough is down. League participation has been great and the competitions have been tough.

Week seven champion was John Maloof who beat out Len Howell in a tiebreaker. Deb Young took third place. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Ada Culbertson, Bruce MacPherson, Van Bradley and Don Baker all collected one skin each. Gina Yoon, Ken Smith and David Rogers were the long drive winners. Pat Eastman had the closest to the in shot.

The women showed everyone how to play in week eight. Kyong No edged out Deb Young for first place. Don Leamy was third. The low gross round was shot by Bill Higgins. Pat Eastman set a league record by taking four skins in one round. Clyde Hershberger, Bill Cook, David Rodgers, Bruce MacPherson and Paul Meyers

Thursday Golf

had one skin each. The long drivers for the week were Pat Eastman, Ken Smith and Clyde Hershberger. Doug Oleksy was closest to the pin.

Ken Smith was the week nine champion. CJ Messina placed second and Bo Craddock was third. Bill Higgins continued his streak as low gross winner. Clyde Hershberger, Joe Mazlowsky, Jim Stewart, David Rogers, Bill Higgins and Bill Cook all collected one skin each. Patti Cook, Bill Gambacurta and David Rodgers won the long drive competition. Paul Meyers had the closest to the pin shot.

Dutch Michael turned in a great score and was our week 10 winner. Van Bradley won a tiebreaker over Deb Young to finish second. The low gross round was scored by David Rodgers. Bill Cook, Fred Schick,

Phil Albury and Allan Teal all took one skin each. Gina Yoon, Fred Schick and Jim Stewart, Jr. were the longest drivers. Barry Levene hit the closest to the pin shot.

The Thursday league champion is decided by consistent good play for the entire season and points are awarded each week. It is our version of the FEDEX Cup.

Bill Higgins leads the field with 18 points. John Maloof and CJ Messina are next with 17 points. Kyong No, Deb Young, Bill Cook and Dutch Michael have 15 points. Ken Smith is alone at 14 points.

Thirteen is a lucky number for Patti Cook, Harry Barbin, Mike LaViolette, Dan Hyden, Van Bradley and Clyde Hershberger.

Ada Culbertson, Don Leamy, Len Howell and David Rodgers have accumulated 12 points.

This early in the race, every league member has an equal opportunity to claim the title.

Mike LaViolette hit a great shot from the blue tees on the difficult ninth hole for a hole-in-one. Gary Sandine was there to witness the ace.

If you have been thinking of joining the Thursday Golf League, all you have to do is show up between 9:30 and 10 a.m. any Thursday. Women and men compete in our league using the USGA Stableford format, which gives each player a quota. Players in this format do not compete directly against each other. They try to post a score better than their quota. This insures that players of all skill levels have an equal chance of winning.

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 of 67. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

Men's club championship set for Feb. 8-9

By Frank P. Giarrizzi

The Men's Golf Association Club Championship is set for Feb. 8 and 9 at our 18-hole golf course.

There will be no league play on those dates. Only qualified members, who have signed up for the tournament, will be allowed to play on those dates.

Rain dates for the tournament are Feb. 15 and 16.

Club champion will be decided by low

Men's Golf

gross score from both days combined.

The individual with the low net score will be the Low Net Champion.

Low net scores in each flight will be flight champions and each flight will also have a runner-up champion.

Everyone will play two days no matter what their score after the first day.

After the second day of play, hot dogs, soda and adult beverages will be available to players.

Next up will be the annual Jack and Jill Tournament, Feb. 21, sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start and there will be a picnic lunch after the event.

Rain date is Feb. 28.

On March 1, the Men's Golf Association annual luncheon will take place in the East Activity Center auditorium at noon. There will be no league play on that date.

In past news, the association held a meeting on Jan. 9. Many topics were discussed by golfers and board officers. Many people complimented the current condition of the golf course.

SPORTS

Shuffleboard players do not like spending time in the kitchen

By Bob Rittner

In shuffleboard, it is not good to be in the kitchen.

The kitchen is the space at the end of the court that counts for minus 10 if your disc ends up in it.

One strategy players use is to try to knock their opponent's disc into the kitchen and then block it by placing another disc in front of it.

Then, one team is unhappy to be in the kitchen while the other team is happy someone is in the kitchen.

Hot Shots

Bev Turgeon's opponent had discs in both seven boxes and one of her own straddled the line between. Bev caromed off one seven, knocking it out, hit her own disc into the other seven box, stuck there and also knocked the opponent's disc into the kitchen. Incidentally, Bev is a new player this year and this shot helped beat an 11-year veteran.

Dave Purcell, another first year player, came back from a 22 point deficit with some perfectly placed shots to tie his game.

Shuffleboard

Kaye Tisdale landed in the plus-10 box in all eight rounds of a game.

John Wepler was in the kitchen. He used a quadruple carom to get out. His next disc hit an opponent's disc which bounced off two other discs and eventually ousted his disc from the kitchen. A brilliant shot.

Second-year player Wayne Litfin has won 20 of his last 21 games over the past seven weeks and has become club champion. It will be quite a battle for supremacy when Dave Williams returns from his hiatus.

The following players had days when they won all three games: Paul Santarocce, John Wepler, Wayne Litfin, Phyllis Williams, Kasy Linkevich, Bob Rittner, Bob Kurdt, Virginia Butler and Dave Purcell.

Annual tennis tournament and picnic takes place in February

By Joe Spahalski

The On Top of the World tennis group has a lot going on.

To mark the start of our annual tennis tournament, a B.B.Q. will be held on Feb. 4. Bring your racquets for some practice.

Due to renovations at the tennis courts, we will be limited on space for our tournament. Therefore the format for the tournament has been changed and each division will have one week to perform.

Play will occur each week throughout the month.

The week of Feb. 6 will be men's and women's singles.

The week of Feb. 13 will be men's and women's doubles.

The week of Feb. 26 will be mixed doubles.

For all of the above, please refer to

Tennis

the bulletin board for any updates or changes that may occur.

Dean Baker, Bill Lepping, Karen Phipps and Harry Morrison will be the tournament directors.

In order to go to the B.B.Q. and to enter the tournament, you need to sign up.

The sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board next to the courts.

Make sure you make your commitment early. The sign-up sheet for the B.B.Q. was posted in January. You will need to bring your own side dish, if so desired.

Holes-In-One

Gary Miller, hole No. 15, 9-iron. Witnessed by Paul Freeman and John Milkes.

Boni Hay, hole No. 3, 3-wood. Witnessed by Garret Hay.

Fred Blatz, hole No. 18, driver. Witnessed by Ed Hanson, Pete Dominquez and Phil Smertz.

Que-Ts in action



Join the Que'Ts

We're revving up the competition by practicing our pool techniques.

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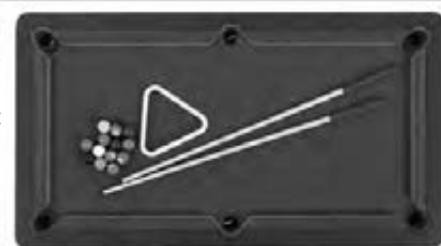
Tournaments for the Que'T Ladies Billiards League have resumed on the last Wednesday of the month.

The Que'Ts meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. We begin our competition at 6:30 p.m.

If you want help, we have great teachers to get you started or to help you improve your game.

Come out and join us.

Pictured above, Barbara Barnhart watches as Ellen Frederick sinks the nine ball in the pocket.



Que'T Billiards



Rare triple play could be highlight of the season

By Bob Rittner

It will forever be known as The Play. Second baseman Bob Stoddard fielded a batted ball, tossed to middle infielder Jim Kemp covering at second base, who tossed to first baseman Hugh Quirk, who then tossed to catcher Bob Fields.

On a softball scorecard, where each position is designated by number, that is 4-10-3-2, and our grandchildren will some day tell it to their grandchildren that way.

A triple play is one of the most exciting and rarest events in a softball game and this one will be the greatest play of the game, of the season, in On Top of the World softball history.

There was plenty of other excitement in the game, such as Hugh's three-hit day and Joe Maley's leaping catch of a scorching liner.

Oh, the final score, West Side Rays 12, East Side Marlins 4.

West Side Rays 5

East Side Marlins 4

Lenny Segall's walk-off three-run homer capped a game marked by big hits and spectacular defense.

Early in the game, with the bases loaded, outfielder Bob Ballentine speared

Softball

a rising liner and held the runner at third to frustrate a Rays scoring chance.

Later, Roger Hebel, running to the left field line, backhanded a long fly that would have brought in two Rays runs.

Meanwhile, two Dan Puopolo's homers plus an RBI single accounted for all four Marlins runs - two scored by Frank Brown and Henry Zussman, each of whom had doubled.

But when Eddie Ramirez and Rick Metzger led off the ninth with solid singles, Lenny cashed in to jubilant cheers from both teams.

East Side Marlins 8

West Side Rays 2

After racing to an 8-0 lead after three innings, the Marlins failed to score again thanks to stellar defense led by middle infielder Joe Maley.

Joe started two double plays and made a series of outs and assists, which he complemented with two solid hits himself.

But the Rays could not capitalize, stymied by the defense of Howard Huff

in left field and catcher Jim Pollock who saved a run by snaring a throw to home from Bob Stoddard.

East Side Marlins 6

West Side Rays 3

The Marlins overcame a 3-0 deficit on consecutive hits from Jim Tiano (double), Greg Zimmer, Paul Fice (double), Lenny Segall (double), Jim Kemp, Bob Stoddard (double) and Howard Huff, and after an out, the final hit by Allan Bendert.

East Side Marlins 10

West Side Rays 4

Despite three hits by Joe Maley and four sparkling catches by Jim Tiano, the Rays were overwhelmed by Dan Puopolo's power (hitting for the cycle) as well as four hits each from Rick Metzger, Henry Zussman and Frank Brown.

East Side Marlins 15

West Side Rays 5

Scoring in each of the first seven innings, the Marlins crushed the Rays behind Jim Kemp (four hits, one double) and Lenny Segall (five hits, one double).

It was something of a father/son game as Jeff Fice, Paul's son, and Ben

Metzger, Rick's son, demonstrated the power of youth.

Jeff had three hits, including a long double, and an outfield assist, while Ben homered and doubled among his five hits.

West Side Rays 11

East Side Marlins 5

The game was dominated by Dan Puopolo, whose perfect five-hit day included two doubles and two triples, and sliding catches and bullet throws.

Rookies Jim Schery and Phil Goodwin each had three hits for the winners.

East Side Marlins 17

West Side Rays 4

It was Roger Hebel day at the ballpark. His three hits drove in five runs. He stopped a ball in the gap to hold runners to one base, and he caught a towering fly ball in deep left that stranded three base runners.

Roger was assisted by Ray Woolsey, who homered among his four hits, and Jim Schery, who put an exclamation point on the rout with a brilliant leaping grab for the game's last out of a screaming liner that was already by him.

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\$110,000	\$30,000	\$100,000	\$907.57
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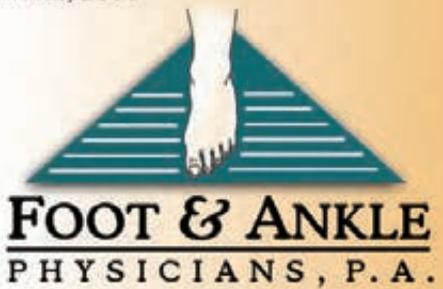
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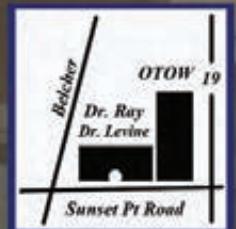
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The Dunedin Middle School band "struts its stuff" during the 2016 St. Patrick's Parade. The band is expected to appear again during the 2017 parade on Saturday, March 4.

On Top of the World's Irish Club St. Patrick's parade will be held on earliest OTOW date ever

By Doug Kates

March is the time of year when everyone thinks green.

This March, everyone will be thinking appreciation, too.

For the first time, the On Top of the World Irish Club has picked out a special group to recognize during its March 4 Irish Club parade. When you line World Parkway Boulevard for our community's big spring event, one of the floats will be for our community's World War II veterans.

Michael Cooper said his club wanted to recognize, appreciate and honor our WWII veterans, who still call OTOW home. You will get a chance to salute them as they roll by on a special float designed just for them.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and wind its way along World Parkway Boulevard past the west gate, to the East Activity Center, along Brazilian Drive and back to the EAC north parking lot.

Make sure you note the day. This will be the earliest date the Irish Club has ever hosted its traditional parade, which will include OTOW clubs and groups, bands, local businesses and more.

The Irish Club will also be honoring OTOW resident Brad Day, who will have a special seat on the reviewing stand. Brad is very active in the community and



has been a highly-visible member of the Entertainment Committee, the New York-New Jersey Club and the Jesters.

Every club and group at OTOW has several leaders over the years. But at OTOW Bingo, Brad is the one who makes it work every night, every year. He not only recruits volunteers, and runs the show, but has even added a new twist to Monday Night Bingo, by creating Bingo Marathons – four hours of non-stop bingo.

"Brad has been doing bingo for forever," Mike Cooper said. "We wanted to take the time to recognize him."

Also on the reviewing stand will be special guest Sharon Licata from OTOW and Gerald Colen, who has an office in the community, writes a column for this newspaper and occasionally is a guest speaker.

to a party in the parking lot. The Irish Club will be serving free beer and water. The Good Karma Café will be serving hotdogs, chips and soda for \$3.

Entertainment this year will be provided by Rick O'Donovan, a solo musician who will perform Irish songs and tunes, electronically and on his guitar. He will be playing for 90 minutes, so there is no rush for the post-parade party to end. If you can find an open space in the parking lot, there will even be the chance to dance with a partner.

All On Top of the World residents should take note of the parade date now – even if you don't plan on viewing the parade or going to the post-parade party. World Parkway Boulevard will be closed from 10 a.m. to approximately 10:45 a.m. Both gates entering the east side will be closed. All side streets on the east side will be blocked from entering World Parkway.

Do not make an appointment with a plumber, air conditioner or food delivery service. They will be denied entry during the parade. Plan ahead if you have to drive to an appointment or go to work. The barricades will not be lifted until the parade is complete. The EAC north parking lot will be closed before the parade, during the parade and for 90 minutes after the parade.

The Grand Marshal will be Mady McLaughlin from the Irish Club. Celebrities will include Father Ted Costello from St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church.

The parade will also consist of community dance groups, other musicians and a few clowns.

Dance numbers will be performed by the OTOW Line Dance Club, plus girls from the Stephen Scariiff School of Irish Dance.

The Baby Boomers are currently rehearsing. They will be singing and dancing with their own Boomer-style.

All residents and guests are encouraged to get their faces painted Irish colors before the parade begins. The OTOW Art Guild is donating supplies and artists to make you look the part.

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Roman Byzantine welcomes newlyweds



Roman Byzantine is filled to capacity and most of our residents seem to be enjoying the amenities of our community.

The holidays are behind us and many are recovering from celebrations. Everyone sends a big thank you to our neighbors who removed the holiday lights.

We are excited to welcome newlyweds Bruce and Colette Bishop to the building. They moved from Oldsmar to downsize their home. Bruce is an Account Manager for Hireright and Colette is a sales person at Rooms to Go.

Look for them walking their dogs, Jackie and Chico.

Virgil and Carole Meyer entertained endlessly. Their niece and husband visited from Alaska, while a brother came from Arlington, Texas, and a cousin visited from Omaha, Neb.

Tine Raleigh shared her joy with her twin sister from Switzerland for about a month. Barbara Novak has a friend visiting from Illinois.

Chuck and Dorothy Wingo returned from a visit to Atlanta. Their 9-month-old dog, Riley, seems to be adjusting to car trips and is a happy greeter to all the other four-legged neighbors in the building.

Our building was pressure washed,



Nearly 20 Roman Byzantine residents attended this January building gathering.

repaired and caulked on the back façade in January. It was then painted. It looks great.

We are all looking forward to the walkways on the second and third floor resurfacing before the end of the month.

Since our population climbs, remember to have your current activity cards with you at the pools, the exercise gym and on the golf courses.

We had a good turnout for our

building gathering on Jan. 11. There were about 20 attendees and it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up while gathering news from the residents.

Those who attended suggested we continue assembling monthly on the sunny side of the core lawn area. All are welcome. Bring a chair and something to share if you like, or just show a smile and stay awhile.

Watch for announcements in the building news area of the first-floor core.

Grandson selected to lay Arlington wreath

Sue Viscount, a neighbor in the Brahman Building, is a retired Air Traffic Controller of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Her grandson wrote an essay to qualify for a trip to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

The essay is entitled "Why Laying the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is Important to Me."

In the essay, he states, "This would be a great honor and privilege for me. I would like to show my respect for someone who sacrificed so much for our nation and our freedom. It is important to me to show my respect to military members for two reasons. First is the great amount of sacrifice they have given for our country. Second is that I have several members of my family who have served in the Marines and Army. Besides my grandmother, my grandfather served in the Army in Communications. This makes me feel proud because these members of my family have helped keep our country safe.

"My Boy Scout Troop is chartered by the Association of U.S. Military Veterans. We meet weekly to have the opportunity to volunteer with local veterans and veterans



in the retirement homes. Each year we do two patriotic events. I lead my troop in the Presentation of Colors.

"Laying the wreath would mean a lot to me because this is a huge honor and not one that is bestowed upon many people. I would handle this responsibility with great honor and respect. My mother was in fifth grade when she went to Washington with her class. She had the privilege of laying the wreath and I think it would be amazing to have this honor in common with my mother.

"In conclusion, I fully understand the responsibility and maturity needed to take this serious task upon me. I will treat this with honor, dignity and respect. I know laying the wreath is a huge honor and one that I hope to have."

He was selected to be the student to go to the Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 12 to have this great honor bestowed upon him.

I must say I was impressed with the maturity and interest he has shown in following in the footsteps of his family.

I know they are proud of him and his grandmother who is in our building is very honored and proud of who this young man is and who he will become.

We all should be so lucky to raise children like this.

God bless him and God bless America!



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CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO DIRECTLY RENT THEIR UNIT must request necessary forms for securing Condominium Association approval and Activity Cards for their tenants.

Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail.

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European tour was a delight for these two travelers

Greetings from Royal Chateau!

I've never been a fan of February. Even though it gives us Valentine's Day and the birthdays of some presidents and my grandson, I just can't get going in February. And the weather usually doesn't help either. Maybe I need a few more vitamins!

However, January was fun. I got my Christmas decorations up late, so I left them up a little longer than most of my neighbors. The January building luncheon at the Red Lobster was fun. We had a really good turnout.

My daughter came to visit, which is always great just to have her alone for two weeks. And even the weather cooperated!

The building is having a "Christmas in February" dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 8. It was our thinking that more people would be here in February, and it would give us a good reason to have a really enjoyable



dinner. And maybe it will help me like February more...

I want to tell you about Jeannie Pierce's delightful riverboat trip to Europe. She went with her sister through four countries: Switzerland, Germany, the

Netherlands and France.

They boarded the *Viking Eir* along with 123 other passengers in Basel, Switzerland. The ship had 50 employees to care for them and keep them comfortable, and a French chef. The food was superb.

As they traveled the river, they stopped at interesting places and visited museums, cathedrals, castles, and fascinating little towns like Breisach, Germany, where they traveled by bus to the Black Forest. There they saw world's largest cuckoo clock.

They also helped bake a yummy black forest cake (7 cups of whipped cream, big red cherries, and locally-produced chocolate).

Heidelberg, Germany, was one of their favorite stops. It had romantic castles, magnificent red sandstone homes and ruins, and the famous Heidelberg University.

In Cologne, they toured Europe's

largest Gothic cathedral, where from the roof they could view the whole area.

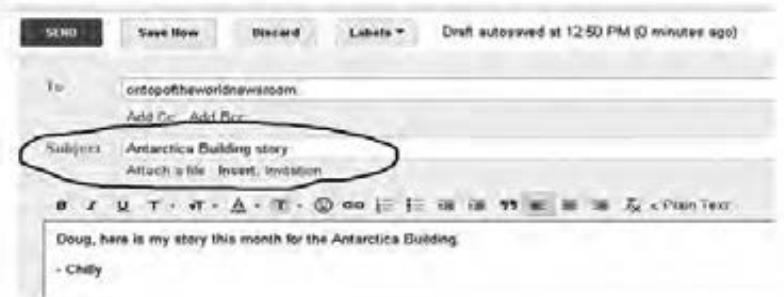
Another favorite activity was cruising the Netherlands. They visited the Kiuderdijk windmills, in which families live. They are required to keep them in working order.

In the city of Amsterdam, they took a walking tour to see the canals and fairy-tale gabled houses, including the famous Anne Frank house. When you have read "The Diary of Anne Frank," you can appreciate what was home to her, where she lived until the family was betrayed and sent by the Gestapo to a concentration camp where Anne died of typhoid fever.

Jeanne and her sister flew home from Amsterdam with wonderful memories. She says, "I'd do it again." It sounded so wonderful, I'm ready to go with her!

Attention OTOW News writers ...

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



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John Patterson at Patterson Cellars Winery in Woodinville, Wash.

Winery founder is now an OTOW winter resident

From Patterson Cellars Winery in Woodinville, Wash., to the Austrian Alpine Building in On Top of the World, Jack Patterson enjoys the best of all possible worlds.

In 2000, Jack and his son John established the winery and for 16 years, he and his son ran it, while 20 other wineries trucked in grapes to their Custom Crush pad and bottling pad at the Patterson Cellars location.

But in December, 2016, Jack sold the winery to his son, who now operates it. Jack returns to Washington State for half the year and makes sure that the two tasting rooms for Patterson Cellars are stocked with all of the necessary supplies.

One of the wines is a Blanc de Blancs Sparkling Chardonnay. There are also blends of Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Merlot, Syrah, Malbec, and others. Those are tasty blends!

For the other half of the year, Jack returns to OTOW to vacation with his charming Swedish friend Maria Lindholm, who painstakingly crochets amazing and intricate pieces. The couple also loves to



dance, play ping-pong, golf, and swim.

Because Jack was originally from Newfoundland, he enjoys the Celtic music from the region. This music, which features jigs and reels, is great dance music, and Jack and Maria and many OTOW toe-tappers agree!

Check the bulletin board for specifics on our next building social event. If you want to host a coffee or a luncheon in February, please ask Virginia Donlon or Kathleen Santosuosso to make signs for you.



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

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- Case-Western Reserve University will continue its Florida Retirement Project. On Top of the World was selected as its “sample” community. There are 709 people participating in the research program. Interviews were conducted on Court Street in Clearwater at the offices of the Foundation for Aging Research.
- The Great Lakes Club held a “Thanksgiving in February” dinner by serving turkey and all the trimmings on Feb. 28 in the auditorium. The cost was \$9. The club’s favorite caterer, “Winky,” served the meal family style so the food could stay hot.
- Winners of the OTOW 1991 Christmas Lights Decoration Contest were the following buildings: first prize, Siboney; second prize, Swedish Traditional; third prize, Loch Lomond.
- At the AARP meeting in February, 1992, many health-related questions were asked of the guest speaker, Alton S. Fisher, MBA, CPA, who is the Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer at Mease Health Care. The program chairperson, Mr. Al Paolin, introduced Mr. Fisher. Dues were still one dollar.
- The OTOW Press Association annual Appreciation Luncheon was held on Feb. 13, 1992, at East Lake Woodlands.

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Little-known facts about our buildings

Hello to Hawaiian Towers. I hope everyone is doing fine.

It is time to bring out the red and white and touch of pink. It's the month for a little romance and friendship to blossom. Time to give a gift that says someone is special. So, Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

I'd like to share a few little tidbits that we all should know:

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When coming into the buildings, remember which side you came in (either even or odd) so you know where your car is parked.

Last but not least, the name of every building is in front of the building on the brick wall.

I hope these little tidbits are of help to our residents and their visitors.

After 16 years, NWF reporter to retire

We here at New World French rang in the New Year with great enthusiasm at the home of Gin Upton.

Thirty-some guests attended this gala where spirits, delicious food and great camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

Many of us had visitors for the holidays. I especially enjoyed watching the two grandchildren of Allan and Diana Bendert, who, on their way to visit their grandparents, stopped at Disney World where they had procured automatic bubble makers. They had fun blowing bubbles from the walkways over the railings to the floors below!

Ginny and Lenny Tousignant chose to spend Christmas in Minnesota. Their children came from their homes to enjoy the festive time with them. I agree that it is best to be with your loved ones at festive times.

I do believe that all Snowbirds are back in their Florida nests. Michael Carramarra, Joe and Carrie Dewinter and Pat Elliott, and Bob and Gale Klinshaw are



among those who made it here to enjoy the warm weather and "Happy Hour," where we meet most evenings at the core. Feel free to join us.

Our leader, Jan Guyton, has been given the title of HAIC (Head Angel In Charge), because she does most of the work for planning the activities that we do in our building. Her main, official job is that of our building treasurer.

At the present time, with the help of the other angels, she is gathering up information to make a new telephone list which should be available the first week of February. Without a doubt, we owe all these dedicated volunteers a lot of thanks!

I am sorry to say that, because of health issues, that after writing for the OTOW newspaper for nearly 16 years, I can no longer be your building reporter.

I want to thank you all for giving me information when I sought it, and especially to the people who sent me their pictures. I do hope someone will step up and take over the job.

I want to add my deepest thanks to so many of you who have helped me at different times and have always made life for me at OTOW so enjoyable.

(Ed. Note: The staff of the OTOW News thanks Virginia for her many years of service to the paper. Her readers will certainly miss her timely, interesting stories. We wish her good luck in her future endeavors.)

Great turnout for building meeting

We had a successful meeting for residents of Chetnik on Jan. 6.

There were 27 residents in attendance. A number of issues were addressed, including the need to collect building dues in order to continue our numerous core parties and to upgrade our holiday decorations. Additionally, a notice was posted on the bulletin board regarding making a donation.

A question was asked regarding when the second and third floor walkways would be painted. We are on the list, as the On Top of the World Condominium Association continues the project throughout the complex. We will be notified when the Chetnik Building is scheduled.

We had a number of residents head up North for family and friends activities.

To note a few, Phil Meissner visited his family in Fayetteville Pa., and Ellicott



City, Md. He had an enjoyable trip, however in his drive back he ran into major traffic delays, particularly around the Washington, D.C. area. It took nearly five hours to drive from the Washington I-495 Beltway onto I-95 to Richmond, Va., a drive which

normally takes just over two hours. All in all, he had a great time.

Vince and Linda Zeyak were adventurous and flew to Fargo, N.D., for a two-week trip to visit family. They had a great time with their family, however, the temperature never reached more than 10 degrees. While there, they had one week of below-zero temps. They were happy to get back to the Florida sunshine!

John and Theresa Kawalec ventured to Texas to spend some time with their family. They had a wonderful time, but also had to adjust to the weather and were happy to see the palm trees once again.

Please remember our monthly luncheons to local eateries are back in full swing for the next several months. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board well in advance if you wish to participate. We always need a head count for the restaurants.

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Acclaimed artist Frida Kahlo is displayed



Greetings from the Viking Building!

If you have not visited the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, you've missed an amazing aesthetic experience. Not only is there the modernist architecture of the building and the dazzling permanent collection of the work of Salvador Dali, but there are also special exhibits there throughout the year.

The current show gives you the opportunity to experience the life and work of one of the most important artists of the twentieth century, Frida Kahlo.

Frida was born in 1907 in Mexico City. It was during a time of turbulence and rebellion. Men like Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa were fighting against the dictatorship to liberate Mexico and its native population.

Art had become public with artists like Diego Rivera, whom Frida would marry in 1929, creating murals that strove to illustrate the struggles and goals of the revolution. Frida didn't set out to be an artist, and her revolution was of a more personal nature.

In 1925, Frida was in a horrible bus accident that almost killed her and left her



Interior view of the Dali Museum in downtown St. Petersburg. An exhibition featuring acclaimed 20th-century artist Frida Kahlo is currently on display there. (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

in pain and often physically disabled for the rest of her life.

When she created art, it was often of a personal nature. In realistic and often gruesome detail, she laid herself bare, showing her pain, repeated surgeries, miscarriages, and even abuse.

In other works, she captured her own beauty and the humanity and beauty of her subjects.

Picasso thought her portraits captured

the essence of her subjects in a way no other artist had.

Despite the constant pain, and the turmoil spawned by her relationship with Rivera, Kahlo created an impressive body of work that made her famous and gained her many followers that revere her to this very day.

The exhibit runs until April 17. Maybe some of us could go down together to share the experience.

Memorabilia collection decorates core

Greetings from everyone at Siboney.

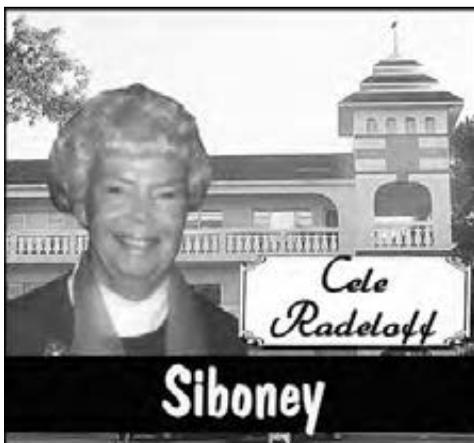
The Stones have outdone themselves again! Cindy Stone, from the Dorado Building, and her parents, Bob and Barbara Stone, from Siboney, have decorated both sides of the Siboney core with a beautiful collection of memorabilia.

The collection is placed over the mailboxes for your viewing pleasure. It's a truly artistic work of art and loving memories. We applaud your creativity and we thank you for beautifying our building.

Our building meeting was held two weeks earlier, but we had a nice turnout. Due to a conflict, our president, Lillian Foy, could not be present. Vice President Peg Dugan did a fine job of presiding over the meeting. The refreshments, lemon-filled cupcakes, were simply delicious. Thanks to Kathy Edelheiser for these delightful treats!

We had two newcomers at the meeting: Frances and Arthur Murphy, who hail from Montrose, Pa. They are retired correctional officers from the J.B. Gates Prison for Men in Connecticut. Welcome to the Siboney!

Our memorial service will be held at our next meeting, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the



Sunrise Room. Please try to attend.

Nine of our residents spent a lovely afternoon with a former neighbor, Ethyle Lee, at Regency Oaks. She will soon be living at Mease Manor. We surprised her with a cake, flowers, fruit and punch. It was a lovely visit. We thank Barbara Stone for making the arrangements, and we thank everyone for attending.

Our own Rita Tombari has just returned from a marvelous one-month vacation and enjoyed reuniting with her family.

Her first stop was in Massachusetts to see her daughter, Mary Ann, and son-

in-law, Billy. Rita's sisters and one brother joined in the reunion, making it a very special time.

Then it was off to Missouri to see Flip, her oldest son, and his family.

Next was Texas to visit her youngest son, David, and family.

It was a somewhat exhausting but very rewarding trip. Rita says it is nice to be back home at On Top of the World!

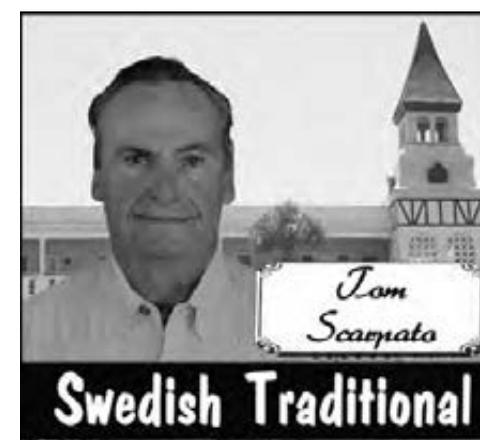
This reporter had a short visit from her oldest grandson and his wife and 7-year-old son. It was great to see the little guy — so full of energy and looking forward to his trip to Legoland.

While they were here, we visited the Aquarium on Island Estates, where Winter the dolphin resides. We saw many other dolphins, plus otters, sharks, snails, etc. We also enjoyed two free boat rides looking for dolphins.

We also visited Sand Key Park, Clearwater Beach, ate at Ozona Blue and looked at OTOW's two pools (too cool for swimming).

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, we're going to First Watch again. Wear something red and we'll see you at the restaurant.

Happy Valentine's Day and happy Presidents Day (Feb. 20).



Reporter does not miss winter chill

What a cold beginning of the New Year we have had here at the Swedish Traditional Building. I enjoyed the cold wind, snow, ice, and frigid temperatures... on the Weather Channel!

I certainly did not miss the shoveling of snow or ice and chopping wood to stoke the wood stove on the cold frigid nights. Too much work for this old guy. It's nice going to the grocery store and being able to find plenty of eggs, milk, bread, and toilet paper there.

What I do kind of miss is the scent of pine trees and wood smoke, and the crunch of icy snow under my boots. After all, it is winter.

Now, after all of our neighbors arrived safely back home from their holiday travels, we decided to celebrate the holidays one more time. Thanks to our intuitive building aptains, Marge and Mary, along with many of our neighbors, we enjoyed a terrific after-Christmas dinner at the Countryside Country Club. Our meal consisted of either filet of beef or grilled salmon along with salads and vegetables. Dessert was awesome.

We enjoyed it so much, we are planning to return next year.

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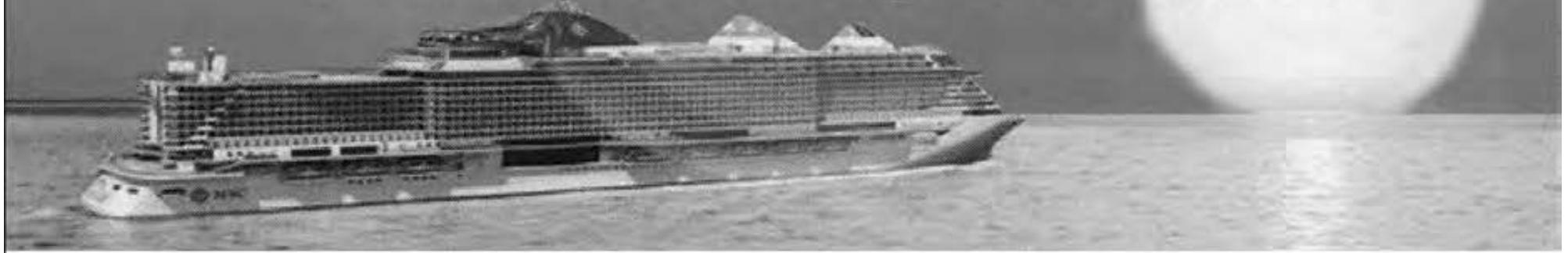


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16 members of two families made the trek to OTOW

By 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 them each month.

Martha and George Jr. Griffin

At least 16 members of the extended Griffin and Brand families put on sandals and put down roots at On Top of the World. The families' sunny relocations started with two groups of Chicago siblings: the Griffin siblings George Sr., Kay, and Mae; and the Brand siblings Helen, Corinne, and Ben. George Griffin Sr. married Helen Brand and the two families vacationed in Clearwater and finally moved to On Top of the World or the surrounding area.

Which brings us to our second and third generation OTOW resident, Martha (Marty) Griffin and her husband, George Jr. They had been vacationing at OTOW with Martha's in-laws George Sr. (a Griffin)



Brothers George Jr. and Joe Griffin



and his wife Helen (a Brand) since the early 1970s.

George Sr. spent his days on the golf course, while Helen, an excellent cook, found time to do the make-up for the Jesters. They lived in Swedish Traditional.

Helen was a Brand and the daughter of Anna. Anna Brand was Marty's grandmother-in-law and Barb Sundberg's grandmother. All were present at Anna Brand's 100th birthday celebration in the East Activity Center in 1989.

Martha Griffin met her husband, George Jr., when they were both teaching in Chicago in 1965. Later, they moved to New York City, where Martha taught math and supervised the computer technology at the United Nations International School.

A few years later, she became a systems analyst and a business analyst.



A toast to Anna Brand on her 100th birthday in 1989 at the East Activity Center.

Her third career was as a tax accountant for artists.

Artists? Her husband, George Jr., became a sculptor, working in bronze, and wood and wax. He also worked as a photographer. He spent considerable time in artist colonies, such as MacDowell in New Hampshire, Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, and Albee in Montauk.

In addition, George Jr. taught and supervised students in the visual arts, some at Saturday Night Live internships.

Martha and George Jr. bought in Swedish Traditional and were Snowbirds until a few years ago.

Currently, Martha enjoys the 8 a.m. morning exercise classes, the Democratic Club, and the Travel Club. She tools around in her Tesla and has an expansive appreciation of both fiction and nonfiction, and movies.

Sometimes it takes an extended family to bring a couple to OTOW!

If you are a second or third generation OTOW resident, call us at 727-470-2989 and we'll interview you for this column!



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Mediterranean dwellers making plans for 2017

The Mediterranean Building residents ended the year in a celebratory fashion.

Several members of the building attended a Christmas luncheon at Rumba's on Gulf to Bay. The weather, food and company were excellent.

On Christmas Eve, the residents held a holiday dog show. Prizes and bragging rights were awarded for the cutest, most festive and most talented dog.

The votes were tallied and here are winners: "Blondie" was the cutest, "Guney" was the most festive and "Peanut" the most talented. Everyone had so much fun, canine contestants included, that all agreed to have this as an annual event.



During the upcoming month we'll continue to organize and clean our storage areas and plan our activities for 2017.



Mediterranean Building residents enjoy their recent "Holiday Dog Show."

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Valencia featured residents are David and Robyn Harker, from New Jersey.

Featured residents hope to soon settle permanently

So, Valencia building residents, how are your New Year's resolutions going?

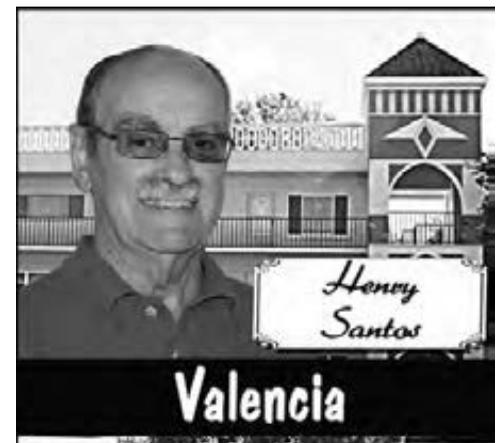
If you are anything like me, it's history. I can't figure it out — I thought I was very resolute in my resolve to stay true to my resolution, but somehow it always goes kaput. Not to worry — there's always next year!

I was fortunate to have a nice chat with two of our new neighbors, David and Robyn Harker. They currently live in New Jersey on the Jersey Shore and will be Snowbirding for the winter and spring.

Robyn's mom and dad live next door in the Brahman building, which was a great influence in their choice to move here.

Robyn was a teacher's aide for 28 years. Boy, talk about dedication! She smiles when she talks about following some of her successful students on Facebook, literally watching them grow to adulthood. A very rewarding career to say the least.

Dave was a postal worker for 47 years. Ten years doing the rain and sleet routine carrying the mail, and the rest of the time inside working the counter. It was in a small community so Dave got to know literally everybody in town and of course everybody knew him.



They have two daughters with two granddaughters and one grandson. They also have a dog called Luxie, who has the most hypnotizing blue eyes.

They volunteer at church back in New Jersey and plan to do the same here once they get settled here. One more thing: Dave is a big college and pro sports fan and is somewhat of a line-dancing guru. Someday you may see him tearing up a dance floor somewhere.

Oh by the way, if you are still holding true to your New Year's resolution, that's good, because good things will probably come of it!

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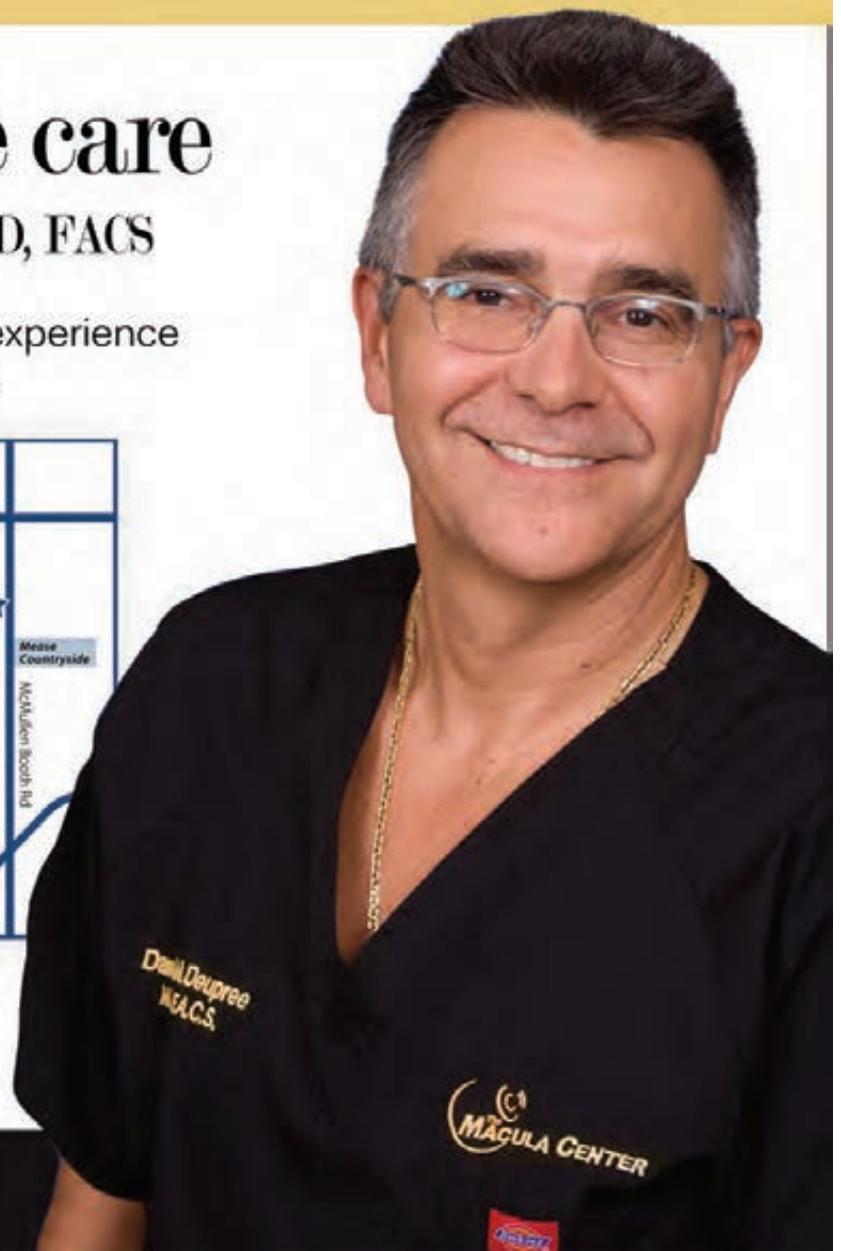
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Paradise reporter returns from trip 'Down Under'

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I spent a little over three weeks of the holidays in Australia and New Zealand, a most exciting and interesting trip.

I spent a couple days in Sydney, Australia, before boarding the ship to visit Melbourne, Australia, and the towns of Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington, Tauranga, Bay of Islands, and Auckland, New Zealand, where I stayed a couple of nights.

Later, the ship stopped at Milford Sound only to let those of us off the ship who had signed up for an overnight adventure through one of the most stunning destinations in the world.

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We made our way on the only road to Queenstown, New Zealand for an overnight stay and cruise on a vintage steamship. The next day we visited many other sights before reaching Dunedin, New Zealand to rejoin our ship.



Closer to home, a fine time was had by 35 residents at the Rio Riviera holiday party. A big "thank you" goes out to Anna Georgiadis and Shirley Taylor who planned this event. The private party was held at Positano's Italian Restaurant on Tampa Road in Palm Harbor.

Residents Chris Elmore and Marge Hansen assisted with the room decorations, the 50/50 raffle, and the "Chinese Grab Bag."

Those who attended are encouraged to give our building captain, Tom Borris, feedback for the same location or other suggestions for the party next year.

Happy New Year!



Paradise reporter Toni Reinwald poses in front of Sydney's famous Opera House.

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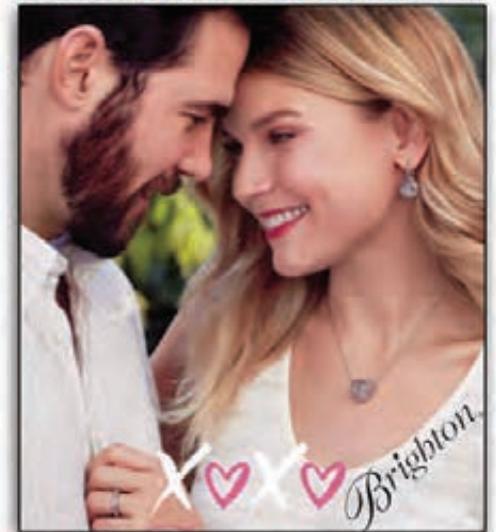
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Women's walking group well into its eighth year

Statistics show the most common New Year's resolution is: "This is the year that I will lose weight." These words I hear echoed even in the halls of our beloved Bohemia Building.

More couples are pulling out their golf clubs and hitting the fairways, more bikes are appearing in the bike room and you hear on a regular basis what a great new fitness center we have and friends making dates to meet there. Girls are returning to Weight Watchers, while new ones are joining. One ponders how long these resolutions will last.

Seven years ago, a note was posted on our bulletin board inviting women interested in joining a walking group to meet at a certain place at a certain time. This group bonded immediately and became known as the Bohemia Women's Walking Group.

They formulated rules, days and times to meet. They walked the city streets forming regular routes they followed. Their walks lasted anywhere from an hour to an hour and a half, stopping mid-way to hydrate, the rule being you could bring only enough money for a beverage. Using pedometers they averaged four to six miles each outing.

Fast forward to today, and Jutta Lane,



Carole DeLisle, Maria Denehan, Shirley Golding, Carole Fisher and Paula Schelling are still walking together. Our aging and weather conditions have driven us indoors making us "mall walkers." We have lost only one of our founding ladies, but have added Glenda Shinabarger, Irene Centers, Iris Freitas and Sandy Ropp.

A few of the men in our building impressed with us have formed a small walking group of their own and follow the outline that we women formulated. Looking ahead we plan on staying together for as long as we are able.

We hope that your plan for a healthy new year will stand the test of time!

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Barbara Sensale, Mary Anne Fontaine, Marge Stivek and Agnes Helm.

Ever-popular pizza party helps kick off 2017 in style

January kicks off another splendid year at Modernage with the ever-popular annual pizza party!

Organized by Barbara Sensale and attended by over 65 building residents, this event is always a great way to meet and greet new neighbors!

This past year we welcomed many new neighbors. Among the vast list are: Joe and Marilyn Lisbon, Joe and Susan Iafrate, Barbara and Diane Rahn, Rob Hughes and Gillian Nix and Mary Ann Fontaine.

As our neighbors keep changing, we hope we are providing the welcoming atmosphere our building is known for offering.

Seen in the picture provided are from right to left: Barbara Sensale, Mary Anne Fontaine, Marge Stivek and Agnes Helm.



Let's not forget those who brought desserts, served wine and cold drinks and coffee and we certainly can't forget all the hands that set up and took down the tables and chairs! Thanks to all for another happy, healthy, New Year kick-off!

Let's meet and greet our new Espana neighbors

I need a little help knowing when the Espana gets new residents. If you have a new neighbor, or if you are a new resident of the Espana, please contact me so that I may introduce the new residents to our readers. If I have missed you, I am sorry but I did not know.

I recently received a copy of our 2017 telephone directory. To my surprise, our building has four new residents – two are on the North side where I live and two on the South side.

In the past, when I was informed of the existence of new residents, I have always tried to interview them, so that you will know where they came from, how they got to OTOW, what they did for a living, etc. That way you have a way to start a conversation. I am limited in the amount of space that I am permitted to write, so in one article, I cannot possibly write about all four residents. The new residents are Ed Gulton, Robert Sibley, Kim Tilles, and Rara De and Craig Waldvogel.

The Espana is going to have a pot luck dinner in February. Les Meneilly told me that the date is Valentine's Day,



Feb. 14th and it is to be held in the Sunrise Room. At this point I do not have any additional information, so please watch the bulletin board for the time, menu, and the signup sheet.

I also want to thank the residents who kept their lights and decorations up for the 12 days of Christmas. That includes the Espana Building decorations. Unfortunately between Christmas and New Year's Day, the wind blew the Christmas tree down, but everything else stayed up for the entire 12 days of Christmas. We now know why the tree was always put in the corner of the lobby!

New Azores reporter will try to fill some big shoes

I am very excited to be the new reporter for the Azores Building, although I realize that Russ Heiserman wears, at minimum, a size 20 shoe!

The New Year is always an exciting time with people, myself included, making resolutions they hoped to keep at least until this article is published.

Welcome back to all our winter residents and those who were away for the holidays.

The New Year began with a retirement party for "yours truly" after 28 years with Walt Disney World, hosted by Katy Gerritt. Thirty-two residents attended, with everyone in great spirits, most especially me!

I was upstaged by the arrival of my granddaughter of three weeks, however. Although the weather was "Florida cold" everyone enjoyed the food and good company.

Marie and Tom Pirrello rang in 2017, grateful their entire family had spent the holidays with them. This was the first they stayed in Florida, since Marie and Tom have always gone north for Christmas.

Terry Fitzgerald and her newly-discovered sister recently spent time with their family in Tallahassee.

Katy and Ford Gerritt, along with Katy's two sisters and their husbands took



a Windstar cruise through the Eastern Caribbean to celebrate Katy and Ford becoming Medicare eligible. The weather was perfect for all the snorkeling and other water sports.

Martin Luther King Day was observed on Jan. 16. National Freedom Day is celebrated on Feb. 1.

Remember, the Azores' "Day at the Races" will be at Tampa Bay Downs on March 4. Box seat admission and a lunch buffet are included in the \$21 cost. Please contact Gordon Fowlie for tickets.

All the residents of the Azores are anticipating another year of good fun, monthly activities and fellowship.

Any news fit to print, send to fordgerritt@msn.com.

Annual building meeting brings neighbors together

Captain Bill Carey called the annual Viennese Villa building meeting to order in January.

Carroll Harris read the treasurer's report, which was accepted after some discussion.

New neighbors were greeted including Sharon Clifford, Jerrie and Brian Lance, and Ann Hilgendoff.

We all wish Mike and Donna Kay all the best in their adventurous move to the real Ecuador.

Notice how nice the new bushes look by the core? Howard Rochte and Russ Lamesfield were thanked for their efforts with the Finlandia beautification project.

With funds approved by our building, they went to Lowes, bought On Top of the World-approved bushes, rented the truck and brought them to OTOW to plant.

Karen and Kirk Safee were recognized for their ongoing efforts for our building as well as for OTOW. They both have amazing energy. Kirk is organizing a BBQ for the end of March. More on that next month.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the lack of drainage causing serious on-going water problems to the parking area on Finlandia, core, rubbish and first floor storage areas.

Connie McDonald is organizing a silent auction to be held on Feb. 25. Connie can be contacted for information. A notice will be posted with all the information as well as items accepted. This is always a



fun event with good bargains. It helps our building fund and sellers as well.

Bill Carey accepted the registration of Charley Coffman as wing captain. Many feel Charley is "Mr. Viennese Villa." Charley has and continues to be a gentleman, friend and wonderful neighbor. We cannot thank him enough for all he has done.

Steve Moore will take on the wing Captains job, but Charley will be there to lend a hand for sure.

Dues remain at \$10.

Also tending his resignation is our own Captain Bill Carey. Bill feels three years is enough and time for someone new to take over. Thanks, Bill, you ran a good ship and added spark with those cocktail parties we all so enjoy! Hope that tradition is carried on. Good luck to you in the future.

Please, no large items (furniture, appliances and the like) in the rubbish room. You throw we all pay. While on the subject, the paper bins are overflowing again.

Laundry was interesting with only one dryer in operation for four or five days.

We should petition for another washer and dryer. Most building have three of each.

Hope the ground hog does not see his shadow!

Until next month, any news fit to print, please send it to me at fresca@maine.rr.com.



Retiring Viennese Villa building captain Bill Carey.

(Photo by Hal Fairfield)

Team looking at mailbox upgrade options

Welcome to the winter season at Loch Lomond.

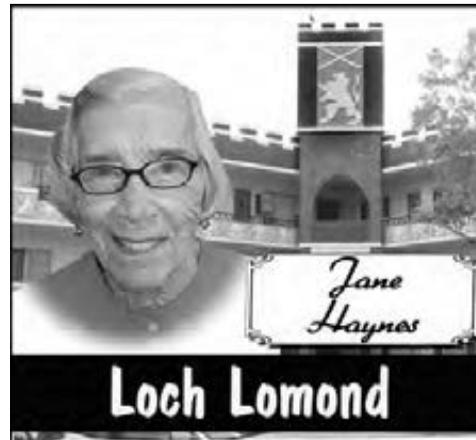
Our building has its bulletin board area between the elevator areas. On Top of the World management shares this with our residents. Sophia Kugeares, who has taken responsibility for what organization we have, has been doing a tasteful job of decorating the upper area of the bulletin board suitable to the current month or season. That leaves residents the lower area to communicate with one another.

Earlier, Sophia Kugeares, Dottie Liberti, Thelma Weiss and Jane Haynes had suggested an informal organizational meeting about several issues, so a Jan. 14 meeting in the core was called for.

The meeting, led by Sophie, was business-like and resulted in these conclusions:

There will be no dues, as no purpose or event to use them has been proposed and approved.

Presently, no monthly lunches are being planned. So, if anyone wants to reserve a place and post the info on the bulletin board, something might evolve. At the present time, social contacts are up to individuals.



Cards to ill or bereaved residents were difficult for a "sunshine person" to keep up with. Many contacts were successful and were appreciated by the recipients, but occasionally someone was not contacted, leading to hurt feelings. However, individual notices posted on the bulletin board for a few days are appreciated. Volunteer thoughtfulness is now our theme. It used to work; it can work again.

One on-going concern has been the mailbox situation. For several years, individuals have had a variety of conditions with some boxes: untight doors, lock

problems, etc. Also, some of the metallic outside surfaces have been scraped or otherwise damaged.

Jack and Anne Casey have spent time and effort trying to reach suggested contacts as several buildings have replaced or painted and refurbished their boxes.

Replacement costs about \$35 per unit, but repainting is much less. We asked Jack to pursue his contacts and inform us of his findings. This is our home here, so it's in our individual interests to keep our home pleasant and secure.

Thanks to those who helped decorate and un-decorate the core for the holidays.

We often hear from Loch Lomond friends who have moved away. Pauline and Richard Almeida, who moved away to be closer to family, were well-known for their helpful and pleasant interest in everyone, and for their great yard designs and plantings. Pauline was a dynamo in my 9 a.m. exercise class.

We also cross paths occasionally with Leila Walker and Patti Branch, and we get to say "hi."

If you have an interesting adventure or family event, let me know. Keep in touch and enjoy the many OTOW activities.



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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Some residents spend the holidays away from OTOW

While many residents spent the holidays at home in On Top of the World, there were some Capistrans who traveled.

Dave Britcher enjoyed his holiday in Connecticut with his family, while Ruth Mazelin flew to California to be with hers. Myrna and Wayne Oakley drove to Tennessee to be with their daughter and her family.

But, Donna Zappin and her daughter probably ventured the furthest for the holidays, traveling to Europe to sample the Christmas markets.

Christmas markets are traditionally held during the four weeks of Advent in town squares and started back in the Late Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe.

Markets have food, drink and seasonal items in open-air stalls accompanied by traditional singing and dancing.

The ladies visited the Vienna market, which dates back to 1294, as well as the Christmas market in Budapest and one in Spain. Donna says that by far the Vienna Christmas market was the most beautiful and authentic.



Joyful, relaxed and delicious — the perfect description of our Capistrano holiday event. In mid-December, 24 of us enjoyed a get together at Island Way Grill.

Remember to check our bulletin board in the building core for news about lunches and other events. And, as always, feel free to initiate social events or outings. Individual participation and initiative is key to making our building a neighborly and fun place to live.

Let's honor some birthdays

Each month eight to ten Mandarin residents have birthdays. Most residents try to keep it a secret in fear that someone will ask them how old they are! Not Bea Pacelli. She let all of her neighbors know that Jan. 7 was the 39th anniversary of a key birthday (without telling them her actual age).

Happy Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, and happy birthday to those celebrating in February.

Watch the bulletin board in the core for dates of the ladies' luncheon and the men's breakfast club.



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BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

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.

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OTOW Clearwater Website: otowclearwaterinfo.com

Handy Pinellas County Government Phone Numbers

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Line — 727-582-6200
Pinellas County Consumer Line (scams, rip-offs, etc.) — 727-464-6617

Rock and roll cruise rewards residents with ‘royalty’

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Did you know that we have royalty living in our building?

Recently, Don and Marian Leamy went on the Holland American Line for an eight-day cruise. This was in celebration of their 25th anniversary and Don's 70th birthday.

They sailed on the *Nieuw Amsterdam* and the trip was all about '50s and '60s rock and roll groups and music. It was called "Malt Shop Memories."

They left Ft. Lauderdale and sailed to St. Croix, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic before heading back to Ft. Lauderdale.

Each day, starting at noon, the entertainment began in several places — all rock and roll music and groups. You didn't know where to go first!

Some of the groups were Dionne Warwick, Brooklyn Bridge, the Lettermen, the Miracles and many, many more.

They even had seven different Elvis performers for seven nights. Fabulous!

Every day at a certain time, there was a meet and greet with the entertainers who performed the night before. You could take pictures, get autographs, have a question and answers period, and sometimes even a cocktail party.

Don especially enjoyed meeting



Freddy "Boom-Boom" Cannon, who sang "Palisades Park." He got to talk to Freddy before all the other guests arrived and they hit it off right away. By the time Don left, they were like old buddies!

Don and Marian were so busy, it was a wonder they had time to eat. The highlight of the whole trip was a Prom Dance. Everyone had to dress like they would have if it was their high school dance. Our Royalty, Don and Marian, were crowned King and Queen of the prom. They were so glad to be honored. The memory will be with them forever.

Would you believe Don and Marian have been on 15 cruises? They said "this was the best cruise ever."



Marian and Don Leamy at their "coronation" as prom queen and king on a recent cruise featuring early rock and roll music.

We wish all our neighbors and their families a wonderful St. Valentine's Day celebration and a Presidents Day weekend celebration.

Some of the neighbors will be collecting \$5 building dues for each condo.

This will be the first week in February. We also will be giving out letters about the bike room.

Please don't forget to send me some news! You can put it in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.

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Helpful resident cheers airline passengers on flight

I think that Mandalay residents are a great bunch of people who care about their neighbors.

In a previous article, we talked about Lee Siegal and his heartfelt gratitude to all the neighbors who showed concern about his situation and who tried to help.

Similarly, I would like to thank the many neighbors who helped me during a recent health issue.

One of our neighbors, Miriam McCarty, is one of the Mandalay residents who are always one of the first to volunteer when someone needs something.

Here is a good illustration of Miriam's playful, fun loving, helpful spirit: Miriam flew to Atlanta to help her granddaughter drive home.

On the way, she dressed up as Mrs. Santa Claus (with apron and Santa hat) and, once the seatbelt sign came off, went up and down the aisles of



the airplane with a bucket full of candy distributing Christmas goodies. The passengers were enchanted and a good time was had by everybody on that Southwest flight.

On the drive home, whenever they made stops, she did the same thing.

At the building lunch just before Halloween, you may remember she dressed up as a witch and also gave out candy.

SWIMMING POOL RULES

DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS!
Know the Rules and Abide by them!

Swim at your own risk. There is no lifeguard on duty.

- This facility is for the exclusive use of OTOW unit owners and registered tenants with a valid OTOW activity card. Please show your valid activity card upon staff's request.
 - Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
 - Please shower before entering pool to remove lotions, oils, and sunblocks.
 - All pool furniture must remain in the designated pool deck area only. Personal pool or lawn furniture is not permitted on the pool deck.
 - Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
 - Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.
- The following items are not permitted in the pool area:**
- Glass containers, coolers, food or drink (other than bottled water), pets (except for service animals).

On the Air: OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 732

THE OTOW BUS COMES DIRECTLY TO YOU!

For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

(Note that pickup times can be anywhere from 30-45 minutes early.)

Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

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 activity 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 activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- 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.

It's a passage to India for these world-traveling residents

Malaguena residents George and Katie Zeller know how to celebrate an important anniversary!

Their 55th wedding anniversary was on Oct. 14, but they started celebrating on Oct. 1, and didn't get home until Dec. 1. So what did they do for two months? They did what the Zellers excel at — they travelled the world.

They renewed their vows on Sunday, Oct. 16, at a Mass at Light of Christ Catholic Church in Clearwater. This was followed by a dinner party at Julian's Little Italy restaurant in Dunedin. They spent two weeks on Holmes Beach on Anna Maria Island, before returning home. But that was just the beginning.

On Nov. 13, George and Katie flew to the last country on their bucket list, India. This involved changing flights in Germany and crossing about 10 time zone changes covering 8,240 miles.

After crossing an international date line, they arrived at the Delhi, India, airport on Nov. 15 aboard a Lufthansa Airlines Airbus A380, which had a passenger seating capacity of 550.

Included in the World Spree India Tour, the Zellers experienced a boat ride on the Ganges River in Varanesi, witnessed cremations, saw the Taj Mahal in Agra, and visited the Chandni Chowk, one of the

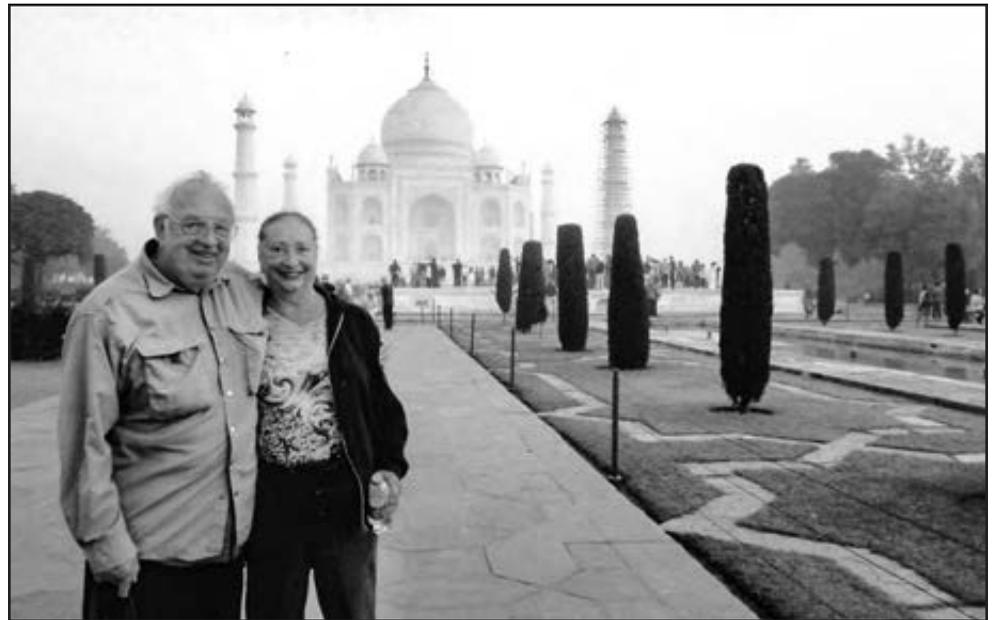


oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi.

George states that "On our first day on the tour in Delhi, India, we took a rickshaw ride in this market for about 30 minutes, an unbelievable, eye-opening experience to the poverty in India. There were many more people than in Times Square, New York City on a Holiday Friday night; just people, people everywhere."

What is remarkable about this trip, besides the adventurousness of the couple, is that George himself makes the majority of the travel arrangements on the Internet.

He books transportation, hotels, flights etc., which results in significant savings versus having a travel agent make all the arrangements. George has gained a



George and Katie Zeller at the site of the famed Taj Mahal in India during their November trip to the country. Earlier, on Oct. 14 and for several days following, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

great deal of knowledge and expertise over 21 years of making travel plans!

Much closer to home, Nellie Kellogg is directing a musical featuring dancing and singing called "Celebrating America." The performance will be at the Dunedin Community Center on Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 (or more, if you'd like to

contribute to a good cause) and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Nellie hopes there will be a large turnout for this performance, which benefits a wonderful cause. Contact her at 238-3918 if you have any questions or would like more information about this event.

Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

OTOW Change of Address Form

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Current Phone: _____

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Forwarding Phone Number: _____

Date Leaving OTOW Home: _____



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Complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.

Featured E.I. dwellers are related to famous Gen. Custer

Yes, David and Linda Custer, this month's featured residents of Emerald Isle, are distantly related — five uncles deep — to George Armstrong Custer of “Custer's Last Stand” fame.

While Custer is known to have been dead last (no pun intended) in his West Point class, both David and Linda excelled at their prestigious alma mater, “The” Ohio State University.

David was a sophomore and Linda a freshman when they met at a Halloween Party. They were married four years later upon Linda's graduation. This was a marriage made in farm country. Linda's family were vegetable farmers from the Cleveland area, and David's parents were grain and livestock farmers.

Those were the days when graduates could immediately get jobs to their liking. David taught Agriscience and Agricultural Business, including a leadership class.

Meanwhile, Linda had majored in Food Science and got a position in quality control for a major bulk bakery in the small town of Washington Court House, Ohio. Linda and her partner were in charge of testing butter cream, donut glaze, and pie fillings for things like viscosity and pH. Think of that the next time you eat a cream puff!

While working, they both tended their own farm of ever-increasing size.

When David and Linda began their family, Linda became a fulltime mom to their sons Matthew and Jonathan.

She was also involved in some of the paperwork generated by her mother's



generously-endowed halfway house for pregnant women. Her mother also funded a wildlife preserve whose maintenance also required lots of attention of the paperwork kind, which fell to Linda to oversee.

After all, she wasn't doing anything but raising two kids and tending a major garden which has now grown to 130 acres of corn and soybeans!

The connection with Emerald Isle began with the purchase of a condo here by her aunt and uncle, Marion and Richard Deane, before the building was even started. (Linda and David have a very interesting photo album showing the various stages in the building of Emerald Isle, beginning with a bare piece of land in 1980.)

Marion and Richard Deane's son, Rick, and his wife, Debbie, also lived in OTOW. Debbie, continues to live on Jamaican, so the family ties to On Top of the World continue unsevered.

Linda's mother, Margaret Peak, bought the condo from the estate of Richard and



Comfortable in her Ohio State Buckeyes chair, Linda Custer holds “Shadow” while her husband, David, sits to her left. Both David and Linda attended that famed university.

Marion Deane, and moved from her place in the late 70s. In 2011, they inherited the property from her mother, and have been enjoying it for longer periods each year.

Linda began coming here for visits

OTOW Boat Owners



On Top of the World boat owners are asked to check on their boats at the boat-storage area on the west side. If your boat is missing, please call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at (727) 582-6200 to report it missing. Please provide make of boat, serial number and color. If you know someone who is out-of-town, but owns a boat stored on the west side, please notify the owner to have someone check on their boat. Anyone who uses the boat-storage area must register their boat with On Top of the World. Boats must be locked and secured when at the storage area.



English Tudor featured residents Lynn, Frank and "Honey" Cerra.

Pittsburgh is hometown of these featured residents

What? Has it really been four years? "I can't believe it," said English Tudor residents Lynn and Frank Cerra.

As you can tell they love On Top of the World. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Lynn, an only child, and Frank, one of 10 siblings (all surviving), raised two boys and three girls.

Lynn was a "Jill of all trades" working a lot of cashiering jobs, including Gambles Department Store. Her best job was driving a school bus for Special Education students. She loved the children, and also worked in the office.

Frank, one of our vets we honored in November, went to work for the Post Office until retirement after mustering out of the U.S. Army in 1976.

After four years in Hillsborough County, the amenities at On Top of the World are what drew them to us. They love to fish, usually winding up on the Dunedin Causeway.

Christmas brought a new 10-week-old miniature pinscher puppy named "Honey" to fill the void of one they lost a few months ago.

Lynn is a very active volunteer here at English Tudor, decorating the core,



attending most of our events, and there is even talk of cloning her!

The Salvation Army was the charity of choice this past holiday season, the Army requesting food and gently-used clothing. Unfortunately, due to a lot of the Snowbirds not being here, our donations were unusually low.

JoAnn Dameron, our social director, thanked the volunteers who helped with the holiday decorations by hanging a notice and pictures on the bulletin board.

Please keep your eyes open for news on our February luncheon.

OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World 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 submitters' 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.

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Artificial 6' indoor tree bush \$20; aloe plants \$4; table lamp, 25", black base \$12 or 2/\$20; twin comforter \$20. 692-7028

Beautiful, like-new lady's coat, size 8, 100% pure wool, burgundy red, Casual Corner, made in U.S.A. \$75. 902-5487

13-piece golf set with bag \$40; red Hoover wing chair \$100. 470-9347

Two sets of lawn bowls with bags, #1 and #4. \$50 each. Leave message. 474-2317

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¾-length leather coat, size 18 \$15; golf bag \$5; Sprint indoor exercise bike \$15. 797-2501

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