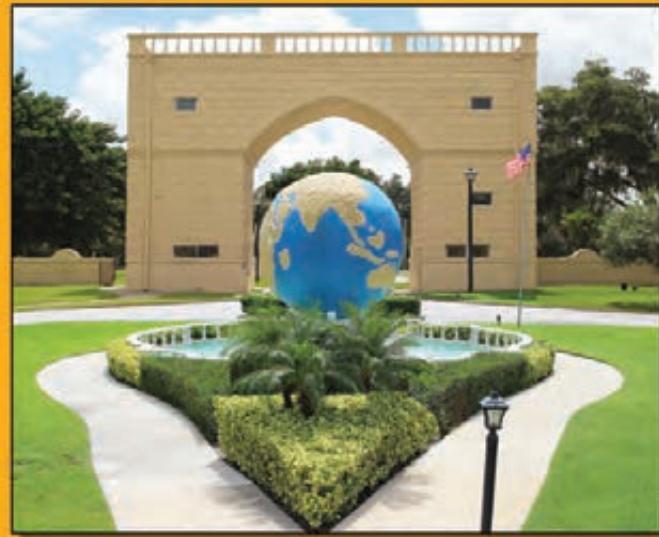


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Too cold outside, so New York-New Jersey does smart thing by scheduling indoor picnic



New York - New Jersey
Club

January was too cold and too windy for an outdoor picnic, so the On Top of the World New York-New Jersey Club scheduled a feast indoors.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the East Activity Center auditorium was turned into an indoor pavilion.

The club held its annual indoor picnic.

The menu included a half of a chicken rotisserie-style from Publix, plus potato salad and cole slaw. The desserts this year were freshly made cupcakes.

"Both the Publix deli department and bakery went above and beyond the call of duty for us," said Patrick Hayes.

Entertainment for the day was provided by the "Rocking Redhats."

Their show included singing, dancing, sing-alongs and plenty of jokes.

For club members, the cost was a mere \$8 and the event was a sellout.

Among those in attendance were three past presidents of the club. Members took the time to recognize Tom Mauro, Jack Casey and Sue Fleming.

"Tom hosted the first indoor picnic seven years ago," Patrick said. "We thank all the past presidents for their past services and continued guidance over our club."

To see more pictures from our indoor picnic, please visit the Box Office at On-



The Rocking Red Hats entertained members and guests from the New York-New Jersey Club in January. The show was a little bit music, a little bit dancing and a little bit rocking.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

TopOfTheWorldNews.com. Click the link for groups and find our club logo.

"Our Box Office Web page is kept up to date by Jim Smyth," Patrick said. "You will find our club in the Gold section of the Box Office, which means our Web page is updated every month. We would like to thank Jim for his many club contributions. The Box Office updates are just one of them."

If you missed our indoor picnic, we still have plenty of entertaining events coming up.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 5:30 p.m. our club will host a "Valentines Dinner/Dance" in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We will celebrate with "Italian Food Night" catered by Felice, including Chick-

en Parmigian, Penne Ala Vodka, Anti-pasta salad, tossed salad, bread and butter and their famous apple cobbler. Coffee, ice and water will be provided.

Music for the evening will be "Denise with a Twist." Also we will get a brief preview of the upcoming OTOW theater season.

Tickets for Italian Night are on sale now \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.

On March 22, at 5:30 p.m., in the EAC auditorium, we will present the Gibbs High School Jazz Band at our ever popular "Strawberry Fling."

Our volunteers will fill your plates with pound cake, Plant City strawberries and whipped cream. The band will delight you with their presentations of both

Big Band and Jazz music. Tickets are for members only and are \$4.

The New York-New Jersey Club has added a "Latin Night" on Thursday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m., in the EAC. The Caribbean menu will include pulled pork, beans, white rice, yellow rice with peas, potato balls stuffed with beef and dessert.

We will be dancing to Denise with a Twist, who will play songs to our theme. Coffee, tea, ice and water will be provided. Tickets are \$13 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. for our annual "Memorial Tribute to the Fallen" and recognition of all veterans and families of OTOW veterans. Once again this event will be held in the East Activity Center.

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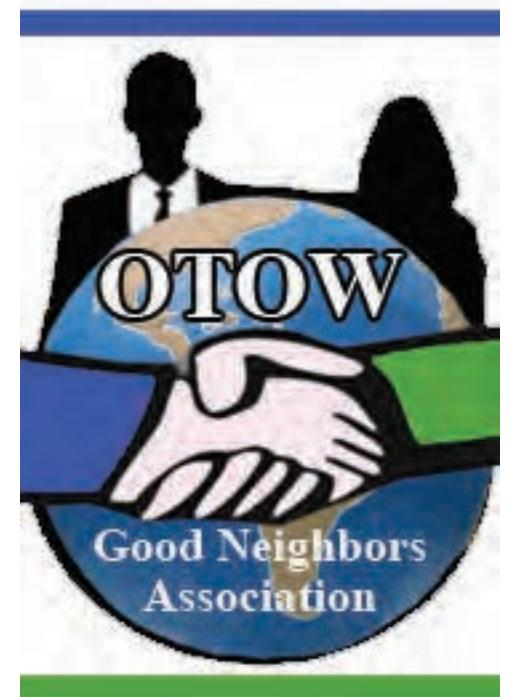
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At the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in January, Ralph Rogers supplied the voice and music for the first Thursday morning social of the year. Ralph is gaining a reputation for great dance music because more and more residents are finding open spaces in the auditorium to dance along to his tunes.

In February, Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee will feature Al Forman and his saxophones. On Thursday, Feb. 8, clubs and groups will have their ticket tables open at 8:30 a.m., followed by free coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. Morning announcements will take place, vendors will be introduced and Al will provide your monthly music routine. Stick around for a new 50/50 drawing and other prize raffles.

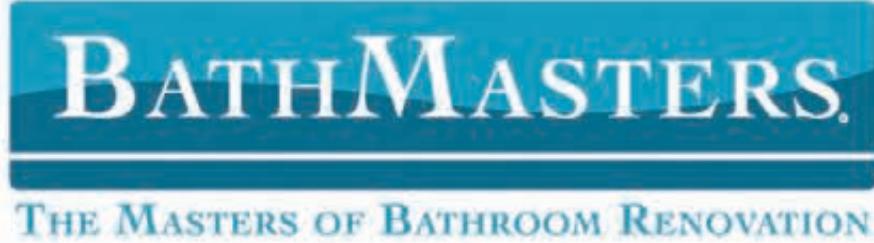
In March there will be a special Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee. Sounds like Opera Tampa is coming back for another hour of great music.



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Let's review no smoking areas

Annual Meeting Review

During the December 2017 Annual Meeting, several topics were addressed that bear repeating.

The subject of smoking in the recreation areas was reviewed, specifically locations deemed as "No Smoking" areas.

The community pools, activity centers, Dog Park and the future East Pavilion area are non-smoking areas. The tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits and lawn bowl areas are non-smoking venues.

Smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of the activity centers. All building center cores and elevators are also areas within the community where smoking is not permitted.

The Board also reviewed a community-wide lighting project. This project, coordinated with Duke Energy, will include a lighting analysis. The project will include the replacement of street light posts, light fixtures and provide 50 watt LED lighting. We anticipate work to commence in the spring/summer 2018.

Due to the scope of the project, there is an anticipated 12-16 month completion date. Exterior stairwell post lighting will be replaced at time of building repaints.

The demolition permit for the East Activity Center pavilion project has been received. The enhancements include new tennis courts, sidewalks and shade areas,



shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits and an outdoor pavilion with bathroom facilities.

Barbeque grills and picnic tables, as well as a deck overlooking the pond area, will round out this list of amenities.

Weather permitting, we anticipate completion of this project in a six-month timeframe.

Clamshell Awning Removal

As a reminder, all clamshell awnings have a sunset date of July 1, 2018.

If you have not already scheduled the removal of your clamshell awning(s), please visit the Community Service Office to schedule an appointment. You may also hire a licensed and insured vendor of your choice to remove your awning(s).

You will need to complete a modification application as this work impacts the structure of the building. The weight of contractor equipment can damage the grounds and infrastructure and for this reason a management company employee must guide your contractor through the back of the building.

You can obtain an "Application for Modification packet" online at otowclearwaterinfo.com or by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Keeping Common Areas Safe

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

As a reminder, plants, 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 wheel-

chair 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."

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 the 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 real estate professionals may obtain applications for Association Orientation online by visiting www.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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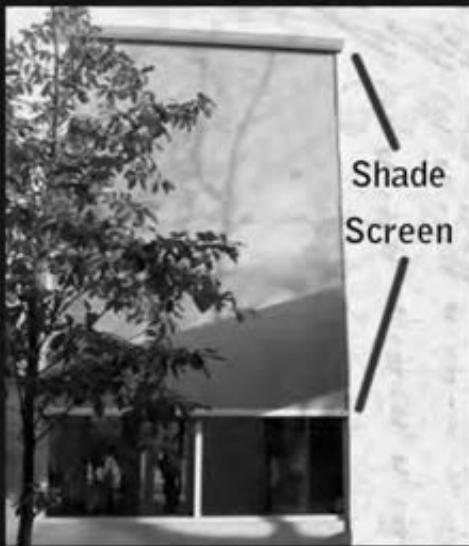


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OTOW management help

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 your community and make numerous safety improvements and enhancements to your amenities.

These include providing an expanded and updated fitness center in 2017, as well as improving space for continuing education opportunities on-site.

The current facilities improvement for 2018 is the provision of a new outdoor recreation area complete with covered pavilion, new tennis courts, new shuffleboard courts and new horseshoes area.

The improvement I am most proud of, however, is the what is happening with Parkway Maintenance and the Management Company.

Beginning Jan. 2, the management company now has a full-time presence on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Management has been working on the staffing plan throughout 2017, recognizing the demand for services the On Top of the World community requires.

It is not unusual for the management company to address more than 50 service requests per day. Each needs follow-up action. Then, of course, there is the time to complete an action report and file it appropriately.

So no sitting around on the graveyard shift. There is work to be done. The Association's policy on requested water turn-on after 5 p.m. remains the same: a fee applies.

Right out of the box, the implementation of the management company's extended service hours came at a good time. On Jan. 5, Duke Energy had a substantial transformer fire on the west side of the property at 12:30 a.m. Clearwater Fire responded, along with Duke, and both were able to have a management company point of contact person to assist them immediately.

Fire watch requirements for Clearwater Fire and Duke Energy were able to be performed promptly as the requests were made. Power was back up to residents approximately 3 p.m. the same day.

It's good to know that things are being handled efficiently, professionally and in real-time with a competent supervisor at the ready.

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 85, or 90 through 97, all on the west side of Belcher Road, and you currently have a washer/dryer, it was most likely installed without approval or guidance from the Condominium Association.

More to the point, it would have been installed without the benefit of using a licensed plumber, electrician or appliance specialist.

This leaves you, the owner, open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or fire.

Simply put, a dryer may result in an overload at the electrical panel because it is drawing excessive power. In some cases, we have found that unauthorized dryer installations have used the same circuit breaker as the stove and HVAC. This is an open invitation for trouble. Now really, is an in-home convenience worth your property or, god-forbid, your life?

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

If your water heater is over 10 years old, it needs careful monitoring for possible leaks. If it is over 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 emergency intervention by your Association.

The Community Service Office does sell, at cost, a warning device that senses dampness and alarms loudly. 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. Costs of repair can really be large.

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

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. 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

Our painting contractor will be transitioning to the front elevations of structures throughout the community in February with Buildings 12 and 14 being the next two on the schedule.

The contractor will be using high-reach equipment in the main parking areas and possibly in the surrounding secondary lots requiring residents to relocate their personal vehicles as necessary. Bulletins are posted by the contractor in advance of the work so please keep an eye on the building's bulletin boards for details.

As always, please use caution in these areas while the improvements are underway and be aware that inclement weather can affect these approximate start dates.

The installation of new address numbers adjacent the front door is another community improvement project that will resume with the return to front elevation paint applications.

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property this improvement cycle, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. While any unit numbers attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old numbers for a nominal fee.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

A new walkway light fixture project will be wrapping up as the last few remaining buildings are scheduled to have them installed this winter.

Buildings 32, 31, 29 and 22 will see management company personnel performing light fixture replacements in the month of February. The lighting replacement project as a whole will conclude with this work. These improvements require that the work is performed in close proximity to condo unit entrances, so please be mindful and exercise caution in and around these areas.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

Building 27 will be the next structure to see crews from the roofing contractor arrive. The contractor will begin the staging of materials and performing of preliminary roof replacement activities at Building 27 the first week of February.

Building 9 will follow shortly thereafter as the roofing contractors is scheduled to be on-site somewhere near the third week of the month.

Both projects are anticipated to last roughly three weeks and 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 projects duration. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

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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 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 2017/2018 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 have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be 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 stones at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services Department is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community. As noted in prior articles, the "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 is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the re-

sponsibility 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 ef-

forts 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.

Turning water on or off comes with a fee if done after 5 p.m.



Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

With your help, OTOW staff will keep non-residents out of community facilities

Community Reminder

This is the perfect time of year to enjoy lunch at the Good Karma Café, participate in a club activity, or stop by the gym.

It is also the time of year that we want to remind everyone of an increase in the number of non-residents coming into our community. They arrive by car and bus, on foot, or bicycle, and they shower, use the facilities and certainly spend time at the pool and gym.

It is also the time of year for SCA staff to increase their number of activity card checks. They do this as a way to eliminate, as much as possible, this unwanted activity.

Please do your part by having your valid activity card with you when you utilize our facilities. Be prepared to present your card to staff when asked.

By working together, we can help minimize unauthorized persons utilizing the community. This will provide a cleaner and safer community.

A Little Kindness Goes a Long Way

For most, February brings with it a Valentine's Day filled with flowers, chocolate and love.

But, for others, it is just another "Hallmark" holiday.

Regardless of how you may feel about this, it is a good time to, at the very least, remember to be kind to yourself and to others. From time to time, everyone has things happen in their life that cause them to struggle. What is important is the way in which you project that to others.

Imagine if everyone made an effort to be kind and smile at someone. The smile you give just may come back to you.

Or, what if you were the recipient of a random act of kindness? Would that cause you to pay it forward with an act in kindness?



I think we should all try to perform a random act of kindness to brighten another's day, particularly when you see someone who may just need a little something to make them smile.

Lost and Found at East Activity Center

Lost and found is located in the East Activity Center Community Service Office and at this time we have boxes full of unclaimed items that have been turned in over the last several months.

In February we will begin the process of pulling out those older items and discarding them.

If you have lost any item(s) recently, please stop down and see if your missing item was turned in.

Save the Following Dates

- Irish Club Parade on Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m.
- AAA Driving Course on Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23. Both days 9 a.m. to noon.

Handicap Lift

As a reminder, there is a handicap lift located at the East Activity Center pool

and it is available for anyone who needs assistance. It may be utilized by residents/their guests and approved tenants with a valid activity card.

It is not recommended for "general recreational use" as it is designed to provide assistance to individuals with a disability and/or who are in need of the assistance.

It has a maximum weight capacity of 300 pounds and has laminated instructions in the event that you have questions regarding its use and operation.

SCA personnel are not authorized to provide assistance, but they are available should you have any questions.

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 driver's license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

Also, for renewal you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

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 an SCA facility, including the pool.

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

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.

Important Phone Numbers

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after normal business hours, 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 over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service ticket such as general building issues in the common areas only.

Once the need is identified, a ticket will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request, but generally, once the service ticket is generated it will be addressed based on priority.

All tickets will then be addressed in the order in which they are received.

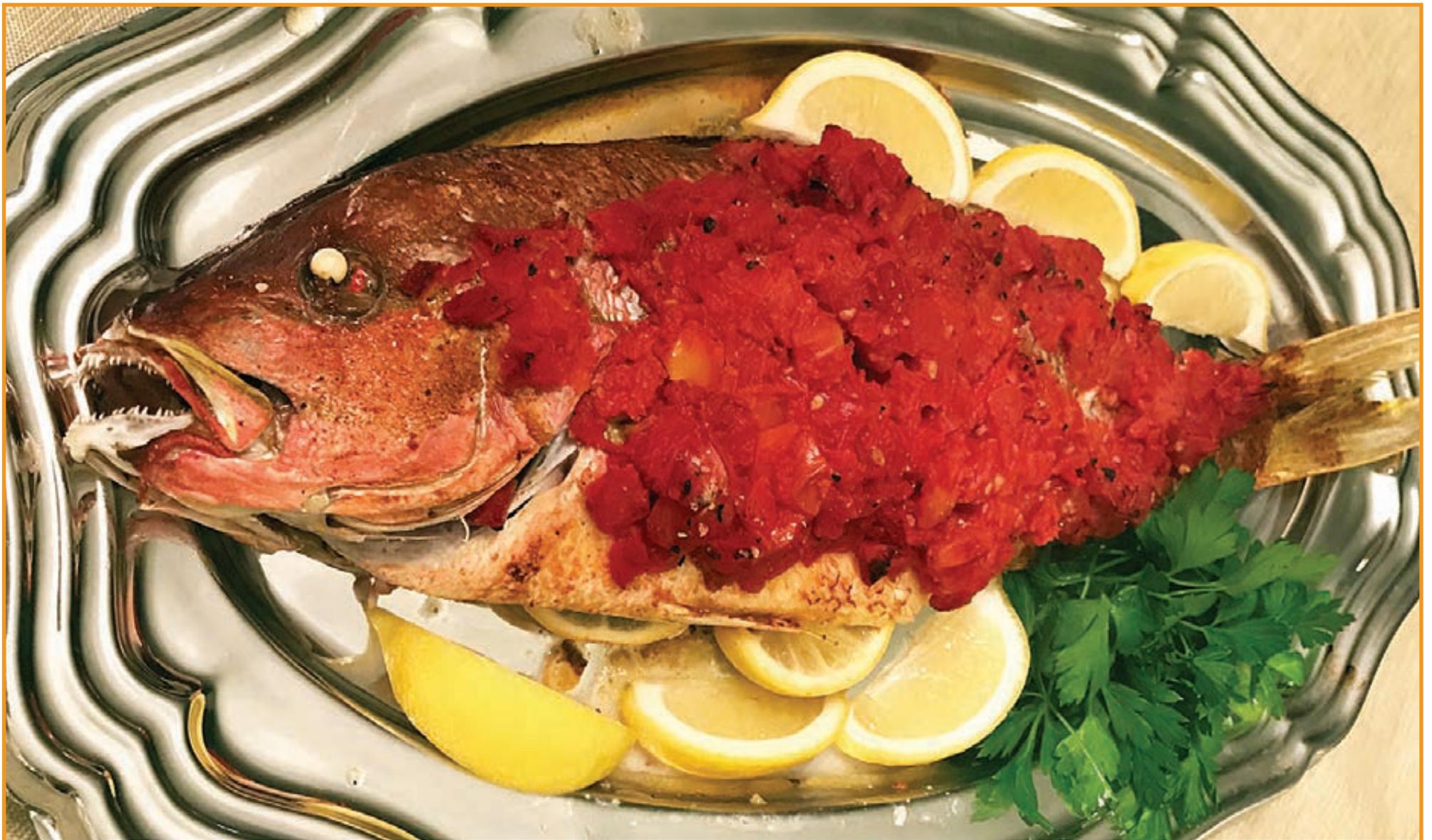
As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

We are trained to spot unwelcomed guests



Please help us
by having your Activity Card with
you whenever using an SCA facility.
If an SCA staffer asks you to show
your card, please do so
or you may be asked to leave.



Baked Whole Red Snapper With Diced Tomatoes

Ingredients

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| 1 | 2 to 2 1/2 pound whole red snapper, cleaned | 6 | fresh thyme sprigs |
| 1 | 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes | 6 | fresh oregano sprigs |
| 3 | tablespoons minced garlic | 6 | thin lemon slices |
| 2 | tablespoons fresh lemon juice | 1/2 | cup white wine |
| 4 | tablespoons chilled butter, cut into pieces | | Old Bay seasoning |

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place 24x18-inch piece of foil on a heavy large baking sheet. Butter foil. Place fish in the center of the foil. Cut 3 or 4 thin knife slits on the top of the fish. Season cavity of fish with garlic, lemon juice, and salt and pepper. Dot cavity with butter. Arrange thyme and oregano sprigs inside cavity. Sprinkle top of the fish with Old Bay seasoning. Drain tomatoes and pour over top of the fish. Top with lemon slices. Fold edges of foil over fish; seal. Pour wine into the foil pouch. Can be made one day ahead. Bake fish until cooked through, about 45 minutes. Transfer fish to platter and serve.

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Tip Of The Month

Pinch-Crimp Pie Pastry

Crimp the edges of pie dough with a pair of tongs. Gently pressing the pinners into the pastry leaves identical impressions for a neat looking finish.

Perfect day for practice



With the cold weather in early January gone, On Top of the World lawn bowlers took advantage of warmer weather to practice for upcoming tournaments this month and this spring. You can tell this picture was taken during a transition day. There are shorts, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts and even a spring jacket. It was nice to put the winter gloves away. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)




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For first time, OTOW Pet of the Year is a feline



When you watch the Irish Club parade from World Parkway Boulevard this March, you might have to look closely to spot the 2017 On Top of the World Pet of the Year.

For the first time in six years, the winner is a cat.

“Kitty” to be precise.

Kitty is a Calico, rescued from the Pinellas County Animal Shelter 14 years ago.

She found a home with Heinz and Ute Scheibe of the Brittany Farmhouse Building.

Kitty said she is a petite 6 pounds, which is easy for picking up and cuddling, but unfortunately for lizards, Kitty can pounce like a lion.

Kitty is not shy. She believes she is beautiful. Most of her great looks come from being a Calico breed.

Kitty says, “Calicos are the most beautiful cats.”

Kitty was named Pet of the Month for May 2017.

In the running for Pet of the Year, she received 28 votes from people who either filled out actual contest forms in this newspaper or from people who voted online with computers.

Kitty’s margin of victory was just one vote.

A grand total of 134 votes were placed for our 12 Pet of the Month contenders, which included nine dogs and three cats.

Morgan, from the Valencia Building, received 27 votes, and Tai (another cat) from the Loch Lomond Building, was third with 25 votes.

Kitty, Tai and Joy, our three cat contenders, accounted for 55 of all votes cast. Now, Kitty will be the first cat to march in the Irish parade. She will receive a free grooming from Barks & Bubbles and a gift bag from Pet Supplies Plus.

Pet of the Year Voting

Kitty	28	Maddy	14
Morgan	27	Blondie	12
Tai	25	Mattie	7

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February

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DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

CARD GAMES

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

Thursdays, 11 am, Small Card Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:30 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, Noon, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Jim: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room

Carol: Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Room

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow Room

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow Room

Barry: M, W, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

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

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

Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

CHESS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

PING PONG

M, T, W, H, F 10 am, Sunrise Room

CARES

(All in Kitchen/Craft Room)

Matter of Balance

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. -

(Jan. 10-April 25)

Healthy Eating Every Day

Fridays, 11:30am **NEW TIME** (Jan. 12-March 9)

Tai Chi Moving For Better Balance

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 pm -

(Jan. 8-Feb. 12)

Diabetes Self Management

Mondays, 10 am (Feb. 26-April 2)

ART

Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room

Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room

Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

Acrylic Painting: M, W, 3 pm, 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 7:30 am, Yellow Room (Stretching)

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

SLIMNASTICS

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

TALCHI

Beginners I: M, W 3:15 Exercise Room

Beginners I: Saturdays, 2:15 Exercise Room

Beginners II: M, W 4:30 Exercise Room

Beginners II: Saturdays 3:30 Exercise Room

Beginners III: T, H 4 pm, Exercise Room

Beginners III: Fridays 3:15 Exercise Room

Intermediate IV: T, H 5:15 Exercise Room

Advanced V: M, W, F 2 pm Exercise Room

Chi Kung: T, H 3:15 pm Exercise Room

Chi Kung: Saturdays, 1:15 Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

EAC Pool may reopen in January or February

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

GROUPS

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M, T, W, H, F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT DANCE CLASS

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen / Craft Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

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Tuesdays, Thursdays 9 am - Noon, Jewelry Room

LAWN BOWLING

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LIBRARY

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WOODSHOP

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wood Shop

SUNDAY

MONDAY

04	05 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 - Auditorium
11 Jesters Show 2:00 PM - Auditorium	12 Ent. Committee. Board 10:30 AM - Veranda Family History Meeting 12:30 PM - Learning L Family History Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Roo Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 - Auditorium
18 Ent. Committee. Sunday In The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium Snowbirds Dinner 6:00 PM - Auditorium	19 Stamp Collectors Meet 1:00 PM - Sunrise Roo Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 - Auditorium
25 Bingo Marathon 12:00 PM - Auditorium	26 Ent. Committee & Club 9:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 - Auditorium

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			01 OTOW Special Event County Appraisers Meeting 10:00 AM - Learning Lab Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Canadian Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room	02 Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda AARP Tax Service 10:00 AM - Learning Lab Irish Club Parade Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room Italian Class 10:30 AM - Small Card Room	03 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room
04 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales	05 Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda AARP Tax Service 10:00 AM - Learning Lab No.85 Espana Meeting 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room	06 Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Crafts 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Crafts 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Snowbirds 8:30 AM - Auditorium World Quilters Crafts 11:00 AM - Starlite Room	07 Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium Irish Club Concert 6:30 PM - Auditorium Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Kitchen	08 AARP Tax Service 10:00 AM - Learning Lab Meditation Meeting 10:00 AM - Art Room Jesters Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium Italian Class 10:30 AM - Small Card Room	09 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Jesters Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room
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On Feb. 9, meet one of the most creative colored pencil artists in the country

By Rosemarie Lugg

In keeping with its long history, the On Top of the World Art Guild remains dedicated to providing all resident artists and want-to-be artists with educational and enjoyable art-related activities.

The Guild meets on the second Friday of each month, November through April, from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

At our January meeting, we held a short business discussion led by President Cathy Sorenson, followed by a secret ballot vote for Artist of the Month. Congratulations to Sue Naylor, this month's winner, for her beautiful landscape painting, "Hawaiian Sunset."

Sue's painting is on display in the lobby of the EAC.

It was noted that members should have their paintings for Artist of the Month to the meeting by 12:45.

For our January program, we were treated to a very informative, interesting and enjoyable presentation on geometric art by long-time resident, Bob Sibley.

With the use of simple and inexpensive material, his art evokes deep emotion and meaning. He discussed sacred symbols and the mandala, the sacred art of Far East religions. Everyone admired his paintings and appreciated the thought and art process that goes into his works. We were indeed grateful for his presentation.

At our next meeting on Feb. 9, the Guild welcomes Melissa Miller Nece. Melissa is regarded as one of the foremost colored pencil artists in the United States. She is president of the Colored Pencil Society of America. Her work has been published in national magazines and numerous books on colored pencil and portraiture. She is also an accomplished painter in acrylics and oils.

Melissa's enthusiasm and humor have made her a favorite speaker for art groups. All residents are welcome to attend. Come and listen to this very accomplished artist and also see what the Art Guild is all about.

Members not only have fun and educational meetings, they also are able to at-



tend a variety of classes. One such class is the OTOW Art Guild Drawing Class for beginners and advanced students, which is held every Thursday, 1-3 p.m., and taught by artist John Fier in the Art Room.

This drawing class is offered to help students become acquainted with or improve their skills in sketching and drawing with graphite pencils. All skill levels are welcome.

On Mondays, Sharon Evans is giving oil and acrylic lessons for beginner and experienced painters, 9:30 a.m. in the Art Room.

Also, have you heard about the Chinese Brush Painting class led by Wendy Colquhoun? In her class, students and teacher mutually explore the ancient meditative art form of Chinese paint brush and its many facets. New members are always welcome. Class meets 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Art Room.

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.

The newest class, Acrylic Painting for Beginners, has attracted a lot of interest and is off to a great start with members anxious and excited to learn painting concepts and create their own masterpieces.

The highlight of the Art Guild year is our annual Art Show and Sale, which will be held in the EAC auditorium on March 4 from noon to 3 p.m.

As of now, there are still some opportunities for Art Guild members to exhibit.



Sue Naylor is the Art Guild Artist of the Month for February. Her painting, 'Hawaiian Sunset,' will be on display in the East Activity Center lobby for the month.

John will be accepting applications at his Drawing Class on Thursday afternoons.

Your attendance at this year's Art Show is greatly appreciated and it's free. This has always been a fun and interesting way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Your comments and encouragement are very helpful to all of our artists. Please vote for your favorite piece of art as you

view the works. It's fun and the artists are very interested in your opinions. We hope to see you there!

As you can see, art is alive and well here On Top of the World. The above is just a partial listing of what is available. If you are interested in art, come to a meeting or class and check us out. We welcome new members.

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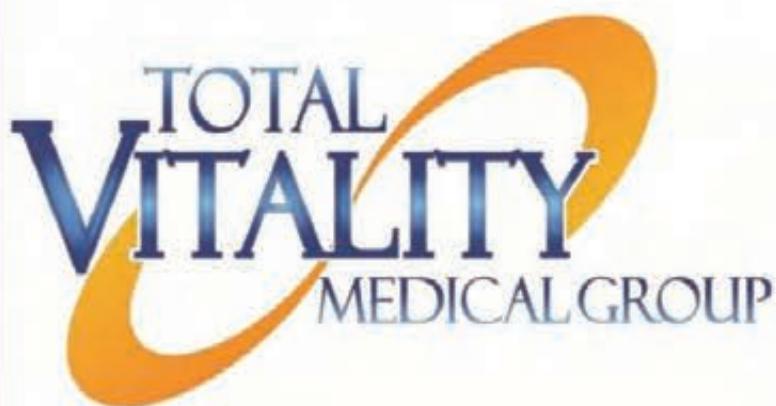
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February 8 meeting begins at 1:30

Press Association puts out a newspaper six days ahead of schedule and goes out to celebrate



Press Association

Because of the holidays, the Press Association had 19 days in December to put together its January newspaper.

Amazingly, the team pulled off the task without a problem. What normally takes 25 days to accomplish, took six days less.

"It took great teamwork from everyone to accomplish what we did," said On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates.

More than 70 different stories and columns were submitted and everything got done on time. The paper was distributed to residents in time to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

"That's our goal every year," Doug said. "We want our community newspaper to be published in time to wish everyone a Happy New Year, as if you picked up your



More than 30 members of the Press Association attended their January meeting at the Expo Restaurant. It was the club's 'Kick Off The New Year' party and a time to celebrate contributions from 2017. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

cell phone and called your best friends to do the same."

So in early January, the Press Association gave itself a little pat on the back.

To help celebrate the amazing feat of working together on short notice, and starting a new year working together, the Press Association held a "Kick Off The New Year" luncheon at the Expo Restaurant in Clearwater.

More than 30 staffers and guests attended. The Expo Restaurant is an advertiser and gave the Press Association its back dining area. Everyone was able to enjoy lunch and the club was able to hold its monthly meeting without disturbing other customers.

At the meeting, staffers learned on Thursday, Feb. 8, there would be a normal meeting back in the East Activity Center

Veranda Room. The only difference is the date is the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. At this meeting, staffers will discuss the future of the board, elections and the upcoming Appreciation Luncheon in April.

The March 8 meeting will also be on the second Thursday of the month. This will be a pizza party free to current staff. Your past 50/50 donations will pay for pizza from Russo's Pizza, another newspaper sponsor.

The Irish Club Parade will be Saturday, March 10, and it looks like the Press Association will be represented for the first time ever. Plans call for staff members to march with green "newspaper" fedoras and pass out March newspapers. Doug is asking for at least 10 marchers.

Doug was also proud to recap OTOW-TV's role in enhancing the holiday season. A video of holiday lights from across the community was aired leading up to Christmas. The background music was "On Top of the World It's Christmas" as sung by our OTOW Chorus.

Doug also said every Friday in December featured a past holiday concert by our Chorus, including the 2017 holiday concert which aired on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

He wasn't too sure how many residents watched, but the same scenario will return next year.

OTOW-TV is channel 98.1 and 732 on your Spectrum digital TV system.

OTOW Wants You To Know

Never Plug A Space Heater Into a Power Strip

(Courtesy of Life Hacker by Jaime Green)

This time of year, you've gotta do some work to keep your home and office warm and cozy. Christmas lights, decorations, putting an extra throw blanket on the couch ... and, of course, a space heater.

But with all those decorations, plugs are at a premium. "No problem," you think, "I've got a power strip."

Well let me say: "Nooooooooooooooooo!"

As the cold weather approaches, people may tend to utilize portable electric heaters. While they can be an efficient way to warm a work space or a room in a house, portable electric heaters can also be a fire or electric shock hazard if not used properly.

If you follow these rules, compiled from the Atlantic County Office of Fire Safety and other colleges nationwide, they will help you in using your portable heater safely.

- Portable electric heaters shall be listed and approved by Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM). These heaters are tested to meet specific safety standards, and manufacturers are required to provide important use and care information to the consumer.

- Unlisted heaters are not permitted as consumers have less assurance that safety features and operating instructions are adequate.

- Portable electric heaters should be the fail-safe types, which are equipped with an automatic tip-over safety shut-off switch.

- Older style heaters with exposed glowing red radiant wires are not permitted.

- Plug portable heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not plug a space heater into a surge protector, multi-outlet box or extension cord! The high current flow can cause components to deteriorate, leading to a breakdown of solder joints eventual failure of the multi-box outlet, and excessive heating that can cause fire.

- Portable electric heaters should be placed at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from paper, garbage and recycling containers, furniture, clothing, or anything else that can burn. Please pay particular attention to the clearances as recommended by the manufacturer.

- Never leave your electric heater running when you leave the room. To prevent electrical shocks and electrocutions, always keep portable electric heaters away from water. And never touch an electric heater if you are wet.

- Do not use an electric heater to dry clothing such as gloves, scarves, hats or jackets as these materials may catch on fire when placed over a heater.

- Do not extend the electric cord of the heater through wall openings, under doors or floor coverings. Arrange the cord away from traffic areas where it will not be tripped over or otherwise subject to damage.

- Do not operate an electric heater with a damaged cord or plug. Inspect the power cord regularly.

- Unplug the heater by pulling the plug straight from the outlet. Check periodically for a secure plug/outlet fit. If the plug does not fit snugly into the outlet or if the plug becomes very hot, the outlet may need to be replaced.

- Do not plug any other electrical device into the same outlet as your heater. This could result in overheating.

So there you have it! Please follow these simple safety tips for your space heater and we will all be safe and warm!

Computer Club launches new Website

By Phyllis King

The On Top of the World Computer Club has launched its new Website.

The site has a new, contemporary look and can be updated easily and quickly because the club manages the content.

The easy-to-use site contains a calendar with information about upcoming meetings and help sessions, links to technical articles, and links to software and sites of interest to anyone who uses a computer.

Several links point to stories about the important current topic of net neutrality.

The site also includes the informative presentations that club members give at meetings. These presentations are available to everyone to download.

The new site's address is:

<https://sites.google.com/site/otowcomputerclub>

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About the Computer Club

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Can I protect my assets from my spouse?

Q. I recently married after a long period of widowhood.

During my career, I worked for (a very large company) and I have a substantial retirement account with them. My new husband worked for a large company, too. We've both been told that our retirement accounts are in a "Qualified Retirement Plan." We have a pre-nuptial agreement where neither of us can claim the retirement benefits from the other's account and thus they go to our own beneficiaries. Are we protected?

A. If I understand what you are asking, the answer is probably not protected at all. A Qualified Retirement Plan offers certain tax benefits to employers, but they must meet the requirements of the Employee Retirement Security Act (ERISA).

Typical Qualified Plans are 401Ks, profit sharing plans and certain (but not all) IRAs.

When you are the beneficiary of a Qualified Retirement Plan and you are married, the ONLY way your spouse can waive his or her interest in that Plan is to do so as a spouse.

A prenuptial agreement is just that: a marital agreement made in contemplation of the marriage.

In other words, you aren't married when you execute it.

Therefore, even though the prenup says that you waive an interest in a Qualified Retirement Plan, it cannot be done until the parties are married.

Bottom line: Where a Qualified Retirement Plan is involved, a prenup should clearly state that after they are married, each party will sign the appropriate Plan's specific spousal waiver.

Having said all of this, it is critical that you meet with your attorney and obtain his/her advice on how to accomplish the waiver of a spousal right in a Qualified



Retirement Plan.

Other than the limited thoughts I've set out here, this subject is simply too complex to be adequately addressed in a column like this.

Q. We live in On Top of the World which is an Over-55 community. Since none of our children are 55 or older, does this mean that we can't leave our OTOW property to them?

A. Sigh. I've covered this very issue over and over and over and I guess I'll have to keep on covering it from time to time.

(1) You can leave your OTOW property to anyone you choose regardless of the age of the person.

(2). If you leave your OTOW property to someone who is NOT 55 or older, he or she can own it, can occupy it, can rent it, can sell it. In an Over-55 community, 80 percent of the units must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older. At OTOW, that 20 percent remaining is used to permit someone who inherits a unit to own it, occupy it, etc., etc.

Of course, it's different if you wish to sell your unit to someone who is under

age 55, but that's not the same as inheriting a unit by someone who is not 55.

Q. My three children want me to give them my home, now, so that if I go into a nursing home they can protect it for me. Your thoughts.

A. Sigh. So many children, so little time to dump them by the side of the road.

Just kidding of course.

Your homestead should remain in your name alone. It's a protected asset from Medicaid spend-down, although there's always the issue of how to maintain it if you are in a nursing home.

Scam alert: Recently I've been receiving email offers or email gift cards from companies such as Sam's Club or Walmart and others as well.

You must be very cautious if you get these emails because they are almost always just another scam method of getting control of your computer.

YES!

I am aware that it is more difficult each day to protect ourselves from scams, including, but not limited to, phishing scams. Yet, we must always remember that we should never click on a link that is sent to us unsolicited, even if it appears to come from a company with whom we've had business dealings with in the past.

Scam alert: Many of us are on social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

That's a great way to stay, or to become connected, with family and friends.

However, you must remember that scammers are lurking on these sites as well. They can infect someone else's account so when you get a message from your relatives or friends, they might al-

ready be infected.

Just don't click on links or attachments without first confirming separately that it's safe to do so. And always remember if you are not 100 percent sure, don't click or open.

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First black actor to win an Oscar

Hattie McDaniel was the first black actress to win an Oscar in a supporting role.

There were many who auditioned in 1939 for the role of Mammy in "Gone with the Wind," however, the role went to Hattie.

Hattie was born in 1895 and the 13th child. Her father was a Baptist minister who played the banjo in mistral shows. Her mother was a gospel singer. Her nickname became Hi-Hat Hattie.

Hattie was born in Wichita, Kan. She quit school in 1920 to travel with her father in vaudeville. She had a very good voice and sang in churches with her mother.

While traveling in a vaudeville show in Denver, Hattie was invited to sing on a

radio station. She became the first Afro-American to sing on radio and got some national attention.

Hattie continued to appear in vaudeville until she got a regular singing engagement in 1929 at Sam Pick's club in Milwaukee.

In 1939 came "Gone with the Wind" and Hattie was offered the role that made her a national icon. She became the first black actress to win an Oscar.

Hattie had a career-long feud with the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), which did not want her to accept roles that stereotyped black actors. Her response was she would accept any role that was offered to her.

At that time, things were not good for blacks in America. All black actors, including Hattie, were barred from attending world premiers of films, including "Gone with the Wind" in 1939.

Later, during World War II, Hattie helped entertain American troops and promoted the sale of war bonds.

In 1951, she became the star of a new radio show, "The Beulah Show," on CBS. The show only lasted one year because she developed cancer in 1952.

Hattie lost her battle with cancer in Los Angeles in 1952. She had two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but unfortunately, they were both put there after her death.

Walter Balderson

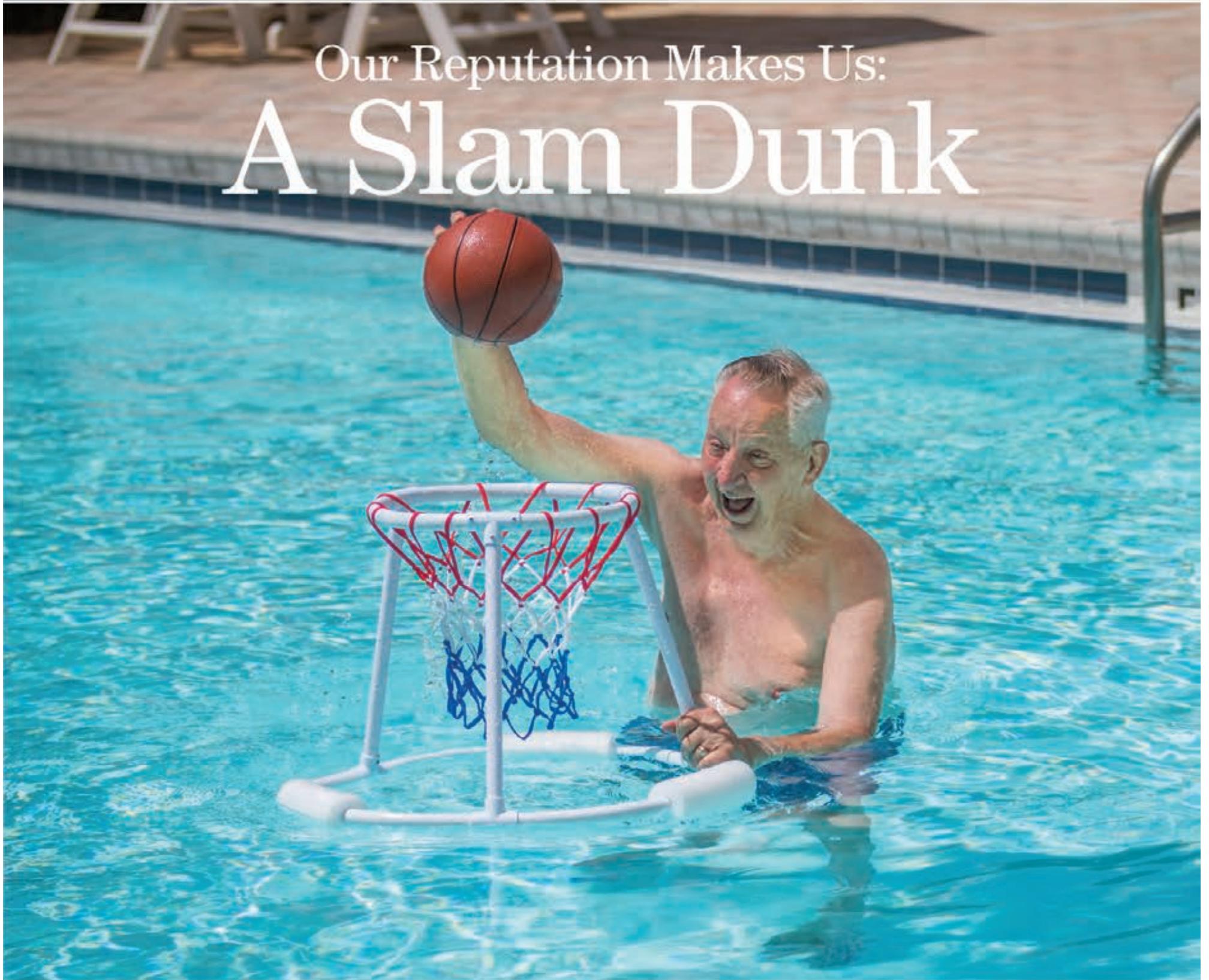


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AARP free tax service begins Feb. 2 but this year will be in West Activity Center

AARP Free Tax Service

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The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers this service to anyone.

AARP understands that retirement, or other life changes, may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now, but with their team of IRS-certified volunteers, they will make it easier for you to get your taxes done.

There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required.

Eckerd College

Life Long Learning Institute

The 2018 winter classes are now underway at the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Once again, we have selected a variety of interesting topics that run 90 minutes to two hours.

(See next page for all classes and descriptions.)

Please take advantage of this fantastic amenity for only \$10 per class. Register by phone at 727-864-7600 or online at Eck-



erd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld.

CARES - Healthy Living Classes

CARES classes have begun in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

To register just attend a class. The classes and schedule are as follows:

- Matter of Balance - 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday and Friday. This class is in progress now and will run to April 25.
- Healthy Eating Everyday - 1-2 p.m. on Fridays. Class is in progress now and will run through March 9.
- Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance - 1- 2 p.m. each Monday and Wednes-

day. Class is in progress now and will run to March 16.

- Diabetes - Self-Management - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday, from Feb. 2 to April 2.
- Chronic Disease Self-Management - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday from April 9 to May 14.

Good Karma Café

We have two great vendors at the Good Karma Café: The Waterford Café, which delivers fresh-made soups, salads, and sandwiches each Monday. We also have Sunset Subs which offers hand-made subs and sandwiches each Thursday.

The Café is open seven days a week and stays open until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Reminders

Activity calendar reservations commence March 1 if you need a room for an event in April, May or June.

Stop into the Community Service Office Monday through Thursday to make your room reservations through June of 2018. Reservations will be accepted March 1-15.

2018 Annual Club/Activity Packets

Everyone should have their new 2018

club packets. If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by to see me in the CSO.

If you are planning to attend the next Good Neighbor's "Get Acquainted" event on Thursday, Feb. 8, 8:30 to 11 a.m., I'll have some packets with me.

The completed packets are due no later than Thursday, March 15, which is the same time frame to renew your activities on the calendar. Please include at least one email address with your contact information this year.

New Activity Email Account

Good News!

I now have a new way for you to reach me via email.

The address is:

general_activity@otowfl.com

This account has already been an asset for club/activity coordinators, who find it to be a much more efficient means to contact me.

If you prefer to stop in or call, rather than sending an email, I can still be found in the Community Service Office.

I will be available Monday through Thursday only from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for calendar scheduling, questions or any activity related issues.

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WINTER CLASSES

All classes in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

More Than a Funny Lady: Barbra Streisand • Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie

Five decades ago, Barbra Streisand burst on the stage as a rare example of an overnight sensation. Notoriously private, she nevertheless has entered a new public era. Since 2015 she has released two new albums, embarked on a rare concert tour, and is writing her memoirs. Now 75, onstage, in studio, behind the camera—with 35 albums and some 245 million recordings sold—she is the only woman to have mastered Broadway, popular recording, and comedic/dramatic stage and film as both musical and non-musical performer, writer, producer, director.

But she says mastering personal happiness has been the most important.

Registration Number: 8032

Building the Tamiami Trail: The Engineering Feat that Crossed the Everglades

Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Nano Riley

By the 1920's Tampa was the state's third largest city, but there was no easy way to get to the vacation mecca of Miami. A group of Fort Myers businessmen called the Tamiami Trailblazers, set out across the Everglades with a commissary truck and seven Model-T's to make their way across the state through the great swamp. After 19 days and rumors of their deaths, they emerged triumphant in Miami. Their trek set in motion building the Tamiami Trail across 76 swampy miles. It took five years as 2,000 workers toiled across the 'Glades in a remarkable feat, while bulldozers sank in muck, and varmints were everywhere. We will look at the building of the trail and the many complications accompanying this amazing accomplishment.

Registration Number: 8033

Fearless Aging • Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Mary O'Brien

You may not have a choice about aging but you do have a choice about how you approach growing older. What better way than fearlessly? This class explores the normal, natural processes of aging, physical and lifestyle – and what you can do to markedly improve the quality of your life. Discover what you can expect and lifestyle choices that will help you make the most of what you have got as you age.

Let's explore the inevitable forces of change in your life and be fearless!

Registration Number: 8034

Rod Serling: Master of the Twilight Zone • Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Walt Ulbricht

When it premiered on CBS-TV in 1959, Rod Serling's, *Twilight Zone*, brought a new and provocative drama into America's living rooms. Viewers experienced deeply the human condition and the fear of the unknown. Four of his masterpiece episodes will be presented. Participants will be encouraged to share their memories and feelings of the *Twilight Zone* with each other in an interactive session.

Registration Number: 8035

Jerry Lewis Biography • Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie

Comedian, actor, singer, producer, director, writer Jerry Lewis' credits appear limitless. New Jersey-born Joseph Levitch grew up in vaudeville and was singing on stage by age five. Jerry was a master of slapstick since the late 40's along with his partner and friend Dean Martin. It was the partnership of Martin & Lewis that made him a household name. When their act broke up—both professionally and personally—in the mid-50's, both were forced to reinvent themselves. Lewis went on to direct, produce, write, and star in notable projects in addition to his impassioned charitable fundraising. Until his recent death at the age of 91, Jerry remained a tireless show business talent.

Registration Number: 8036

Joseph Pulitzer: Founder of the Modern Newspaper • Wednesday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. – Noon • Instructor: Rick Kistner

The Pulitzer Prizes are given annually to works considered the best in American Journalism, Arts and Letters. Joseph Pulitzer was a giant in the world of journalism, creating the format for newspaper publishing that exists to this very day. He rose to the top of his profession by insisting upon integrity but a major lapse in his personal philosophy troubled him until the day he died.

He was a Hungarian immigrant whose prospects for success were almost non-existent. How he came to this country and founded an empire that dictated national opinion is a fascinating exemplar of The American Dream. We will explore Pulitzer's background and the life shaping events that contributed to the establishment of those famous prizes.

Registration Number: 8037

Mermads, Manatees, and Watermelon Queens (US 19) • Friday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. – Noon • Instructor: Cathy Salustri

Cathy Salustri takes you on a virtual journey down US 19, where you can witness much of Florida's diversity. At the top of the state, US 19 flows forward indulgently through towns like Monticello, where pre-civil-war architecture makes you think you're in the Deep South.

By its end, though, people find themselves in the most densely populated county in Florida: Pinellas. From the majestic homes in the red clay of Monticello to the beach ranch houses in Pinellas, think of this route as a survey course in Florida culture.

Registration Number: 8038

Route 66: The Mother Road • Friday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – Noon • Instructor: Rick Kistner

Known by various names, U.S. Route 66 was included among the earliest numbered U.S. Highway Systems. The first completely paved transcontinental route, it became a vital link for Americans traveling east and west from the late 1920's until its decommissioning in the 1980's. Known for its colorful kitschy attractions, the roadway was celebrated in story and song and remains alive today through the efforts of various groups who maintain the legacy of this storied "Mother Road."

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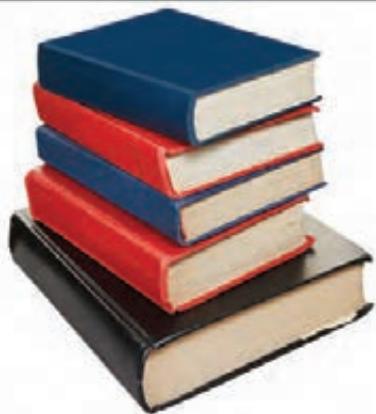
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Book Club celebrates 1 year



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By Katy Gerritt

The Good Karma Book Club is getting ready to celebrate its first anniversary.

The past year has been a great learning experience with our focus on Florida authors or Florida-based books.

We've read classic novels, thrillers and more, all sparking spirited discussions at our meetings, which are on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

We discuss our selected book at the first meeting and then share other readings we are doing at the second meeting.

For our March meeting, we will be reading "Killing Mr. Watson" by Peter Matthiessen. This 1990 book is based on the life of Edgar J. Watson, a real-life farmer, family man and outlaw in the Ten Thousand Islands off the southwestern coast of Florida.

For April we will read Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings classic, "The Yearling."

For information, come to the On Top of the World library Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, or Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m. Information can also be obtained in the Community Service Office.

Your library volunteers have added several new books to their shelves, which include "Fairytale" by Danielle Steel, "Two Kinds of Truth" by Michael Con-

nelly, "Quick and Dirty" by Stuart Woods and "Deep Freeze" by John Sandford.

Dan Brown's newest title, "Origin," "The Rooster Bar" by John Grisham, and "Mind Game" by Iris Johanssen are also ready to read.

We have received generous donations of other books, many in like-new condition. Thanks to those donors for helping to support our library.

Memberships are growing, too. Our annual membership is \$4, which allows you to borrow up to six books for a two week period throughout the year.

With book prices the way they currently are, you are saving money with the first single book you borrow!

And we sell hardbound books for 50 cents each, plus paperbacks at 35 cents each, or 3 for \$1.

We also want to remind you that we have a collection of DVDs and books on CD to borrow, plus a group of books by OTOW authors!

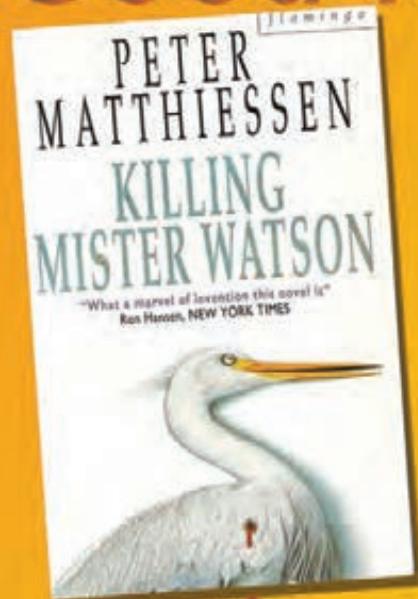
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Happy reading!



New Books

Good Karma Book Club Coming In March



**On Thursday, March 1,
the Good Karma Book Club
is going to discuss
"Killing Mister Watson"
by Peter Matthiessen.
Join us 10:30 a.m. in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab
and share your thoughts.**

For more information, visit our Web page on the Box Office. OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Click Box Office, Club Pages and look for the Good Karma Book Club link.

The Good Karma Book Club will discuss a new book in April. Watch for announcements. The club should meet on Thursday, April 5 and Thursday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

OTOW News



Pet of the Month




PET SUPPLIES PLUS.




Helen is a senior citizen enjoying life at On Top of the World in the Nagoya Building.

Her best friend and owner is Norman Workman.

Life wasn't always this good for Helen. Norman's late wife, Julienne, and their daughter, saved the rat terrier at around age 7 from an unhappy situation.

Helen became a pampered member of their family.

Norman and Julienne took Helen out for a car ride one day. Their outing turned into a daily routine. Helen reminds Norman every day to get the car keys. She cruises On Top of the World daily with Norman as chauffeur.

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. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner this month 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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Canadian Club athletic tournaments and Spring Fling coming up on schedule



By Brenda McLauchlan

January saw the first Happy Hour Cabaret of the season and it was enjoyed by a lively audience of about 100 people.

Everyone shared snacks and enjoyed entertainment from several Canadian Club members.

If you missed it, and it sounds like fun, then join us next time on Feb. 16 and March 16 in the West Activity Center's Sunrise Room.

Come early for limited seating. Share-The-Wealth draws are held each night.

A Day at the Races on Jan. 19 saw 66 people enjoy a scrumptious hot luncheon followed by exciting horse races.

On Feb. 1, we are celebrating Canada Day in the USA. The East Activity Center's doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner commences at 6 p.m. with a wonderful new menu from Felice's Italian Deli.

The Canadian Club Lawn Bowls Triples occurs on Feb. 5. The tournament is open to those who are members of both our Canadian Club and the Lawn Bowls Club.

The OTOW Canadian Club Golf Tournament tees-off at 8 a.m. on Feb. 11 (rain date Feb. 18) at the 18-hole course.



Pictured above is some of the crowd during the first Happy Hour of the season hosted by the Canadian Club. There is a new Happy Hour each month. The next one is Feb. 16.

For information, contact Gary Sandine at (815) 742-7657 or Doug Silver at (727) 953-9241.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 15 for the ever-popular Spring Fling being held on March 1. Ticket prices are \$15 for mem-

bers and \$19 for guests. Be sure to wear your baseball clothing to match this year's theme.

Speaking of special clothing, get your green on with a touch of red to support the Canadian Club in the St. Patrick's Day

Parade being held on March 10 starting at Mexican Way.

For tickets to the Blue Jays vs Phillies Spring Training game on March 21 at 1:05 p.m., please contact Tom McKee at (727) 470-9161. Tickets are \$23 per person.



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Canadian Club must fill board to stay active in 2019

The Canadian Club has been in existence for 50 years, but its future will depend on new people stepping forward to form the Executive Board for 2019.

Currently, many positions will open next year and volunteers have not stepped forward to fill the seats.

The club cannot exist without a full board.

Of most importance is a president and vice president. These two leaders will guide the club in one direction and give back to the membership.

The club also needs people to organize events next year, such as our annual Christmas dinner, golf tournament and trip to the horse races.

If you would like to meet great residents here at On Top of the World and work with a club membership that enjoys being busy and celebrating big events, then consider a future on our board.

For more information, please contact Past President Brenda McLauchlan at 727-238-3657.

Line Dancers name officers for 2018

By Christine Nason

On Dec. 5, 2017, Line Dancers met for their annual business meeting. Among the agenda items was the election of officers.

Officers are Treasurer Ute Scheibe, Secretary Christine Nason, Vice President Lynn Anzalone and President Mary Becker.

The new executive board will be working diligently to maintain a fun and quality line dance experience for all.

The first activities to be planned will be the club's participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10 and an evening "tropical themed" line dance party on March 18.

Membership in the club is a bargain at \$10 with at least 100 opportunities to dance throughout the year. We meet every week on Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium and weekdays at 7 a.m. in the



EAC Exercise Room. Beginners are welcome with special introductory classes at our Tuesday and Saturday meetings. Come join us for fun, dancing and camaraderie. For further details call Christine at 727-366-0221.



Picture above are the 2017 line dance officers. From left to right are Treasurer Ute Scheibe, Secretary Christine Nason, Vice President Lynn Anzalone and President Mary Becker.

Attendance is up

February class will discuss advantages/disadvantages of using Ancestry.com

By Shirley Perry

For some time, it's been said that genealogy is the second-fastest growing hobby in America.

The Family History Group would agree with that, based on the number of new faces we see at each of our meetings.

We welcomed 12 newcomers to our January meeting.

At that meeting, Don Leamy discussed many of the research features available at Ancestry.com. He also gave us several hints to help users get more from their research.

Don is very experienced in genealogy research and enjoys helping others.

Researching effectively requires using all of the sources available to us.

The most recent development has been making the cost of DNA testing



within the reach of the average person. Compared to paying several hundred dollars a few years ago, we can now do autosomal testing for under \$100.

At our February meeting, Shirley Perry will demonstrate how she uses her own autosomal DNA results on Ancestry. Although she tested at the three largest companies, she prefers using her Ancestry results because of their supersize database compared to other companies.

She will also discuss the downside of using Ancestry results and ways to work around the shortcomings.

If you are wondering about the benefits of DNA testing, or need help understanding your results, we invite you to join us on Monday, Feb. 12, from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Bring your computer if you want to follow along with your own results.

We welcome all, from the newbie to the experienced genealogist.

Start the year making jewelry

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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

PRAY FOR AMERICA

has moved back to the East Activity Center. We will meet 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, in the Small Card Room.

Open to all residents. The club is a concerned group of residents who "care about our country."

Such discussion topics include terrorism, drugs, crime, the failing economy and moral decline.

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Club members help by providing positive reinforcement and motivation. TOPS offers a variety of eating guides, but each member is more encouraged to create a diet plan with their own doctor. You and your doctor should set weight goals, not the club.

The group at OTOW does not have a monthly club fee, however, the national membership requires a \$32 annual fee and \$3 monthly dues.

The OTOW group meets 9:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room.

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



Need a little love in your life - come listen to us sing!

By Ilene Bargerstock

On Top of the World Chorus is happy to be back in full rehearsals!

Our upcoming Spring Concert is titled, "The Story of Love."

We will musically explore the many aspects of love, such as falling in love, nurturing love, lost love and unrequited love.

Our concert will include songs from the musical, "Brigadoon," and will include "Come to Me, Bend to Me" and "Almost Like Being in Love."

From "Camelot" we will sing "How to Handle a Woman" and "If Ever I Would Leave You."



Chorus

Others from musicals and/or movies include, "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera" and "My Heart Will Go On" from "Titanic."

That's not all!

The program will be rounded out with "You Made Me Love You," "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "They Didn't Believe Me," "Stars Fell on Alabama," "Do Wah Diddy Diddy," "Cheek to Cheek," "Frankie and Johnny," and my personal favorite, "Love Can Build a Bridge."

"Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine. Don't you think it's time?"

Our audiences always enjoy a sing-along. Who doesn't like to belt out a love song now and then!

To former and returning Chorus members, we are eager to welcome you back. New members will find a friendly,

fun-loving group of people who enjoy making music together.

So, if you like to sing, why not visit one of our rehearsals and check us out. We hope you'll want to stay.

If you want more information about Chorus, you may call President Carolanne Futej at 727-278-4410 or Ilene Bargerstock at 727-408-5759.

The Spring Concert is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

Please mark your calendar now!

As the saying goes, "love makes the world go 'round" even On Top of the World.

Lambda Club has gotten pretty good at hosting Valentine's Day parties

By Bruce Lovett

(Q) What normally has 28 days and has the concept of "Love" at its very center?

(A) That would be the month of February of course, which three out of four years has only 28 days. And as close as you can get to the middle of the month is Feb. 14 - St. Valentine's Day - the day most of the world sets aside for matters of the heart.

(Q) What On Top of the World club has more than 70 members, has hosted more than 100 monthly themed-socials and at its very core believes in the old maxim "Love thy neighbor?"

(A) Lambda Club is the answer.

Lambda is a social club for LGBT residents of the On Top of the World community and their neighbors. We are an informal group that gets together for a variety of diverse activities like the aforementioned monthly socials, brunches, and movie nights, to name a few.

We are always on the lookout for fun things to do and for ways to expand our circle to include all of OTOW's LGBT residents, as well as their friends and neighbors.

There are many different people in our community, from a very diverse selection of geographical and socio-economic backgrounds. The Lambda Club is just another reflection of that fact.

(Q) What do Valentine's Day and Lambda have in common?

(A) Both offer fantastic reasons to throw a party.

Put the two together and you can't help but have a fantastic night.



Lambda Club

Who doesn't love going to an event where there is a chance to reconnect with old friends, or better yet, a chance to make new ones?

Valentine's Day is on a Wednesday this year. Lambda Club will be holding its monthly social on its eve. So, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., wear something red and grab your husband, wife, significant other, friend or neighbor and head over to the West Activity Center's Learning Lab for a good time.

Love Potion Number 9 will be served at the bar, romantic tunes will be blasting from the boom box and don't forget to bring a favorite dish you'd love to share for our pot luck buffet.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our official Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by email at: lambdaclw@gmail.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Republican Club learns about electing judges



Republican Club

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Mari Riba, who is a political consultant and very active in the Republican Party, was the first Republican Club speaker of the new year.

She is a paralegal and law office manager in Pinellas County in various areas of the court system on the state and federal levels.

Her topic for the evening was about "How Judges are elected" - a topic that many are confused about.

We had a very informative discussion, which included the Florida Judicial Branch.

Mari's first foray into campaigning was navigating the Florida judicial appointment process and volunteering with Congressman Michael Bilirakis in 1994.

A sheet was handed out to everyone titled "Florida Judicial Branch." Here are three listed Web sites for you to review:

Code of Judicial conduct: <http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/ethics/index.shtml>

Florida Statutes relating to the Judicial Branch: [information:ranch:https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/Title5/#Title5](https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/Title5/#Title5)



Mari Riba was the guest speaker at the Republican Club meeting in January.

Information regarding attorneys, the court system, judges and general information: www.floridabar.org

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 13 on the west side. Our speaker will be

Ed Hooper, candidate for Florida Senate District 16.

Hope to see you there. Please remember our dues for 2018 are \$5

We are also looking for some new vol-



Stamp Collectors

Stamp collecting is an indoor hobby ideal for winter

By Jim Sundberg

When it's too cold for outside activities, you know what that means?

Working on stamps is the next big option.

Our first 2018 meeting in January was a success and well attended. The theme was my three-month, summer adventure in Europe.

While in Europe, searching out history and stamp treasures, I collected a box-full of stamp materials. I will share those materials at our February meeting.

So don't miss this opportunity to gather with other Philatelists.

Our next meeting is 1-3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

I will also call to remind those members who have previously attended our meetings. You can bring any stamp related material to view, sell or swap. All residents are welcome.

If you have any questions, please con-

Want to walk the mall with friends? Join the Boomers

By Penni Telleck

We've got the Boomers' mojo happening here at On Top of the World!

What is the secret to Baby Boomer mojo, you ask?

Exercise!

We got the mojo because we exercise.

According to health expert Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, who wrote the best-selling book, "Aerobics," "The Baby Boomer generation has led an unprecedented fitness revolution, into a kind of golden era of health."

Did you know that in 1968 less than 24 percent of American adults exercised regularly?

By 1984, though, the Baby Boomer generation had come of age, and then 59 percent of adults were exercising.

With the increase in exercise, we saw our cholesterol levels fall, along with our blood pressure. This new exercise trend caused deaths from heart disease to plummet 48 percent!



Baby Boomers

The results speak for themselves. Exercise is good for everyone, especially us Boomers.

One of the simplest ways to exercise is walking.

Walking produces major exercise, mojo, by increasing your heart rate, working your muscles and strengthening your

bones, all while lowering your blood pressure.

Walking also eases stress and helps you get a better night's sleep.

Do our OTOW Baby Boomers have a walking group?

You bet they do!

You can join our Baby Boomer Mall Walkers at the Countryside Mall by the entrance next to Bar Louie's, Monday through Friday at 9 a.m.

The group can vary in size from just a few folks to more than 15, depending on the day. The Baby Boomer Mall Walkers accomplish about 5,000 steps, everyone at their own pace.

Torrie McDonough, a frequent walker with lots of mojo, explained, "After walking, the group rewards themselves with coffee and great conversation. We talk technology like, 'How do I get this to work on my new phone?'"

"We chat about movies, books and share opinions - all this - along with much

laughter, makes for a perfect start to the day."

Other fun and mojo-building Boomer activities include Beginners Golf on Mondays followed by dinner at Poblano's.

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., the Boomers meet at Bar Louie's for dollar burgers, a few drinks, some great conversation and a short walk after dinner.

On Fridays and Saturdays at 9 a.m., the Biking Boomers meet at the East Activity Center.

Our regular Baby Boomers meetings are on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. We usually have a quick discussion about upcoming social events, which is always followed by raucous laughter at a local restaurant. Come join us!

In February, the Baby Boomers will be meeting on the 15th and 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

See you there!

Meet U.S. Congress candidates at Democratic Club meeting in February

By Donna Lukas

2018 is going to be a very busy election year.

At our club meetings we will be having candidates for several offices as guest speakers throughout the year.

The guest speaker at our January meeting was Jeff Larsen, candidate for Pinellas County School Board, District 2.

All voters registered in Pinellas County can vote for this candidate in the Aug. 28 election because this school board seat is an at-large seat that represents the entire county.

Jeff told us he comes from a family of teachers and he has been teaching for 14 years. He also has previous experience as a two-term city commissioner and vice mayor of Tarpon Springs.

Jeff thinks the combination of having been a teacher and a city administrator is a good combination skill set that will help improve the Pinellas school system.

You can learn more about Jeff and his ideas by looking at his campaign Website at www.votejefflarsen.com.

Our next club meeting is at our usual time, the second Thursday of the month. We will be meeting on Feb. 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Guest speakers at our February meeting will be two candidates for U.S. Con-



Democratic Club

gress District 12. This seat is currently held by Congressman Gus Bilirakis. The candidates are Robert Tager and Mathew Thomas.

Please come listen to these candidates and take the opportunity to ask your questions.

State laws prevent our club from making contributions for federal offices, but you can bring your checkbooks and make personal contributions if you like their ideas.

You can also pay your annual membership dues at any of our club meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send a \$12 check payable to OTOW Democratic Club to our club treasurer Jack Starr. Mail your check to: 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater,



School board candidate Jeff Larsen was the guest speaker at the Democratic Club meeting in January.

Fl., 33763.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at [\[poftheworldnews.com\]\(http://poftheworldnews.com\). Click to enter the Box Office, then click on "Club Pages" and then click on the "Democratic Donkey." You can also send us an email at this site.](http://www.onto-</p>
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Dance on Wednesdays, socialize on weekends



By Ed Foland

Members of the Snowbirds Line Dance Club are socially active in addition to being dedicated dancers.

Our dancers meet every Wednesday morning in the auditorium and take advantage of three and one-half hour of progressive dancing. Classes start at 8 a.m. for first time dancers and ends with an hour of instruction for more advanced dancers.

We had a lot of laughs at dinner theaters in January as we took in two plays, "Sorry! Wrong Chimney" plus "Leading Ladies."

Our next dinner theater is on Feb. 16



Fisherman's Village Shopping Mall and Marina is the back drop for this photo of a bus load of On Top of The World residents before they shop, dine and cruise the canals of Punta Gorda.

(Photo by Ed Foland)

when we go to see the play, "Sex Please We're Sixty."

Dinner theaters offer good value - \$40 includes dinner, live show, taxes and tip.

Snowbirds Club members also enjoy charter bus day trips and cruising. We just returned from a trip that included both. After dinner at the marina, we cruised the canals of Punta Gorda on a double-decker tour boat. Our next charter bus day trip

is to the Strawberry Festival on March 8.

We are happy to be supporting John and Pat Koning who will be leading a Jolly Line Dance Cruise for seven nights as we wine and dine and explore the western Caribbean. Pat and John are choreographers, instructors and former officers of On Top of the World Line Dancing so, yes, there will be some line dancing, too.

Do you need more information on

this cruise? Call John at 727-475-8624 or Advantage Cruises and tours at 1-866-824-1613 and ask about the next Jolly Cruise. You'll be jolly glad you did!

To get more info on dance classes and social activities with Dolly and Ed, call 727-417-3272 or come to the East Activities Center on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday adds 50/50 drawing

By Jo Dameron
& Joanne Frey

Hope everyone is off to a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!

Good Neighbors Association is starting something new.

Starting Tuesday, Feb. 6, the group will hold monthly meetings for volunteers. These meetings will take place every first Tuesday, 10-11 a.m., in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

This will be a time when our valued volunteers can share ideas for upcoming activities

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee is coming up on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Remember, it is usually the second Thursday of every month.

We will be serving free coffee and donuts at 9 a.m., followed by entertainment at about 9:30 a.m. Something new this year will be a 50/50 drawing. Buy your tickets when you arrive. Dila Delapaz has graciously offered to return to give each neighbor a door prize ticket, but more volunteers are needed.

Good Neighbors has started a volunteer sign-up sheet. We will need volunteers to pass out door prize tickets, 50/50 tickets and participate in group functions each month. The sign-up sheet will be at our group table, Mondays and Thursdays,

8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

The first group function is a spring clothing drive on March 16 and 17 at the East Activity Center portal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to unload clothing from vehicles and sort for transportation to a donation center. All donations will be taken to one of three locations, which provides clothing to those in need at no charge.

We also need volunteers for the Saturday, March 10, Irish Club parade. We will be marching and passing out beads and candy.

We are looking forward to a very busy and constructive year.



Irish Club Parade

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 am

World Parkway Boulevard

Parking Lot Party after Parade





Pictured here are two scenes getting rehearsed for the Theater Workshop show in March. Above is a scene from “Cats” and at right is a scene from “My Fair Lady.” (Photos by Doug Kates)

Actors and actresses excited about upcoming Broadway show

By Lori Gerstein

Rehearsals are well underway for this year’s Theater Workshop production of the “Best of Broadway- A Tribute to Musical Theater.”

With a cast of 20 people, the show will be a musical feast for the ears!

While some familiar faces will grace the stage, several newcomers will be demonstrating their singing and acting ability.

Brenda and Rick McLaughlan, who hail from Canada, will both be making their first foray onto the stage.

Rick says, “Theater Workshop has given me the opportunity to meet my long desire to be part of a musical production.

Being a newbie, it’s nice to be welcomed, as I am, at each rehearsal.”

His wife, Brenda, agrees.

“I am thoroughly enjoying being involved in the ‘Best of Broadway’ production,” she said. “The people are friendly. The rehearsals are fun. I get to sing with groups so I don’t feel pressure at all.”

Lillian Foy, who is also a member of the Jesters, loves performing.

She says, “Singing brings a smile to my heart and music brings peace to the world.”

Gil Small, who is a co-director of the production, and a performer as well, notes that “I’ve performed many times in past

years in Canada since I was a teenager, but I must say this is an exceptionally thrilling year for me.”

He adds, “It’s been so much fun working on the show since last July and I simply can’t wait to see the final production come together in March.”

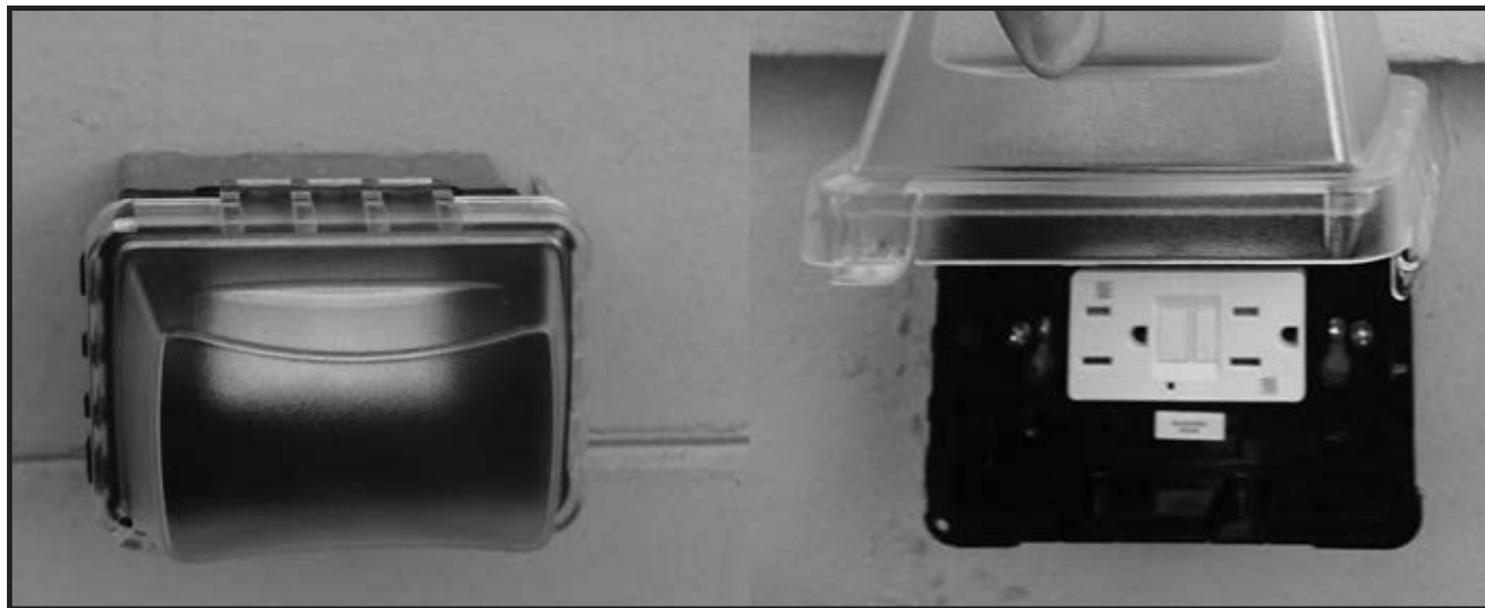
Tickets are on sale every Monday and Thursday at the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and will also be available before each performance.

Show dates are March 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and March 11 at 2 p.m.

For more information about the show or about Theater Workshop, call Will Peterson at 727-330-6772.



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In past years, the squared-tiled floor in the East Activity Center auditorium provided a simple race track for horses. Now, with the new floor, how will the horses find their way? Come to Night at the Races to find out.

Feeling lucky?

Enjoy our annual sub night and bet on a couple of 'horses'

By MaryAnn Fontaine

I hope everyone enjoyed our Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner in January.

Now we are looking forward to our Sub Sandwiches party on Feb. 21.

After enjoying our subs, we will have a short meeting followed by our fun "Night At The Races." So bring your dollar bills to bet on your favorite "horses."

We will be selling tickets until Feb. 19 for this event.

Next month will be our St. Joseph Dinner Dance on March 21. Cost is \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Music will be by Dino. He is a new entertainer for us and we hope everyone will enjoy him.

We will be going to the Hudson Dinner Theater on March 18 to see Unex-

pected Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Rodgers & Hammerstein.

Shows at Ruth Eckerd are "Doo Wop Reunion XVIII" on March 17, 7:30 p.m. \$51; and Jersey Boys on March 31 at 2 p.m., cost \$60.

There are still five "Adults At Leisure" shows in March.

April 6 will be our picnic at Philippe Park from noon – 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 members with the usual hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage and peppers, and all the trimmings, plus other good food.

We will have an afternoon At The Races on Feb. 2.

We end on April 18 with our pizza/salad feast with choice of pepperoni, sausage and peppers, cheese, or vegetarian.

Cost is \$7 members, \$10 non-members. Standup bingo will follow.

We will also end the season at the Hudson Dinner Show with "Menopause The Musical," on April 29. So ladies, please sign up as soon as possible as it will be a funny show and I have limited seats left.

Remember shows to Hudson and Ruth Eckerd must be purchased 30 days in advance.

Come see us Mondays and Thursdays 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. to purchase tickets in the East Activity Center auditorium and get information on all activities.

So before we know it, the Snowbirds will be heading north for the summer season. Let's make the most of the season.



Italian-American Club

Jesters' opening night show is Feb. 9



Jesters

By Sue Calinski

This is it!

The Jesters 2018 show, "Oh What a Night!" is just around the corner!

On Feb. 9, 10 and 11 we will be on stage entertaining you, bringing you a fun-filled show that is sure to make you laugh!

Our director, Lee Catalfomo, has guided us all to be the best we possibly can be in order to make this another very memorable show.

We have fine-tuned every act so this will be a fantastic show that you won't soon forget!

Lots of hard work and many hours

of rehearsing have brought us to the apex, and we are ready to rock your world!

If you don't have your tickets yet, don't delay in getting them. Tickets are only \$5 each and are available either through your Jester friends and neighbors or at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30 - 10:30.

Performances of "Oh What a Night!" will be on Friday, Feb 9 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. You might want to arrive early in order to get a good seat, as we did experience sold out performances last year.

We don't want you to miss a minute of the action!

So for us, it's time for Lights! Camera! Action!

And for you, we hope you will all come and join in the fun of "Oh What a Night!"

Do you remember the Bugs Bunny theme song? "Overture, curtains, lights, you'll hit the heights! And oh what heights we'll hit. On with the show, this is it!"

I hope that little ditty gets you pumped up to see "Oh What a Night!"

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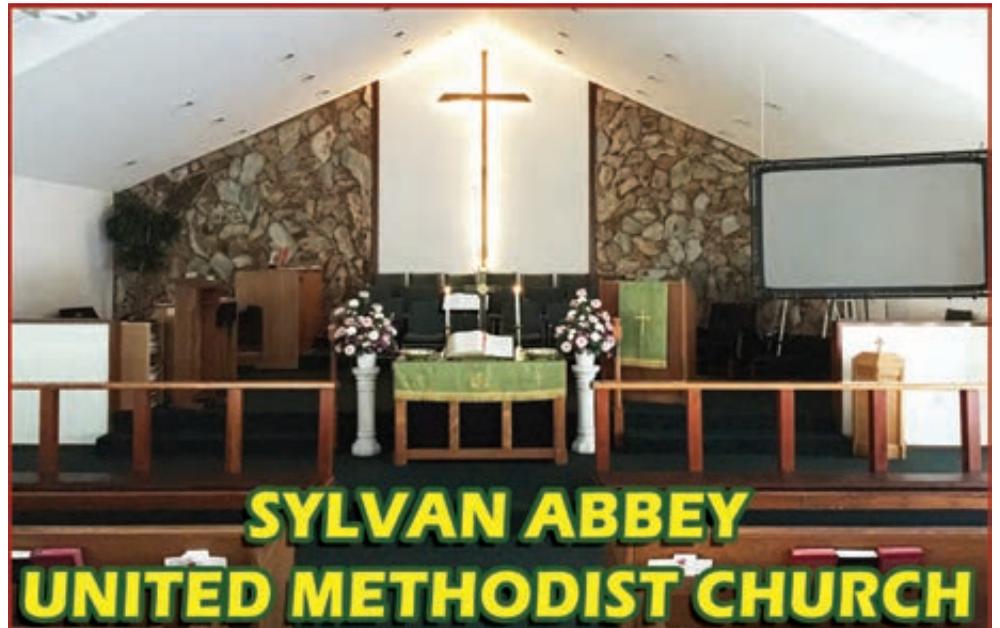
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Family, grandchildren and dancing - three perfect loves for February

February is the month of romance.

Fittingly, what follows is a shameless love story between a poor girl from a neighborhood in Grand Rapids, Mich., and an apprentice carpenter from Canada.

But, wait!

Cupid brought a third player into this love triangle.

Patricia Mantel was born to an American mother and a Dutch-Canadian father, who was studying at Calvin College and Seminary.

Once Pat's dad got his ministerial degree, the whole family headed north of the 49th parallel because, just like any other tradesman, he had to follow the work.

Pat was just 5 years old.

The next 11 years of Pat's life were spent in several different Ontario cities as her dad hopped from church to church; from congregation to congregation.

When she was 16 years old, Pat's father landed a Chaplain's job at Millbrook Correctional Facility, near Peterborough. That's when she met John Koning (this reporter). She claims it was love at first sight for her, but he was on the rebound and a little reluctant to jump back in the saddle, so to speak.

Now picture this.

It was a Saturday night in the '70s and Canada, like America, was in the grips of disco fever.

Pat and her new date were dancing together on a see-through dance floor over pulsating multi-colored lights. Pat's dance partner was shifting back and forth from foot to foot, doing a clumsy-guy dance, and trying to look like John Travolta when, in fact, the only thing they had in common were their first names.

Meanwhile, John and many of the other dancers were fixated on Pat, whose love of dancing sometimes took control of her. There, among the lights, her lithe body was undulating in creative ways to the pounding beat.

Let's face it. The poor guy didn't stand a chance.

After a three-year courtship, the couple married.

Sooner or later, many of us crave children and this couple was no different. The next seven years were spent trying to start a family. They followed advice from their doctor, who said, "relax, take some trips, and it will happen when it's meant to be."

There were many trips and their doctor was right.

When the couple's first child, David, finally arrived, Pat put her career as a dental assistant on hold and focused on her family. She remembered her own mom was always there when she was a young child and Pat wanted the same for her kids.

Their second child, Jessica, was born two and a half years later. It's worth noting that, now that Jess is a mother of two, she has chosen motherhood over career, just like her mother did.

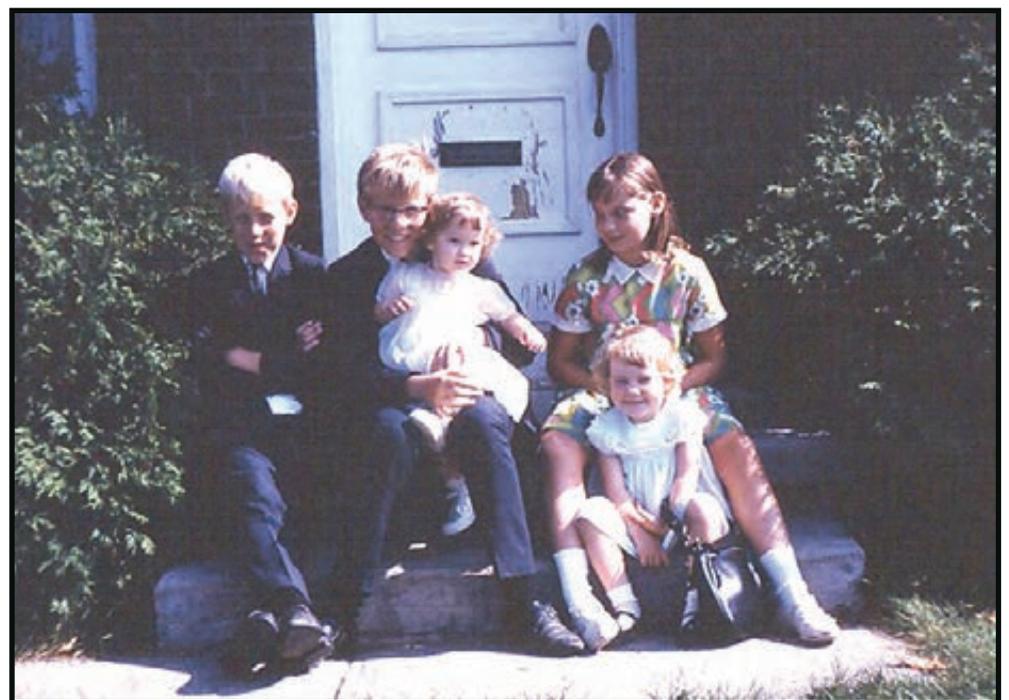
The arrival of Pat's two children wasn't her first experience with child rearing. When Pat was only 12 years old, her mom fell ill and was hospitalized for extended periods of time. That's when the responsibility for her four siblings fell onto Pat's young shoulders and her childhood came to an abrupt end.

Through all the sacrifice and the loss of her youth, there were two things that got her through. They were long walks alone and, you guessed it, dancing. That explains the disco scene, doesn't it?

On the last day of last month, Pat celebrated her 60th birthday. She is now looking forward to her 40th wedding anniversary. She will celebrate with a Grand European River Cruise.

After her family, dancing remains one of her three greatest loves. With the arrival of two young grandsons, she considers every day a gift.

For Pat, love is a many splendored thing, and it looks like Cupid scored the trifecta.



Above, Pat (on the right) keeps a watchful eye over her four siblings. Below are Pat with David and Jessica in 1988.





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Knitting Club gets a new president and a new beneficiary - Shriners Children's Hospital

By Cheryl Butcher

It's a passing of the "hook" for the Knitting Group.

Helen Duranti is passing her leadership position on to another member. Helen has been a member of the Knitting Group for 28 years and leader for 23 of those years.

After all of those years, she feels it is time for the younger members to take over her duties and Theresa Mayne volunteered to assume them.

Theresa will now be responsible for delivering our completed projects to nursing homes and hospitals. She has already made several trips to nursing homes, and just before Christmas she delivered some special projects we whipped up fast for an orphanage.

The children there will enjoy the hats, scarves, ponchos and purses specially made for them.

Thank you, Helen, for all of those years of service. Your hard work and encouragement are deeply appreciated.

The Knitting Group is very pleased to welcome four new members this past month - Maureen Bjorgo, Ann Gullickson, Ida Slivensky and Betsy Perry.

It's nice to see new people have an interest in continuing our mission and keeping crocheting and knitting alive. We certainly appreciate their attendance and assistance.

This past month we also made our first deliv-



ery to our latest recipient. The Shriners Children's Hospital in Tampa received 21 hats, one headband, two scarves, and six lap robes. A member's husband volunteers at that hospital and facilitated that exchange. It's our hope the children can put those items to good use.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the East Activity Center Veranda Room at 9 a.m. every Wednesday.

While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them as well as Coffee Corner.



Former Knitting Club President Helen Duranti passes the office to new President Theresa Mayne. Helen has been active with On Top of the World knitters for 28 years.

OTOW residents invited to learn more about exotic fruits and vegetables

At TOPS, we don't just step on a scale.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is an international non-profit organization with a chapter here at On Top of the World.

The group tries to schedule speakers and recently even took a field trip.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, a guest from Publix will be at our meeting to introduce us to vegetables and fruits we might not be familiar with eating.

Anyone from the OTOW community is welcome to attend.

During other meetings, member volunteers provide us with nutritional information and weight loss tips.

Last month, a group of us took a tour of the Long Center in Clearwater. Our tour leader, Julie Schultz, informed us about many programs available there, including the Silver Sneakers, which is free to OTOW residents.

OTOW Tops members encourage



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each other to eat healthy and lose weight. We meet every Thursday morning, 10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room. We weigh in from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and our meetings start at 10:30 a.m. All



On Top of the World residents Katarina Tepesh, left, and Emily Destefano, right, get a tour of the Long Center from Julie Schultz.

OTOW residents are invited to attend. Margo at 727-791-6972 or Marge at 727-754-7290.
If you have any questions, contact

Not-very-romantic jokes for Valentine's Day

On Valentine's Day morning, Emma woke up from a dream.

She told her husband, Jim, "I just had a dream that you had given me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?"

Jim said, "You will know tonight."

That evening, Jim came home from work with a gift for Emma.

Delighted and excited, she opened it.

But once the wrapping paper was removed, Emma was left holding a book.

"What is this?" she said very disappointed.

"A book," Jim said. "The meaning of dreams."

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Mike walked into a post office and noticed a man sticking "love" stamps on 500 pink envelopes.

Then the man took out a perfume bottle and gave each envelope a squirt.

Mike asked the man, "What are you doing?"

"I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards," the man said.

"But why?" Mike asked.

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

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

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Jim asked his friend, Tony, if he had bought anything yet for his wife for Valentine's Day.

Tony said, "Yes. I bought her a belt and a bag."

"That was very kind of you," Jim said. "I hope she appreciates it."

"I hope so, too," Tony said. "It's been weeks since the rugs got vacuumed."

Roger was at a jewelry store in London preparing to pick up a Valentine's Day gift before flying home to the United States.

He picked out a beautiful, expensive bracelet.

"Would you like this bracelet engraved?" the lady behind the counter asked.

Roger thought for a moment and said, "Yes. Please engrave, 'To My One and Only.'"

"That's very romantic of you," the lady said.

"And very practical," Roger said. "I have a six-hour flight home to figure out which girlfriend to give it to."

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What do squirrels give their spouses on Valentine's Day?

"Forget-Me-Nuts."

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What did the Valentine's Day card say to the stamp?

"Stick with me and we'll go places."

--

What did the lightbulb say to the switch?

"You turn me on."

--

Why did the banana go out with a prune?

Because it couldn't get a date.

--

What is a ram's favorite romantic song?

"I only have eyes for ewe."

--

What can travel around the world without ever leaving a corner?

"A stamp."

--

Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

No. They never got a chance. They got in trouble after having an apple.

(Jokes taken from guy-sports.com. Some jokes were edited.)

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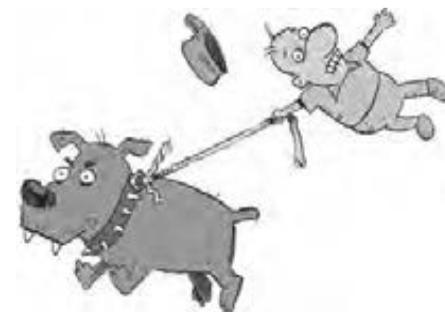
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Short and long cruises coming up this spring

By Tom Jamrozy

The On Top of the World Travel Club meeting in January was well attended with 71 members and guests viewing a slideshow presentation by Terri Mikszenas.

The presentation consisted of picture from a recent Nashville trip we took.

Closer to home, we had a wonderful day trip on the Calypso Queen, which included bus transportation, boat ride, buffet lunch and free drinks around Clearwater Harbor on a beautiful, sunny day.

We also took a seven-day cruise on Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas. We will report on that trip next month.

If you visit our sales table, you will see we are selling trips up to four months in advance. So stop by



in February and find out where we are going in March, April and May.

On Feb. 21, we are offering a day trip to the Babcock Wilderness Ranch in Punta Gorda and on March 20 we are going on a Victory Casino Cruise, brought back by popular demand.

We will take a Mystery Train ride On April 12, followed by shopping at the Ellenton Outlet Mall.

On April 18, we will take a 17-day cruise with the Panama Canal

as the main highlight.

We also have our monthly Lunch Bunches available. We have the Bahama Breeze on Feb. 7, O'Keefe's on March 14 and Positano's on April 25.

Stop by the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to sign up.

We are collecting dues for 2018 so bring your OTOW Activity Card and \$10 to join our active club. Also, bring your ideas for trips that you want to see.

Consider running as an officer for the next term 2019-2020. This allows several months of available training for a smooth transition.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

It's only February, but New Year's Eve tickets are already selling fast

By Marvin Flam

Tickets for all of 2018's shows and dances are on sale now, including New Year's Eve 2018.

There are 15 shows and 14 dances scheduled.

Full season discounted show or dance ticket packages, 4-or-more discounted show or dance packages, and discounted full-table ticket packages for any show or dance, are available.

Individual show tickets are \$15 each and individual dance tickets are \$10 each, except New Year's Eve dance tickets which are \$30 each.

All shows are scheduled for Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. All dances are scheduled for Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Both shows and dances feature reserved seating. You can arrange for a group of friends or neighbors to attend these events together and have a fun night out. Party right in the East Activity Center. Make it truly a fun night out and bring snacks and beverages of your choice. Ice and coffee are provided. Please, check the dress code for each event.

Sunday-in-the-Park events start at 2 p.m. on Sundays in the EAC auditorium. They are free to OTOW residents, no tickets required. The seating is open. Professional entertainment and fun events are featured. Snacks and soda are provided. Bring cash to participate in the raffle drawing and go home a big winner.

We thank you for your support.

In response to your requests for 2018, we will be featuring both your favorite popular groups and new and exciting talent for our shows and dances.

If reserved seats for each event are



Residents were dressed up and smiling on New Year's Eve 2017. Already, the Entertainment Committee has sold a significant number of tickets for 2018. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

sold out, there will be no further ticket sales for that event either in advance or at the door.

Sellouts and near-sellout information will be announced in the EAC auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. You can call 727 449-9243 or email us at entcom2014@gmail.com for

more information.

Information is also on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732, or you can view information about future events by visiting the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorld-News.com.

Information is also posted on building bulletin boards.

The Entertainment Committee will be active in both upcoming theater shows. Watch for our sound and lightning crew, which will be providing microphone, music and lighting support for the Jesters and Theater Workshop.

See you at the next event.

The fun continues ... be a part of it.



An On Top of the World favorite, The Marlins, performed in the East Activity Center auditorium in mid-January. They performed hits from the '70s and '80s. There was even an attempt to duplicate Jerry Lee Lewis' dancing on the piano stunt. Check out the February schedule for something you might like to attend. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

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New members love our league

Ladies 18 Hole

By Pat Cassidy

New members appreciate the friendliness of the On Top of the World 18-Hole Ladies Golf League.

Joy Ray, originally from Rockford, Ill., spent the past 20 years in Sarasota, but moved a tad north to be closer to her sons. Besides joining us, she has signed up for Lawn Bowling, Theater Workshop and the Travel Club.

Gwen Wyer, who just moved down from Wolverine, Mich., said she has felt so welcome.

Verna Lundgren hails from Big Lake, Minn. This is her third year in Florida, but her first at OTOW. She is delighted with all the activities available.

Suellen Dowe said she looks forward to playing on Tuesdays. She enjoys the friendly camaraderie.

Want to join us? Call Membership Chairman Sheila Meneilly at 723-9470.

Terry Kuplen, our Jack & Jill Tournament chairperson, said everything is gear-



Pictured above are new members Joy Ray, Gwen Wyer and Verna Lundgren.

ing up to be a fun tournament day. If you are looking for a partner, check behind the bulletin board for a list of Jacks looking for a Jill, but hurry, the last day to sign up

is Feb. 6.

When the handicaps are computed at the end of the each month, the handicap committee may rebalance the flights if

necessary. Be sure to check your flight at the beginning of the month.

The next golf clinic will be Wednesday, Feb 7. Long irons and fairway woods will be covered. If you are interested, be sure to reserve your space by calling Pat Cassidy, 725-2187.

Weekly awards for Dec.19 include Maureen Stewart A Flight leader with a 61, followed by Gloria Sayer with 64 and Donna Osborn with 65. B Flight had Sherry Ivey and Carol Lacey tie with 60, and Dorothy Graham and Debbie Figaski tie with 61, followed by Jacque Dolan with 62. C Flight had Karen Oshona lead with a 56, followed by Suellen Dowe with 59 and Rose Mulhall with 66.

On Dec 26, A Flight had Christine Miller lead with a 67, followed by Maureen Stewart with 68 and Donna Osborne with 69. Sherry Ivey lead B Flight with a 57, followed by Maria Belliveau with a 64, and Dorothy Graham and Katie Quelch tied with 68s. C Flight had Gail DuCharme lead with a 63, followed by Rose Mulhall with a 68 and Suellen Dowe with a 70.

Jan. 2 was frozen out, and Jan.9 was rained out.

Jack & Jill Golf Tournament



Tuesday, Feb. 13
Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.
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Thursday Golf League members know golf balls will not travel as far if they are too cold

Cooler weather arrived in January and with it came unique challenges for an already difficult game.

Swinging a golf club in heavy clothing isn't easy. Try layering your clothes and removing the most restricting when making a shot.

Consider wearing two gloves. Winter golf gloves are available. Keep your golf ball warm, keep it in your pocket while waiting to tee off. Golf balls don't travel as far in cold weather, so don't be afraid to hit an extra club or two, they will be needed.

Another way to make the game easier is to take advantage of the free golf clinics offered by our own resident PGA teaching professional, Harry Barbin.

Harry will offer these clinics to all On Top of the World residents on Feb. 6 and 13. They will take place from 3-4 p.m. at the nine hole course practice area.

The first clinic will cover chipping and the second clinic will be on the full swing. The clinics have been well received and Harry is a knowledgeable and patient instructor.

Our league continues to add new members and the golfing has been very competitive.

Week five champion was Dan Hyden. Ron Reeves placed second. Bruce MacPherson took third place and low gross. Skins were taken by Bo Craddock, Harry Barbin, Pat Eastman, Steve Caffey, Angelo Santucci, Willie Roos and Bruce MacPherson. The long drive winners were Pat Eastman, Fred Schick, Gary Sandine and Mike Marsh. Bill Gambacurta was closest to the pin.

Jerry Fugatt was the week six winner. Bill Gambacurta was second and Ada Culbertson placed third. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Pat Eastman, Don Leamy and Bo Craddock all collect-

Thursday Golf

ed a skin. Pat Eastman, Willie Roos, Bill Gambacurta and Mike Marsh were the long drivers. Pat Eastman was closest to the pin.

First place in week seven was won by Mike Dietterich. CJ Messina was second and Harry Barbin took third place and low gross. Bruce MacPherson, Dan Hyden, Don Baker and Willie Roos all collected one skin each.

Week eight was a departure from regular play. The league played a two-person scramble called a Shamble. The winning team of David Rodgers and Fred Schick were +16. The second place team of Pat Eastman and Bill Higgins recorded +14. Jim Keagy and Bob Hunt were third at +13. Harry Barbin and Mike Dietterich were fourth at +10.

The league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league. You don't have to join to try us out, just show up and you will be welcomed.

Players must sign in between 9:15 and 9:45 am and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

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

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com.



It takes quite a bit of time to organize a golf tournament. Above, committee members go over plans prior to last month's Shamble Tournament.

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Challenge is on this month to crown 2018 Club Champion

Men's Golf League

The Men's Golf Association held its annual membership meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and many discussions took place.

New President Lester Whynot was in attendance to answer questions and the meeting went great.

Listed below are our schedule of events for all of 2018.

Our two-day club championship will be Feb. 7-8. There is no regular league play and the tournament is for members only.

Rain dates are Feb. 14-15.

Everyone plays both days. Score is based on total score for both rounds. Low gross will be the club champion and low net will be the low net champion. Lowest net scores in each flight are flight champions.

The only other event in February is the Jack & Jill Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 13, sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League. This is a shotgun start with picnic lunch after play. The rain date is Feb. 20.

Two events in March – first, our annual awards luncheon. This will take place Wednesday, March 7, noon, in the East Activity Center auditorium. There is no league play this day. The Irish Club Parade



The Men's Golf Association board answers questions during its meeting on Jan. 9.

is Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m.

On April 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19 we will have regular play with 8:30 a.m. shotgun starts.

On May 16 and Oct. 17 we will hold a "3 Clubs and A Putter Tournament." Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. Food and beverages after the event.

On June 20 we will hold a four-man scramble, shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. and on July 18 we will hold a Stableford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

The annual Guys and Dolls Tournament will take place Wednesday, Nov. 14

at 8:30 a.m. with a rain date of Nov. 21. This tournament offers cash rewards. Sign-up sheets will be available closer to tournament month.

And the annual Christmas Tournament will be a four-person scramble on Wednesday, Dec. 12 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Golf may be their special lady friend for music, dancing, food and adult beverages.

The dates listed are subject to change by the Men's Golf Association and On Top of the World Golf Course Management.

Most cash awards will be added into and paid out with your 2018 award money. Every effort will be made to assure all members will be able to participate in all special activities.

As in any successful organization, active participation by all members is needed. We are extremely grateful to the members who volunteer for the numerous tasks that make our association successful. We are always in need of additional volunteers.

'I heard the ping!'

Merry Christmas hole-in-one



Christmas came early for On Top of the World golfer Cher Rousseau.

On Christmas Eve, on hole No. 4, Cher used her driver and watched her orange ball reach the green.

The ball rolled onto the green, rolled across the green, then disappeared.

There was a pinging noise, the flag took a tiny shake and then rest was left to the imagination.

Upon reviewing the hole, Cher discovered she had just recorded her first career hole-in-one.

"I heard the ping," she said. "It was so exciting."

Witnessing the ace were Peter Rousseau and Mike Fahmey.

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Sunday, February 25

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The next Bingo Marathon will be Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018. Tickets are on sale during Bingo on Monday evenings in the East Activity Center auditorium. You can also buy tickets at our table, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the auditorium.

Doors Open
10:30 am
Bingo Starts
At Noon



OTOW softball players look like all-stars with 2nd Time Sports providing new uniform shirts

Softball

By Bob Rittner

If you see someone in a spiffy blue shirt with our On Top of the World softball logo on it, feel free to compliment him on his sense of style and ask about the new sponsor on the shirt.

The sponsor is 2nd Time Sports, which buys, refurbishes and sells sports equipment, and has a mission to be a community-based business.

2nd Time Sports has donated time and equipment to many local organizations, particularly those that benefit children. Their sponsorship of On Top of the World softball is part of that overall approach, helping local people enjoy health, exercise and the pleasures of an active life.

We thank them for their sponsorship.

Blue Jays 16

2nd Time Sports 5

Speed kills.

So when Ray Woolsey, Frank Brown, Gary Anderson, Paul Fice and Eddie Ramirez hit, what appear to be routine grounders, they often open a big inning with a hustling single.

Ray had a perfect five-hit day, including an inside-the-park homer. Lenny Segall, Joni Edwall and Reggie Phelan had four hits each and Frank, Gary and Paul each had three singles driving in runs or setting up Eddie, Rick Champ and Dick LeTourneau to drive them in.

The score was just 7-5 after five innings, but the Jays scored in every inning, but one, to run away with the game.

Guy Bertuzzi had the best effort in the loss with four hits, including two doubles.

2nd Time Sports 14

Blue Jays 12

Unusual plays are usual in baseball.

There was an out when Reggie Phelan kicked the ball to Henry Zussman at first.

There was a triple play of third (Jim Kemp) to catcher (Guy Bertuzzi) to first (Ray Woolsey).

There was an inside-the-park homer by Jim Kemp, who took advantage of a



Pictured above are members of the On Top of the World softball league showing off their new uniform shirts. The logo is in the bottom left corner. The sponsor is 2nd Time Sports.

loose ball in the infield.

And the Jays almost overcame a 12-4 deficit in the eighth inning, scoring four runs in each of the last two innings. The potential tying run was left at the plate.

2nd Time Sports 10

Blue Jays 8

Down 8-5 in the top of the ninth inning, 2nd Time Sports scored five times, on eight consecutive hits, including Gary Anderson and Guy Bertuzzi doubles.

With the bases loaded, and one out in the bottom of the inning, 2nd Time Sports held the Jays scoreless.

Paul Fice starred at third base with great range and quick reflexes, and Bob Fields played a pristine second base. Our newest player, Wayne Pall, played first impeccably.

The play of the game was a pop-up in front of the plate that catcher Rick Champ lunged for and caught.

There were four-hit days from Guy,

Jim Tiano and Jim Kemp, while Lenny Segall clubbed five hits. The longest hit was Paul's triple.

2nd Time Sports 7

Blue Jays 6

This game was close primarily due to the defensive brilliance of second baseman Allan Bendert.

Allan had four assists and five put-outs, one going back on a twisting fly into short right, accounting for three innings of outs.

Allan's long triple drove in the first Jays' run. Rick Metzger added a two-run homer, but the team's efforts could not overcome Guy Bertuzzi's five-hit day or Joe Maley's, Reggie Phelan's and Lenny Segall's power.

2nd Time Sports 7

Blue Jays 6

Rick Champ capped his five-hit day

by driving in the winner in the top of the ninth inning after the Jays tied the game with a four-run eighth inning, highlighted by Jim Kemp's two-run triple.

Spectacular shortstop play by Gary Anderson kept the Jays at bay all game. Phil Goodwin helped keep the game close with two fine outfield catches and a throw from center to first to nab a surprised runner.

Blue Jays 9

2nd Time Sports 6

An early five-run lead proved insurmountable, although 2nd Time Sports had the tying run at the plate with two outs in the ninth inning.

Bill Lepping caught a towering fly ball in deep center to end the game.

Hitting stars included Joe Maley for 2nd Time Sports, with seven screaming liners for hits, and Gary Anderson and Jeff Fice each had six hits for the Jays.



Do you have a suggestion for the Entertainment Committee?

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OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com - Click the Box Office - Visit 'Club Pages'



SPORTS

Past Presidents Dinner set for Feb. 22

'Best time of the year' is when weather warms up for lawn bowlers

By Bob Laplante

February is already the mid-point of the season for most Snowbirds. We have to originate a name for this auspicious time of the year.

How about "Battle of Midway?"

Nope, already taken.

"Hump Month?"

Nope, too close to Wednesday, better known as hump day.

Until someone comes up with something better, I think we will use, "Best time of the year."

After all, that frigid January weather is over and we will not have to cancel any other events due to cold.

The schedule of events at On Top of the World becomes packed as every group is finalizing projects or plans.

The great majority of residents and Snowbirds are here, ready to participate and have fun. Granted, some are taking advantage of the proximity to activities that make Clearwater a great winter destination, such as cruises or local entertain-

Lawn Bowl

ment activities.

Lawn Bowlers are no different from the general population. We love a full calendar of fun times.

Our January mixed pairs tournament was cancelled due to the extreme cold and will be rescheduled to a date to be determined. However, there will be three major club tournaments during the month of February as well our main social event of the season.

The Canadian Club will hold its annual tournament on Feb. 6 for players who are members of both their club and the Lawn Bowls Club. We will also hold our Valentine's Day Tournament on Feb. 14, which will be followed by a luncheon. The third tournament will be the 4-3-2-1 tournament on Feb. 20 and 21 for teams of three.

The annual dinner dance, in honor of our past presidents, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22.

As a club that focuses on play and having fun, the theme of this year's dinner event is "Memories of Florida."

Dress is encouraged to reflect your fond memories of your time spent in this fun city and state. Buccaneer, Lightning or any other team wear would be appropriate. Perhaps for you, pirate outfits left over from Gasparilla, cruise or even beach wear would be a choice.

Do you happen to have Mickey or Minnie ears, or perhaps a Harry Potter outfit that you thought that you would never have a chance to wear?

Think again!

The key is to wear something that brings you fond memories of Florida.

The menu, catered by Felice's, includes a cold appetizer table, baked ziti, BBQ pulled pork, shrimp salad, chicken picata, roast potato and coffee or tea. As a BYOB event, libations will be at your

discretion.

Music will be provided by Ward Hemmond, a DJ who really is familiar with OTOW tastes in dance music.

The annual dinner dance is open to all residents of OTOW and their guests. Tickets are \$23 and may be obtained from Barb Lenzi at 754-4278 or on any morning by leaving your name and number at the Lawn Bowls court next to the East Activity Center.

Tables of eight may be reserved. Regardless, sit with your old friends or come and meet your new best friends.

For anyone interested in trying lawn bowling to see if it is a possible activity for you, show up at the greens by 9:15 a.m. on any day that there is not a tournament. A member will be assigned to you to guide you through the rules and methods of play. All that you need is footwear that does not have heels or pronounced treads. Give it a try, you may find that you really like it!

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BUILDING REPORTS



Bonnie and Sean Matyjasiak saw a lovely wedding chapel on a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., in the early 1990s and decided to build a similar one in Eustis, Fla. It opened in June, 1996, just in time for bridal season.

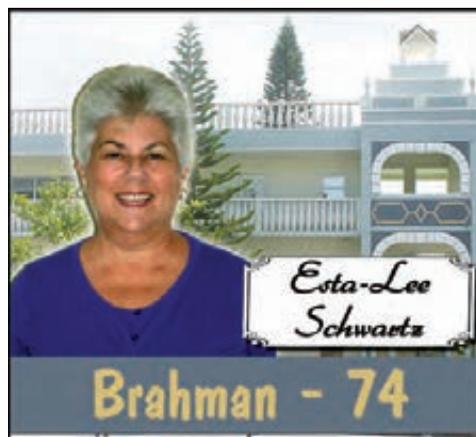
Featured residents have plenty of hospitality experience managing several motels and even a wedding chapel

Welcome Bonnie and Sean Matyjasiak to the Brahman Building. They moved in on June 29, 2017, and met originally in Poland. They have been married for 31 years.

Both of them are very creative, entrepreneurial people. Their apartment is filled with beautiful paintings from a famous Polish artist.

Bonnie and her husband are very active and have enjoyed taking part in many things offered here at On Top of the World. They are very positive and uplifting.

Bonnie came to New York from Poland in 1964 and lived there for 26 years. Then Bonnie moved to Marianna,



Fla., and became a motel owner for three years. She then moved back to New York in 1979.

Sean and Bonnie were married in 1987.

After Sean came to New York, Bonnie and Sean were asked by a friend if they wanted to manage a motel in Tavares, Fla. They did this for 12 years.

While on a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., they spotted a beautiful wedding chapel. Bonnie fell in love with it and Sean promised to build one in Eustis, Fla., in 1992. It was opened on June 15, 1996.

Sean, being so handy, became the maintenance director and also was a photographer.

Bonnie served as the wedding

coordinator and handled obtaining the ministers, limo services and where to place the couple for the most perfect pictures.

Bonnie and Sean took floral classes to learn how to make centerpieces and decorations for the chapel. Once they moved to OTOW, they continued to make their home a lovely cozy place with beautiful swags and silk designs for the walls.

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New residents have already remodeled

Emerald Isle is once again fortunate to have a very talented and upbeat couple as its newest permanent residents.

Hailing from Eureka, Mo., Marge and Bill Gipperich have completely remodeled their first-floor condo, inside and out, creating a space worthy of an entry in "House Beautiful."

They came to On Top of the World initially to visit other friends from the same neighborhood in Missouri and were really taken by what this community has to offer: the weather, great value for your investment, golf, and friends.

Marge's career in the mortgage industry in Missouri spanned 30 years. Since this sort of work is very exacting, Marge craved a more creative outlet and found it in interior design.

Marge was also active in real estate sales in Missouri, eventually establishing her own company which, for 13 years, was active in originating mortgages.

Meanwhile, Bill was busy at the Pepsi Cola plant in St. Louis working his way up the corporate ladder at various jobs including bottling, quality control, and lab work, eventually ending at the top in management.

All the decorating ideas and planning,



down to the square inch, were done by Marge who drew up the specifications on graph paper.

Her plans were followed meticulously by her contractors, who completely renovated and redesigned the existing unit leaving an open, contemporary floor plan. And they've only been here since September!

Her current interest in antique glass arose from helping her daughter in estate sales. Marge has an online store on eBay where she sells linens, glass, china and pottery, all a tribute to her creative eye.

Their kitchen would make Julia Child do a double-take. It is the heart of their



Emerald Isle featured residents Marge and Bill Gipperich, along with their Schnauzer, Abby, have lived at OTOW since September.

(Photo by Sue Naylor)

very welcoming home, a place to entertain friends, and, no doubt, turn out many gourmet dinners.

Overseeing all of the hustle and bustle has been Abby, their 2-1/2-year-old Schnauzer.

Emerald Isle is happy to welcome them all!

Building VP is also accomplished artist

We all know John Fier as the Espana vice president, but very few know that he is the instructor of the On Top of the World Drawing Class which is sponsored by the OTOW Art Guild.

When John first moved to OTOW he joined the Art Guild and posed as a model for a portrait class. He then became a student and then fell in love with sketching portraits of live models.

John has now been the instructor of this class for the past six years. His class consists of somewhere between 10 and 20 students depending on the Snowbird population.

While the curriculum still includes portrait work, the course studies include a full variety of subjects and techniques, all with graphite pencils.

John stated that all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Drawing Class is held at 1 p.m. in the East Activities Center Art Room every Thursday during the season. The only prerequisite is membership in the OTOW Art Guild.



If you are interested in attending, please contact John.

We have new residents in the north-west wing of the Espana. They are Melanie and Tom Harmon. Originally Melanie was from New York and Tom was in the service in Denver, Colo., where they met.

After they married, Tom worked for General Motors in Dayton, Ohio, and Melanie as a nurse.

Melanie worked as a nurse at Sun Coast Hospice until the spring of 2013. They have two sons: one is currently a pilot with Delta Airlines and the younger son once played for the Philadelphia Eagles.

They had relatives in the Clearwater area and in 2004 they purchased a condo on the east side of OTOW. They occasionally came to the west side to walk around the lake, looking at the Espana Building and feeling it was the best building for them with its fantastic view. When a condo, with a lake view became available, they were quick to purchase it.

We welcome you to the Espana and we know you will enjoy living here.

Since many residents do not have a computer, they learn about new residents from the Espana news article. The Espana no longer has individual wing representatives, so I am asking for your help. If you happen to know of a new resident, please contact me.

My number is in the Espana phone directory. Thanks for your help.

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New neighbors come from Miami to settle at OTOW

Ah, February, the "C" month for Cupid, candy and candlelight dinners. Best make those reservations now.

Welcome to our new neighbors, the Cativchis. This delightful couple comes to us by way of Miami, where they have family. Janet is originally from Columbia. They are a nice addition to our building.

Roger Arnold and Sue Connell finally got back to swaying palms after their adventures in the blizzard of 2018. They sat on a jet for hours (it never took off), slept in the Newark airport, and finally got a cab to Sue's home in New Jersey to dig out her car and drive south.

From all reports, the Gala at the East Activity Center was a huge success. Of course, with Karen and Kirk Saffee involved it would be. Had the opportunity to sample some of Karen's baking and Kirk's cooking. Their talents are amazing.

Our son Mike won first place in the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce firework photo contest New Year's Eve. Mike and fiancée Colleen McGarry were in Maui Hawaii during the false missile alert. Never a dull moment for those two.

The pool is open and what a therapeutic delight it is. Everyone is pleased with the appearance but especially the added warmth for older joints. Along with new facing, the heaters are working great.

Polar Bears aquatic aerobics led by our classy, mamma bear, Elsie Jane Anderson, swim daily if the air temperature is 62 degrees or more.

Our winter captain, Howard Rochte, plans on a building meeting this month to discuss, among other things, holiday lighting, the elevator and new drainage. Look for date and time information on the core bulletin board. These meetings



Eric and Janet Cativchi, our new neighbors at Viennese Villa. (Photo by Hal Fairfield)

are important so please try and attend. Dues remain \$10 per unit and can be paid at the meeting.

Please be sure the rubbish room door is completely closed when leaving. This will keep unwanted critters from taking up residence and unwanted aromas from wafting through the core and to first floor residents.

Birthday and anniversary greetings to all February celebrants.

Any news fit to print, just send it to Fresca@maine.rr.com.



A look back at the OTOW News (February, 1993)

- **Florida State Fair bus trip:** At the State Fair, we've got it all! Cracker Country, Craft Center, Commercial Exhibit Buildings and Competitive Exhibit Buildings plus headline entertainment! You'll also be able to witness the "Florida Ice Sensation" starring Randy Gardner and Tai Babilonia. All shows are included with gate admission.
- **Art Guild presents watercolor demonstration:** Come and watch award-winning watercolorist Dr. Joe Robinson create a beautiful painting in about an hour's time. This popular teacher and producer of instructional videos will show how anyone can learn to paint professional quality paintings, using a few simple-to-understand rules. His teaching has taken him from the Florida Keys to Canada. East Activity Center, Sunday Feb. 14, 1993, at 2 p.m.
- **Great Lakes Club dinner party:** Date: Friday, Feb. 26, 1993. Place: East Activity Center, 5:30 p.m. BYOB cocktails at 6 p.m. Turkey dinner. Entertainment following dinner. Cost is \$9 for members. Hosts are Don and Joan Mueller.
- **Commodore Computer Club:** Provided there is sufficient interest by residents, the Commodore Computer Club will present another series of three weekly, two-hour programs. The series is non-technical in nature and is directed toward those who wonder how a home computer could fit into their lives. Call if interested.
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Featured resident found his true calling in academia

Stuart Itzkowitz moved into the Baghdad Building almost two years ago, but many neighbors may not recognize him since he's a part-time Snowbird resident.

Stu and I chatted for almost two hours the other day. Besides me finding him such a fascinating person, we shared a few interests — mystery books by Dan Brown (although Stu enjoys many more mystery writers) and Paris — visiting Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the unusual Père Lachaisè cemetery (which seems more like a gravesite museum for famous writers, artists and singers such as Oscar Wilde, Modigliani, and the American singer, Jim Morrison). We also enjoy French pastries!

Although Stu is originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Detroit, Mich., after earning a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Binghamton University.

Once in Michigan, he stayed. He later earned two master's degrees, one in Biology



and the other in Counseling. He didn't stop there; he completed his studies by earning a Doctorate in Counseling Education. And while studying, Stu did what he enjoyed: teaching and counseling students.

And although Stu worked at several universities during his career, he spent

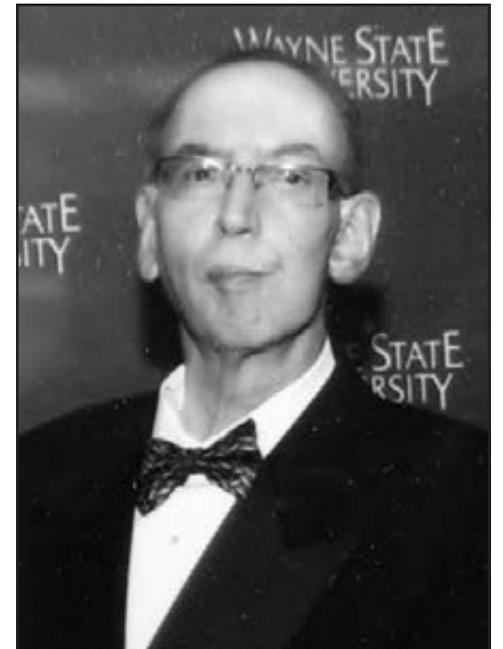
his last 29 years at Wayne State, where he advised, admitted graduate students and taught Counselor Education until he retired in 2014.

I asked Stu about his hobbies and he said, "reading and traveling."

When Stu was a young child, he saw photos and pictures of the Eiffel Tower. So, once he finally stood near the top floor of the tower overlooking the city of Paris, it was a dream come true.

When visiting Istanbul, Stu visited the both the Blue Mosque and the Topkapi Palace, built in 1459 where a sultan lived with his harem.

But according to Stu, an Alaska cruise topped everything. The pristine Alaskan terrain was gorgeous, and he had a great appreciation for the wildlife that he had a chance to see. The highlight of the Alaska trip was walking on a glacier after being flown in a helicopter!



Baghdad featured resident Stuart Itzkowitz.



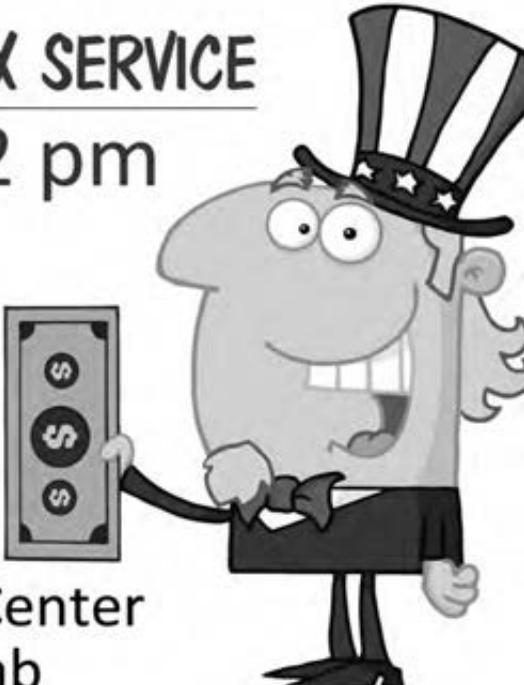
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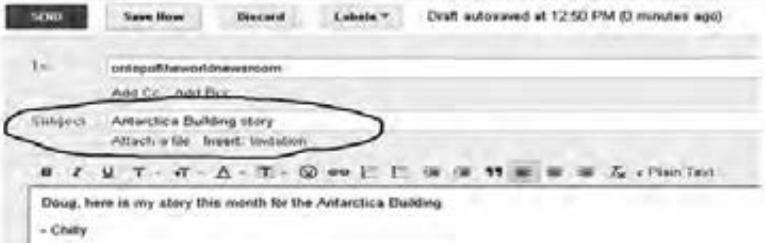
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Before you turn onto Belcher Road, make sure no one is in the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right of way.



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Typical "No Soliciting" sign to discourage salespeople from attempting to gain entry.

This policy is posted at every entrance to our campus.

There has been an uptick of salespeople soliciting business in Austrian Alpine and in other buildings. We have had salespeople knocking on doors as they try to sell us health insurance policies, replacement windows and more.

If someone comes to your door trying to sell you something, trying to get information from you or attempting to gain entry into your unit, call the Pinellas County Sheriff non-emergency number: 727-582-6200.

Austrian Alpine resident Jan Stiffler made NO SOLICITING signs for us to put in our front windows. Door-to-door

salespeople will get the point that there is a "no-soliciting" policy. The Pinellas County Sheriff's number is on the back of the sign so it can be seen through your window.

Businesses and individuals are also soliciting if they place ads on buildings' bulletin boards. Bulletin board space is reserved for club news, building news, On Top of the World news, Parkway Maintenance information and building social events. Check it often.

Of course, many items and services are advertised in the OTOW News if you need to contact a reputable business.

Don't forget our storage room clean-up event will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 2-4 p.m.

With our holiday fun and food in the past, Austrian Alpine residents are exercising at the gym, walking, swimming, biking and just plain enjoying our beautiful home here.

There are many new residents in our building, so our newest phone list will be out soon. Please introduce yourselves to our new neighbors, many of whom have friendly and furry companions.

As you know, there is a "no soliciting" policy at On Top of the World.

Welcome to these new Azores residents

It's a new year and the Azores Building welcomes a new resident, Peter "Pete" Caffentzis.

Holding a Ph.D. in Social Psychology, "Dr. Pete" specialized in Applied Behavioral Science. He eventually owned his own company, Executive Change, focused on executive out-placement. His work brought him to Florida in 1973.

Pete started out as a resident of Clearwater Beach, long before it became "Collins Avenue North," and you could actually see the beach and gulf from the street.

He later moved to South Belcher Road. Pete eventually settled here with us.

Pete is a practitioner of Vipassana, a form of Buddhist meditation which is centered and focused on remaining in the present. Peter does not hold sessions in his condo.

More newcomers: Celeste and Kelly Fitzgerald have moved permanently into Kelly's mother's and aunt's former apartment due to Kelly's retirement. Welcome to you both!

Denise Foley brought down her



brother, Frank, from Massachusetts to spend the winter with her, golfing and "beaching it."

Our Southern belle, Peggie Longfellow, returned from welcoming in 2018 in North Carolina with a big bang, literally. Her neighbors set up their used Christmas trees on an abandoned runway "decorated" with fireworks. At midnight, each tree was set ablaze causing the fireworks to explode with huge booms.... I wonder if the local Fire Department is aware of this tradition?

Carl Maietta returned from spending the holidays "up North" in St. Augustine enjoying all that America's First City has to offer.

Kay Spencer celebrated an unnamed "milestone" birthday with a party that included her daughter and grandson, who flew in from Longmont, Colo. They were joined by her son and his partner. Although a little bittersweet, Kay had a wonderful time and feels very blessed.

Bob Kelly celebrated 80 years young with 30 friends and relatives at the Crooked Thumb Brewery in Safety Harbor. He also learned how to turn on his thermostat to the heat setting for the first time in nine years!

Speaking of birthdays, please remember to sing, or at least hum, that special ditty to Doug Brinkerhoff on Feb. 5; William Randolph, Feb. 14; Mike Drutman, Feb. 19; and Peggie Longfellow, Feb. 20.

This month I celebrate my first anniversary as Azores' building reporter. Thank you to everyone who provided me material during the past year.

Happy Valentine's Day!



New reporters are also new co-coordinators

According to several Rizal Building residents, it has been a few years since they have had an active building coordinator.

Well, that changed last fall when new On Top of the World residents Mike and Charlie Wood assumed the responsibility as co-coordinators.

Originally from Rochester, N.Y., via Austin, Texas, for the last 15 years, Mike and Charlie jumped right in by running a building meet-n-greet and organizing the Rizal building holiday decoration day.

"The meet-n-greet and decorating day were huge successes," Mike told the OTOW News. "We had great turnouts. All of the residents with whom Charlie and I spoke were very excited to have us serving as the co-coordinators. We're looking forward to great things for the Rizal building's future."

Mike and Charlie plan on personally visiting every Rizal resident over the next few weeks so that they can put faces to names and meet the seasonal residents.

If you live in or rent a condo in the Rizal building (#18), Mike and Charlie have created an e-mail address for the residents to use if they need to contact Mike and Charlie for any reason.

Mike and Charlie are in the process of creating an e-mail communication system for the building as well, that will include all the Rizal building owners and residents.

If you didn't get the recent survey and general information Rizal page, please email Mike and Charlie and they'll get one out to you. The email address is rizal.otow@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!

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Retired reporter takes over the reins for a month

I'm baaaaaack! (but only temporarily.) I retired as the Chetnik building reporter two years ago after 20 years of writing.

Bill Jacobs, who replaced me, was doing a great job until he decided his wanderlust was beckoning him to move to New Mexico. Now we are not sure if he is moving this time, because he told me that he would do the March column.

The reason why I took up my pen again is because there is so much activity in the building to be reported.

Over the holidays, Betty Mc Kay had her family here all at one time. Her daughter Jane and son John stayed with her, while her granddaughter Elizabeth and her husband, Luis, with their 10-month-old baby, stayed at a condo at Innisbrook. Luis is an international lawyer in D.C.

Betty has a very academic family, as I had once mentioned before. Daughter Jane and granddaughter Elizabeth both have Ph.D.'s in Education. Elizabeth runs a Charter School in D.C.

Grandson John teaches English in South America.

Betty's other daughter, Ann, raises Appaloosa horses in South Bend, Ind. She also works in a lab reading cellular slides.

Phil Meissner drove up to be with his brother and family in Pennsylvania for the holidays. He said the drive home on I-95 was ghastly.

My husband, John, stayed home, and I flew to Bethlehem, Pa., to attend my cousin Camille's 100th birthday celebration at the Saucon Valley Country Club.



For years she was president of the Trans Bridge Tour Bus Lines in Bethlehem, after her father passed. She had been his secretary, and easily took over to manage the 50 tour buses.

Her two sons now run the business, although I hear that twice a week, at this venerable age, she drives over to the garage and checks up on things.

The building business meeting and pizza feast was well-attended. Details will be in the March column.

Jane Lessor had her kitchen and bathroom redone. I stopped by to see them, and especially like the kitchen marble top bar. The whole condo is so light and cheery. Her beautiful light orange cat, Tommy, was very friendly with me. Jane was amazed because normally Tommy ignores visitors. I think she suspects I am a "cat whisperer."

John and I wish you all a healthy and joyous New Year, and a happy Valentine's Day to all you sweethearts!

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OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, March 22 & 23, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room

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Driver's license number: _____

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You must bring a check for \$15 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.

Dumpster will be on hand for unwanted items

It is an honor to be the new reporter for the Rila Renaissance Building. Arlene Bergen, our last reporter, has left enormous shoes to fill.

I hope all of you will help by letting me know about the exciting trips and cruises you go on, visits from and to your family, etc., and of course the bench mark events in your life. Examples would be events such as new additions to your families, special birthdays and of course those rare hole-in-ones on the golf course!

It is time to spruce up our storage rooms and our condos with a little early spring cleaning.

Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, will have a dumpster in front of her unit during the first week of February. All of us are asked to go through our space in the storage rooms and clean them out. We can throw anything into the dumpster including electronics and items we cannot throw away in our garbage room.

All Gerri is asking is that we make a donation toward the cost of the dumpster. We hope everyone will take



advantage of this opportunity get a head start on their spring cleaning.

As Arlene reported last month, our building got into the holiday festivities by decorating the building. We continued the festivities by going on a buffet lunch/ sightseeing cruise on the Calypso Queen which departed from the Clearwater Marina.

Maybe next year we can schedule the dinner/dance cruise for our Christmas party. Let us know what you think.



Loch Lomond residents enjoy a recent well-attended lunch at Johnny's Italian Restaurant.

Time to start thinking about 'spring cleaning'

Happy New Year 2018! After a blustery beginning to the New Year, here we are in February, the time of year that we are happy to be in Florida and not in still-frozen parts of the world.

It's storage room clean-out time! In that brief space between the glow of the holidays and sweet thoughts of Valentine's Day, let's turn our attention briefly to spring cleaning.

Careful attention to items in the storeroom is important. All residents must label items with name and unit number. Blue or green painters' tape is recommended.

We will organize a one-time Salvation Army pickup in March, so be prepared to bring unwanted but useable items to the first floor. Notices will be placed on the bulletin board for this purpose. Keep watching the bulletin board for other announcements as they come up.

In addition, the bike room needs another clean-out.

Thanks to Phil Woods for diligently



handling the phone and mailbox updates. Good job, all, for enduring the inconvenience of parking hither and yon, during roofing renovations.

Twenty residents gathered at Johnny's Italian Restaurant on SR 590 on Dec. 14 for a delicious lunch — our chance to share camaraderie, launch the holiday season and be home before dark!

Have a sweet Valentine's Day!

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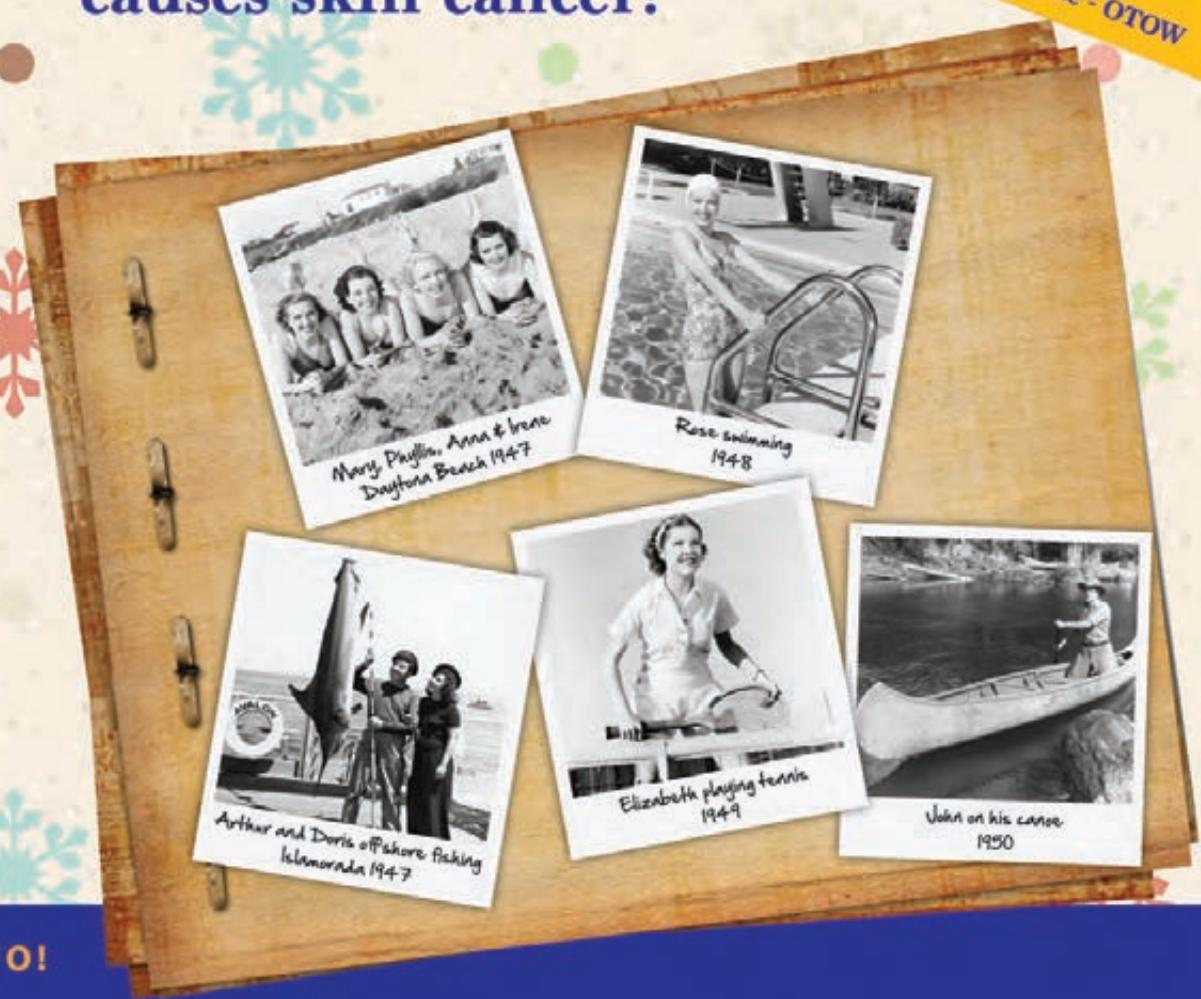
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1949

John on his canoe
1950

Viking resident expresses herself in unique art form

Individual creativity can express itself in many forms and media. It could be shown in dance, music, or art.

Viking resident Eileen Maher has found a unique way to join the latter two in her mixed-media piece, "The Cello."

The overall size, 30 by 40 inches, grabs you first. Then, as you explore the objects in the painting, you realize that they are not just painted on the canvas.

The wooden body dominates the work. Its shape and texture are distinct. The strings travel up the neck while an actual bow sits diagonally across the instrument. Your eyes take in the whole composition as all the parts come together.

Eileen researches different subjects as part of her creative process. For works like this she makes a template, visualizes the final version, and then determines what materials and techniques she will need to complete it.

Selecting, cutting, preparing, staining, arranging, and attaching the wood to the canvas, is a precise and time-consuming task.

This piece was part of a group of works of different musical instruments, including piano keyboards and guitars with musical notes.

Eileen also works with somewhat



more conventional subjects and materials, using acrylics as her medium.

What is most remarkable is that other than an art class in high school where she was introduced to different art techniques and discovered she had a talent for it, she has had no formal art training or education. "I'm basically self-taught, with a lot of trial and error," she said.

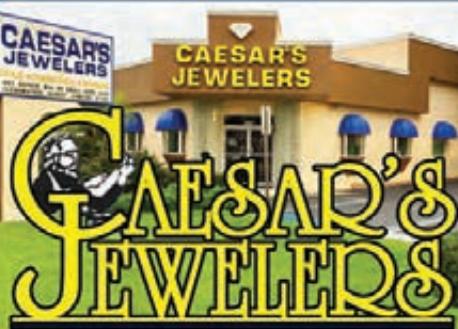
Eileen is currently beginning work on a very ambitious project. She likes the challenge of taking new approaches and tackling new subjects.

She would like to display her work at coming art shows. She likes that her work is different. Her philosophy is, "Why do what everyone else is doing?"



Viking resident and artist Eileen Maher poses with her mixed-media work, "The Cello." (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

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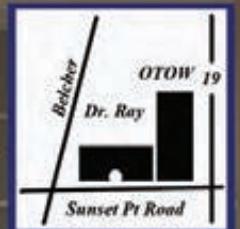
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New Year started off with active month for Bohemians

Rainer Maria Rilke, a Bohemian poet, once wrote, "And now we welcome the New Year. Full of things that have never been." His verse is what awaits our Bohemia building.

We had an industrious beginning with our annual building business meeting which included the election of our officers for the year. Following on the heels of that meeting was the yearly social committees development of an event calendar.

Bohemia residents and their friends attended Tampa Bay Downs for a day at the races. This yearly occurrence is one of the most highly anticipated events.

It seems though, that the participants have a more difficult time selecting who will be photographed in the winner's circle than making bets on their favorite mount!

Maria and John Denehan were very wise in selecting the dates for their annual cruise with friends. It is as if they knew what week the cold front would pass through. Next year we may all seek their advice.

The walking group girls decided to visit the Safety Harbor Library in late January to meet author Tim Dorsey, who is on tour introducing his newest book, "The Pope of Palm Beach."

This local writer's thrillers are fun to read, since it is easy for us to identify many of our favorite haunts in his selections.



We feel lucky that this fine library is one of his preferred places to begin his national tour.

The Betti's have been enjoying company from Ohio and elsewhere, as the winter cold takes hold and their Northern friends pass through Clearwater. They have had a busy month, with yet more company on the horizon — this is because their hospitality is legendary.

The Jurkowski's are welcoming Carleen's sister's relations the next few weeks. It will be busy as they show their guests the many attractions in our area.

We now are all looking ahead to February so we discover what things that have never been, await us.

Mother enjoys birthdays in both New York and OTOW

A very special event took place a few weeks ago, as my brother, sister-in-law and I, along with other family members, hosted a birthday party for our mother, who turned 95 in September.

We had thrown a party for her in New York this fall with her Northern family and friends, and we wanted to honor her with a party with her Florida friends and relatives wishing her continued health and happiness.

It was a delightful evening, with about 55 persons in attendance. The event was catered, and we hired a DJ to play all her favorite songs. She really enjoyed seeing her Southern family and friends!

Be sure you check the bulletin board often for information about the various events and outings we will be attending. Terry has been doing a great job of organizing these fun things to do, and we appreciate all the hard work and many phone calls it takes to get these events in place.

Now that the holidays are over and the decorations have been put away for another year, it's a good time to



remember our holiday season, always very special to us all at Mallorca.

How lovely the building looked with all the lights. It was truly a sight! A lot of work went into putting up the lights and then taking them down. Thanks to all who helped.

There were lots of parties, including our annual building Christmas party and gift exchange, amid much laughter.

Many residents had family members visit them over the holidays.

Happy Valentine's Day to all, and remember — spring is just around the corner!

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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Complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.

First of 'Guess Who' residents is a towboat engineer

Hurricane Irma's litter is gone! Don't our backyards look great?

It is February, 2018, and the neighborhood composing American Gothic finds our backyards spacious, very green and back to being beautiful.

Our backyards even smell good. Seems like someone is always grilling. Delicious smells from various grills and meat smoking equipment are part of our backyard ambiance.

This month our building luncheon was held at scrumptious Tarpon Turtle restaurant on Jan. 23. American Gothic has a building lunch every month. All residents are welcome.

I'm announcing a new feature of your American Gothic news column, called "Guess Who?"

Each month I'll spotlight one American Gothic resident and illuminate their various accomplishments. Your job is then to try and figure out who it is!

Here's this month's featured resident:

He is the chief engineer of a towing vessel. Among other duties, his primary responsibility is not letting his 275-ton barge sink. He pushes cargo that's as big as a thousand 18-wheel tractor trailers.



His barge is 195 feet long, and has two engines that provide 4,300 horsepower. That's like driving a 20-story building on its side with the power of 100 Chevy Corvettes! He works for Canal Barge.

Do you know who this is? He is one of your fascinating neighbors residing here in American Gothic.

Neighbors, talk among yourselves! Try to guess who he is. Next month, I'll give you the answer.

Here is a hint. Our mystery guest lives in an odd-numbered condominium. Next month, the mystery resident will be from an even-numbered condo.

At American Gothic we try to keep an attitude of gratitude.

Ciao for now.



A photo of the towing vessel (in dry dock) that is referred to in the article.

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Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

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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

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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.
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- 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.
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Tampa Bay Downs day for Granada coming in March

Granadans have been keeping busy this past month. We had a lovely sociable hour-long meeting under the shade of a large tree on the front lawn.

By the time you read this, several Granadans will have returned from a cruise with the On Top of the World Travel Club. Inasmuch as the trip includes a trolley tour of San Juan, Puerto Rico, there should be lots to tell you about.

Don Lamborn has lots to smile about lately. His daughter is expecting a baby boy any day now, which will make Don a first-time grandfather. We wish Don and family the very best that life has to offer.

Trish Burch and Stan Berger are both celebrating their birthday this month, and my husband Stan and I are enjoying our 62nd anniversary.

Please do not forget to sign up for our day at Tampa Bay Downs on Sunday, March 4 at 11 a.m. Bring your friends — all are welcome! The cost is \$30 per person including parking, entry, race form, full



brunch and tips. We promise a good time to all attendees.

We hope that you have signed up for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes here at OTOW. You will enjoy the experience.

Until next month, stay busy, healthy and happy.

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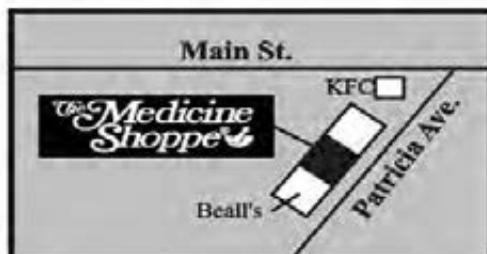
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A potpourri of news from Siboney



Hi, I am your new reporter for the Siboney Building, taking over from Cele Radeloff, who did a great job for many years.

If you have any interesting news, vacations, visitors from other states, or anything you would like add to our monthly newspaper article, please let me know.

Our annual Valentine's Day breakfast is Feb. 14 at First Watch, 9:30 a.m.

Don't forget to come out and support the 2018 Jesters show on Feb 9-11. It is called "Oh What a Night" and features music from the '60s and '70s. You will definitely be dancing in your seats!

Our next building meeting will be held Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Our Snowbirds from the frigid weather up North will feel great with our highs of 65-75 degrees.

Aida Tapia had a great trip to Las Vegas with her sister. They even won a few hundred.



Cele Radeloff and her grandson at the Mars Wrigley candy factory in Hackettstown, N.J.

They also went on a Holland American cruise to the western Caribbean for a week, and say they had a fantastic time there.

Welcome back Cele Radeloff, from New Jersey. We missed her dearly, but boy did she have a fun time. She and her daughter-in-law took a tour of her grandson's place of employment. It is the Mars Wrigley candy plant in Hackettstown, N.J. The factory manufacturers M&Ms, Dove, Snickers, Combos, Twix and Starburst and has been producing the

popular candies there for almost 60 years.

Candy machines were all over the place, and with a push of a button a selection (free) was yours. They also offer products for sale at a discounted price.

On Halloween, they have an open house for employees and their family and friends. What a great place to work. I am sure her grandson loves working there. Wonder if they hire seniors?

Don't forget your sweethearts. Happy Valentine's Day!



Mark your calendar for these events

On Jan. 11, the Brittany Farmhouse social committee had its first meeting, which was hosted by Bob Anderson.

In attendance also were Merelee Bernard, Judy Falcaro, Terry Ralston, Cathy Bunt, Bonnie Eaton and your reporter, Ute Scheibe.

All agreed on again collecting annual dues of \$10 to cover our social events this year and pay for seasonal decorations, etc.

The "coffee-plus-doughnuts" come-together was held Jan. 13. A Valentine's pot luck brunch is planned for Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. Please watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and most importantly, mark your calendar.

We'll have a St. Patrick's Day barbecue March 17 starting at 1 p.m.

Our farewell dinner for our friends and neighbors who spend the summer some other places will take place April 6 at 5 p.m. The plan is to go to Queen's Pizza. If you have a better idea let Merelee Bernard know. She will take care of reservations. And don't forget to sign up for each of the events.

When the wing volunteers go around collecting dues, they give you a form to fill out (also voluntarily) for our BFH Directory. Please give the information back to Merelee who is putting the directory together for the benefits of all of us.

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Featured residents moved to Valencia from East side

I had a chance to talk to one of our new neighbors recently, Bob and Sherry Chouinard.

They recently moved to our building from an East side building, having lived there for about four years.

Bob is originally from Detroit, and Sherry from Aruba. From previous marriages, each have three children. Bob has a daughter living in Florida and a son in North Carolina and another son in Arkansas.

Sherry has a son and daughter living in Florida and another son living in Kentucky.

Bob was a builder by trade, building single-family homes and doing renovations. Sherry was in the medical field working in a doctor's office.

Both are avid golfers and also like bike riding. They have the cutest little dog, a Maltese named "Sweetie," who can both protect her homestead and melt you with her eyes. When you see Bob or Sherry, say hello and give little Sweetie a little pat.

Well it's February, and if any of you had made New Year's resolutions and are still keeping them, good for you.

Interesting fact is that New Year resolutions are said to have been started by the ancient Babylonians some 4,000 years ago, though the New Year for them began not in January, but in mid-March, when the crops were planted.



Featured residents Sherry and Bob Chouinard with their Maltese, "Sweetie."

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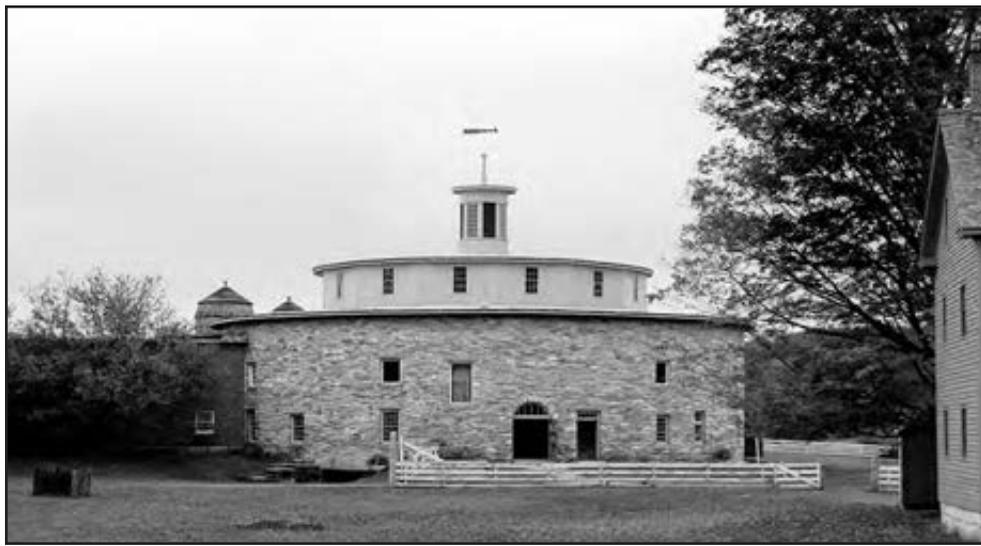


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New England trip was completed before cold snap

Once again, as she did at Christmas, Joann Dameron surprised eight of us with a ham dinner and all the fixins' to bring in the New Year.

Our camper travelers, Don Hitch and Floyd Barnett, did more exploring of historical places of interest in the northeast before the cold snap hit.

While in Stockbridge, Mass., they stopped at the Norman Rockwell museum and were able to see the original Four Freedoms series of posters as well as his many other famous artworks that graced the covers of the Saturday Evening Post for 47 years.

Stockbridge is home to the Hancock Shaker Village, where residents demonstrate the crafts as docents guide visitors from house to house displaying the various home arts and community life style. The major point of interest was the round barn. Don was most curious as to how they built that round barn keeping the side so perfectly.

They always make an effort to visit state capitals wherever they go and this trip was no exception stopping at the state capitals in Hartford, Conn., and Providence, R.I.

While in Hartford, they went to Mark Twain's Home and Museum, with all three floors lavishly furnished with objects of the period.

Wandering during their weeks in



New England gave them an opportunity to check out Mystic Seaport in Stonington, Conn., one of the first "living history" museums in the U.S. Here they saw a surprising variety of sailing vessels and a collection of buildings with craftsmen explaining the way that people lived and worked in this maritime environment.

Winding up their camping vacation before heading south they enjoyed strolling past the houses on Millionaires Row, operated by the Norwich Connecticut historical society, containing the homes where, during Victorian times, Norwich had more millionaires per capita than any other city in the nation.

Candy kisses to all you Valentines out there!

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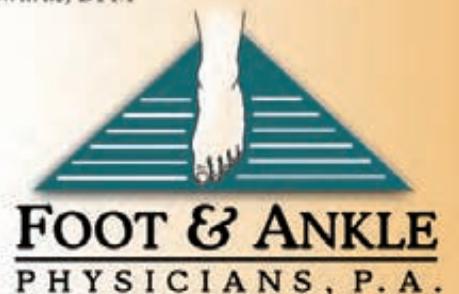
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