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OTOW residents enjoy a taste of Coney Island for a night



Many volunteers came forward to cook and serve 40 pounds of hot dogs during Coney Island Night back on Jan. 11. It took even more people to eat all the food. Pictured above and below are just a sample of the volunteers and guests.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



By Pat Hayes

Coney Island Night was a major success for the New York-New Jersey Club.

Volunteers served more than 45 pounds of Nathan's Hot Dogs and all the trimmings were provided.

Residents also were offered corn-on-the-cob, soda, water, chips and cookies.

The Good Karma Café provided fresh, hot popcorn, which made the East Activity Center auditorium smell like an amusement park in New York.

After all those calories were consumed during dinner, residents needed a way to burn them off. The second half of Coney Island Night was a dance in the auditorium.

KP Duo was the guest disc jockey. Residents had a chance to take in a dance, but many were up dancing all night.

A special thank you to our executive chef, Gene Amature, and his assistants Barbara Walsh, Gail Hochhauserl, Debbie Walker and Mac Grey.

The popcorn was cooked by Cornelia Kinauer and Mary Kay.

From hot dogs to strawberries, now it's time to get ready for the next big New York-New Jersey Club event.

Our club's annual Strawberry Festival will take place 2-5 p.m., Friday, March 1, in the EAC auditorium.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

This is one of our most popular events of the year! There will be fresh strawberries, pound cake and mounds of whipped cream.

We will be entertained by the East Lake High School premier group of "Madrigal Singers."

Madrigals date back to Italy during the 1520s. In the madrigal, the composer attempts to express the emotions contained in each line of a poem.

Also special for this evening, we have been promised by Theater Workshop to see a sneak preview of its March show, "The Best of Broadway - Part 2."



New York - New Jersey
Club

Coming up in April, "Mama" will return to OTOW to help us celebrate "Latin Night." The event will take place 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, in the EAC auditorium. The dinner will be catered by Felice's Italian Deli.

Cost is \$18 for members or \$20 for non-members .

On the menu will be chicken fajitas with sour cream, cheese and salsa. Also pulled pork, beans and rice. For dessert there will be fresh fruit.

Music will be provided by "DJ with a Soul." Coffee and water will be served. Ice will be available.

On Saturday, March 9, the New York-New Jersey Club will be marching in this year's Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you will be joining us for this event, please register at our information table, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the auditorium where we sell tickets..

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of OTOW. We are a social club with volunteer spirit. We are made up made up of many volunteers.

Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5.

For future events, visit our information table.

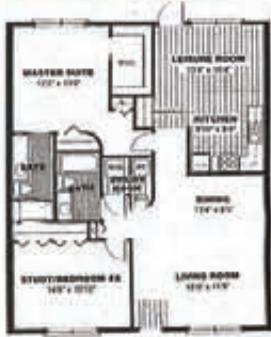
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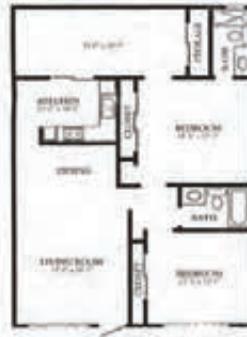
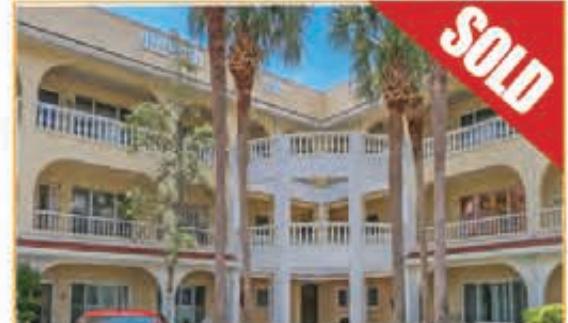
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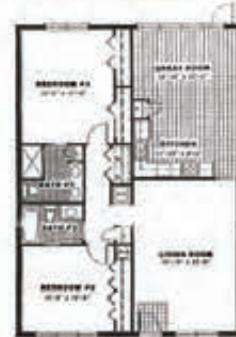
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On Top of the World Warns Residents of Desensitizing Coyotes in the Community

Feeding coyotes is a violation of state law.



Clearwater, Fla., January 17, 2019 – On Top of the World Clearwater has seen a recent increase in coyote activity. The reason for this is both natural and human-induced.

Management at On Top of the World Clearwater has maintained long-term relationships with both the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Pinellas County Animal Services and are working together with a goal of reducing the chance of human-wildlife conflict within the On Top of the World community.

An informative seminar was hosted onsite by the FWC on November 27, 2018, and covered the history and benefits of coyotes in Florida, and how to prevent them from becoming a nuisance. Representatives from the FWC and Pinellas County Animal Services were in attendance and ample time was provided for questions and answers.

It is important that residents at On Top of the World Clearwater contribute to these efforts by cooperating with Pinellas County Animal Services to allow for the trapping and removal of stray dogs and cats within the community, if the need arises. As the coyotes move into populated areas throughout Florida, it is important to follow the law and these guidelines:

- DO secure garbage cans and pick up fallen fruit
- DO walk pets on a short leash and always stay with them when outdoors
- DO NOT leave garbage or food outside where wildlife can access
- DO NOT feed coyotes

Florida Administrative Code 68A-4.001 prohibits the feeding of wildlife. Intentionally placing food or garbage, allowing the placement of food or garbage, or offering food or garbage in such a manner that it attracts coyotes, foxes or raccoons and in a manner that is likely to create or creates a public nuisance is prohibited.

Residents who witness coyote feeding violations are urged to report them to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922). Violations can also be reported online at <https://public.myfwc.com/LE/WildlifeAlert/> and reports can be made anonymously.



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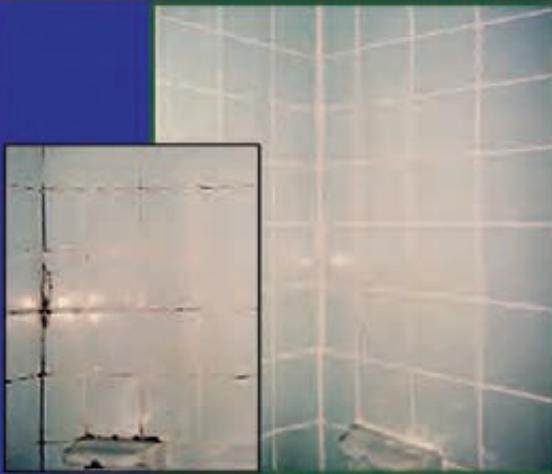


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It's not too late to register

The quickest way to receive important OTOW alerts is through the new Rave mobile safety system

Emergency Alert System Presentations Are Over

Several informational presentations took place in December 2018 and January of this year to explain the new emergency alert system and guide you through the registration process.

Also distributed was information on "how to" set up an email address to receive emergency alerts.

Although the presentations are over, it is still not too late to register. This service is voluntary and not required.

To receive the most up-to-date information, the quickest way possible, your participation in this system is requested.

The Rave Mobile Safety Opt-in feature enables residents to easily sign up for alerts by visiting the On Top of the World Website at: www.getrave.com/login/otowfl. Just enter the required information, including a valid email address, and you are all set. If you have any questions regarding registration, please stop into the Community Service Office for assistance.

Irish Club Parade

The Irish Club is working once again to coordinate the community St. Patrick's Day parade.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, beginning promptly at 10 a.m. During the parade, World Parkway Boulevard will be closed on the east side of the community for approximately one and a half hours. The road will remain open for emergency responders, however, during this time, all other traffic is required to cease.



This request is not only for the safety of parade attendees, but also for the participants in the parade.

The parade is a lot of fun for the community and showcases the true spirit of On Top of the World.

After the parade, the Irish Club offers beer and pretzels (while supplies last) at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

Hot dogs and soda will be available for a nominal cost by the Good Karma Café.

There will be live Irish music and, back by popular demand, the Kona Ice Truck will be serving up lots of icy treats.

So grab a lawn chair, invite your friends and family, and come on out to this fun community event.

Resident-Sponsored Activities and Clubs

On Top of the World social clubs and structured activities are dependent upon and organized by residents. If the Asso-

ciation was placed in the position to monitor and direct daily activities for each, it would leave little room for other Association responsibilities as well as resident involvement and creativity.

OTOW has delightfully-creative residents. Making allowance and respect for that creativity is one of the fine characteristics of this unique community.

After all, recreation is about fun, camaraderie and long-lasting friendships, as well as having the perfect space for that creativity and fun.

So, get out there and enjoy your Activity Centers and all they have to offer.

Community Service Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

Calls and voicemails are responded to during normal business hours.

Once the resident's need is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request to discern if it is urgent or a non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items exclusive to the unit are the owner's re-

sponsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. 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.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

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

For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911.

For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

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

Again, dial 911 for a health-related emergency. 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.



Roads closed March 9

This is what you will see if you try to enter World Parkway Boulevard East between 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9. Adjoining roads will be blocked off with barricades, vehicles, rope or On Top of the World employees, who will not let you pass. Plan now. Once the Irish Club parade begins, stay put, or you'll be stuck at a blocked road.

Learning Lab transforms into digital classroom

Adult education program already a success in

New Course Offerings

Some 14 years ago, On Top of the World Communities, Inc. started an adult education program in Ocala dubbed Master the Possibilities (MTP).

The name reflects the truth that there are endless possibilities for continuing engagement and exploration at any stage of life, even more so for retirees.

In 2014, the program had reached such a level of success that it became an Educational Not-for-Profit Foundation.

Master the Possibilities has been pushing the boundaries of programs and offering for many years. The majority of the programs are classroom-based with a live instructor.

Back in 2018, the program brought in a distance-learning component.

Now, the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center has had a digital screen installed that will enable On Top of the World residents the opportunity to participate in these distance learning experiences.

Your first chance is this month.

Master the Possibilities invites you to take a journey, with fellow participants, to the Key West Aquarium, while never leaving OTOW.

All registered students will have the chance to take a virtual tour and participate in a conversational chat with a tour guide 3-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

All who attend will participate in an interactive Skype tour of Key West Aquarium, one of the top Key West attractions.

This tour will include a viewing experience of the aquarium, including the touch tanks, to get up close and personal with sea life, such as sea turtles and nurse sharks.

If you are into genealogy, Andrew Smith will be presenting "Finding Cousins and Ancestors Using AncestryDNA" from 10-11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 18 in the Learning Lab. In this special presentation, Andrew will share information on how to interpret results from "AncestryDNA," and then make successful contacts and matches by identifying relatives.

Clearwater participants may call the Masters the Possibility office at 352-861-9751 to register for either of these events. Please clarify you are from On Top of the World-Clearwater.

Cost for Key West Aquarium tour is \$10 per person and for AncestryDNA is \$13 per person.

Community Service Office

The Community Service Office (CSO) is generally the first contact for residents seeking answers to questions or in need of specific services of the Association.

To that end, in 2018, the CSO saw an average of 80 walk-in visits per workday or 17,780 residents for the year.

Daily calls to the service line average of 30 per workday or 8,120 a year.

Of the combined 25,900+ contacts per year, this generated work orders at an average rate of 34 per workday or 8,556 for the year.



So, if you call the CSO and are put on hold, you will now know why. It's a busy office.

Inspection Services Update

First let me thank all the residents who went through the Community Service Office (CSO) to obtain modifications for work.

In 2018 there were 1,144 approved modifications.

Inspection Services wrote 1,160 courtesy compliance letters, of which approximately 80 percent have complied as requested or written back for clarification.

If you are reading this and fall in that silent 20 percent, take heart. Building re-inspections began again on Jan. 7.

A few clamshell awnings remain to be removed. The exact count is 134 on 90 units.

Remember, the Association will not authorize transfer of a deed so long as an unapproved awning remains in place.

There were 76 vehicles tagged for various violations (expired tags, no plates, disrepair, improperly parked in a no parking zone, etc.). Five vehicles were towed from property. In the "alternative transportation" area, the CSO issued 100 boat slips at Lake Arbor, as well as providing entry gate stickers for Paradise residents.

Inspection Services provided assistance to CSO staff to aid in giving residents accurate information and support in a wide range of matters, including inspections and certifications (estoppel) for pending sales, 136 washer/dryer certifications, and 214 estoppel inspection letters regarding compliance with community rules and architectural standards.

There were 123 water intrusion letters written. Of those, 82 percent of the issues were resolved by compliance or agreement to comply in a timely manner.

Finally, 17 unresolved violations were sent to the Association for legal review.

Feeling Flush?

Think first!

The Management Company has recently been called out to deal with a range of plumbing blockages. Upon investigation of several incidents in December, personnel found grout, washcloths, small hand towels, adult diapers, cat litter and "flushable" wipes in the plumbing.

Get the point?

The only thing flushable is human

waste and toilet paper. Everything else is NOT flushable (even so called "flushable" wipes, which may flush, but don't break down and cause some dandy blockages).

Please be responsible and be mindful of your first floor neighbors.

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 could 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.

Is an in-home convenience worth your property or your life?

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

If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it needs careful monitoring for possible leaks.

If it is more than 12-years old, you'd be money ahead to replace it altogether.

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

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.OTOWClearwaterInfo.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. 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.

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Ocala - now getting offered in Clearwater

Upcoming Projects

Our painting contractor will make their post-holiday shift back to painting front facades around late-January and continue throughout the month of February.

The residents at Buildings 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 should expect to see painting crews in their area during this time period.

As always, 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 will be 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 unit address numbers is another community improvement project that will resume with the return to front facade 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 to inform residents of the process and what they can

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expect.

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.

gin that roofing project on the last day of February.

Both projects require 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 buildings and will coordinate the contractor's activities during the project's duration. As always, please observe all cordoned-off areas in the interests of safety.

Building 1 will be the next project scheduled for walkway and stairwell railing improvements with the project currently in the permitting process. The anticipated start date as this article goes to print is mid-February with the removal process being the first part of the process. Installation teams will begin installing new aluminum handrails in mid-March. Projects of this scope usually take 8-9 weeks to complete due to the nature of work and detail involved.

In keeping with all maintenance projects and work zones, we ask that residents please be aware of skilled technicians in the area and avoid cordoned-off areas in the interests of everyone's safety. High-reach equipment will be used extensively on this project and may require partial closings of parking lots in order to allow for a safe work area.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

Building 16 is on schedule for roofing work. Estimated start date is Feb. 1.

The contractor will begin the staging of materials and equipment, as usual, in advance of the work.

Building 30 will follow shortly thereafter with work crews anticipated to be-

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- (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.

Boat slip fee is now \$25



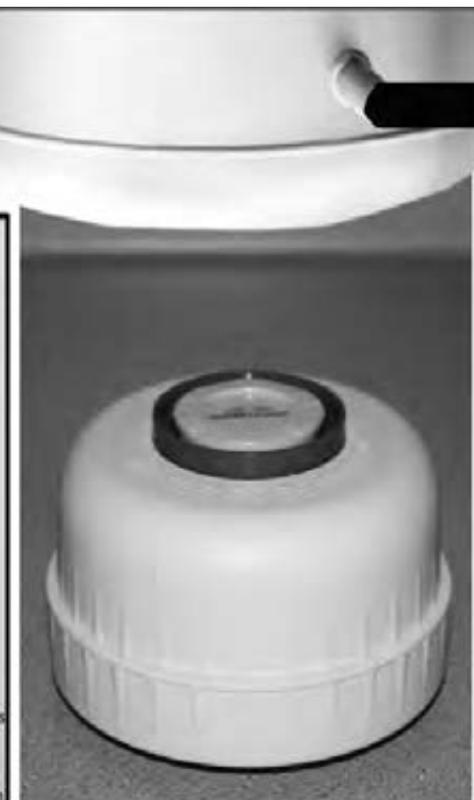
On Top of the World has provided residents with a location on the West Side to store your boats. To do so, you must reserve a spot on the boat rack through the Community Service Office. As of March 1, 2019, the fee is \$25 a year. If you have a boat in storage, and there has been a compliance issue, such as a space not being renewed or non-registering a boat, the vessel will be confiscated. If you own a boat which has already been confiscated, you have up to 90 days to properly correct the compliance issue or OTOW holds the right to auction off or liquidate the vessel. Questions, please visit the Community Service Office.

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New Zumba class comes to Saturdays and a new balance class comes to Wednesday afternoons

Happy Valentine's Day!
(Thursday, Feb. 14)

February is "American Heart Healthy Month" and according to the American Heart Association, we can reduce our risk for heart disease by following these seven simple steps:

1. Manage Blood Pressure
2. Control Cholesterol
3. Reduce Blood Sugar
4. Get Active
5. Eat Better
6. Lose Weight
7. Stop Smoking

Start by knowing your numbers. You can't manage what you don't measure, which is why knowing your risk is critical to preventing cardiovascular disease.

The American Heart Association recommends that you be aware of five key numbers:

1. Total Cholesterol
2. HDL Cholesterol (good one)
3. Blood Pressure
4. Blood Sugar
5. Body Mass Index (BMI)

These numbers are important because they will allow you and your health-care provider to determine your risk for developing cardiovascular disease by arteriosclerosis. This includes conditions such as angina (chest pain), heart attack, stroke (caused by blood clots) and peripheral artery disease (PAD).

Learn more about each step and your numbers by visiting the American Heart Association Website: <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/heart-attack/understand-your-risks-to-prevent-a-heart-attack>

New Resident Activities

Finally, Zumba on Saturdays!

Resident Antonina Wuthrich, certified Zumba instructor, will be hosting a new Zumba class on Saturday mornings in the East Activity Exercise Room from 7-8 a.m.

This class takes place before On Top of the World Line Dancing at 8:30 a.m. and will be an opportunity to warm up.

After Zumba class, stop in the Good Karma Café for a refreshment and then head upstairs for line dancing.

Back by popular demand is "Balance Matters."

Several residents have said they miss the Balance Matters class that was held here last year. Now, resident instructor, Ruth Pittman, has stepped up to meet that need.

Ruth has been teaching all levels of Tai Chi and Chi Kung at OTOW for years. She is a Yang Certified Instructor since 2004 and a "Grand Master" since 2014.



The "Balance Matters" class will be held on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Exercise Room. It will be offered free in the month of February.

Ruth also teaches a Beginner Tai Chi on Monday and Wednesdays 3:15-4 p.m. in the same location room. There is a fee.

Ruth says, Balance Matters may serve as a prerequisite to Tai Chi Beginner class and she is very excited for the opportunity to introduce the benefits of Tai Chi to as many residents as possible.

Thank you, Ruth.

Also returning will be Chair Yoga. Residents will be able to take this popular exercise class on Mondays, from 10-11 a.m., in the EAC Small Card Room. There will be a \$4 charge.

Recycling

Pinellas County Solid Waste will be in the East Activity Center auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m., for a special presentation.

You do not need to register to attend.

In recognition of Earth Day last June, Jan Tracy, program coordinator at the solid waste facility, spoke at On Top of the World about waste management and the importance of recycling. That seminar was so well-received that I set a date for her to return.

Jan has a passion for this topic and it's contagious. Please make plans to attend and learn everything you need to know about recycling, "DOs and DON'Ts" and much more.

Tampa Ballet

Residents are welcome to attend a free preview show from the Tampa Ballet Theatre.

No tickets or registration required.

The show will take place during Monday morning's club ticket sales, 10-11 a.m., on Feb. 11 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The show will be a preview to Tampa Ballet Theatre's upcoming show at Ruth Eckerd Hall entitled, "Les Sylphides,"

known as the first ballet about mood and dance.

This ballet features a moonlight dance and a young poet.

Tampa Ballet Theatre's mission is to educate, entertain and preserve classic masterpieces. You may ask questions about this group after the show.

Aging Successfully Series

Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services will return to On Top of the World on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10-11:30 a.m., with a very important topic, "Medication Safety/Awareness."

No registration is required.

The seminar will be held in the East Activity Center Art Room. Leslie will cover the following topics:

- Questions to ask a physician or pharmacist?
- How to be an informed consumer/patient.
- What do warning labels mean and are they really important?
- Common side effects and dangerous side effects – how to help know the difference.
- Better understand the risks of combining medications with alcohol, over the counter medications and herbs. Some may surprise you!
- Safe medication disposal (at home and in the community).

Please make plans to attend this seminar and I look forward to seeing you there.

Eckerd College

Osher Life Long Learning

Eckerd College's Osher Life Long Learning classes are back at On Top of the World.

Classes in February are listed on page 9.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving safety course is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

The cost is \$20 and registration is required. Forms for registration can be found on page 54 of this newspaper.

AARP Tax Aide Assistance

Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, AARP Foundation will not be hosting tax aid assistance at On Top of the World this year.

For your convenience, I have listed below some contact information and a few locations where you can still take advantage of this free service.

Safety Harbor Public Library
101 Second Street, Safety Harbor

Located across the street from the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

Phone No: (727) 724-1525

Dates Open: Feb. 1-April 16

Site Schedule: Mondays 12:30-4 p.m.

Fridays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Closed: Feb. 8, Feb. 18 and March 8.

Walk-ins welcome and handicap accessible.

Clearwater Countryside Library

2642 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater

East of Countryside Boulevard

Phone No: (727) 562-4970

Dates Open: Feb. 1-April 16.

Site Schedule: Mondays, 10 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays 1-4:30 p.m.

Closed: Feb. 18.

Walk-ins welcome and handicap accessible.

Dunedin Community Center

1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin

Corner of Pinehurst Road and Michigan Boulevard.

Phone No:(727) 812-4530

Dates Open: Feb. 1-April 16.

Site Schedule: Thursdays 8 a.m. - noon. Fridays 8 a.m. - noon.

Walk-ins welcome and handicap accessible.

Did You Know

I can be contacted anytime via email at general_activity@otowfl.com or you can leave a message at 727-799-2734.

For in-person calendar reservations or questions, I will be in the Community Service Office on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During quarterly reservation renewals, my office will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The remainder of the week you can find me around the activity centers, typically, with a laptop in hand, in the event you need to check a date on the calendar or discuss activities, etc.

Activity Card Renewal Information

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

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.

Medication Safety/Awareness Seminar

Tuesday, February 19, 10-11:30 a.m., Art Room Read Nancy's column for details



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All classes in this ad take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

Visit the Community Service Office for more information.

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All classes in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

China Since Mao

Instructor: David Kelly Class: Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 am-Noon

The effects of Maoism - the great leap forward, the cultural revolution and the leap of China into world power.

Clarence Darrow: America's Conscience

Instructor: Rick Kistner Class: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 10:30 am-Noon

Clarence Darrow, one of the best known defense attorneys in American history. Examine his life, his philosophy on life and some of his notable cases.

Biography: There's No Show Like A Merman Show!

The Unforgettable Ethel Merman

Instructor: Joy-Katzen-Guthrie Class: Friday, March 15, 10:30-Noon

A self-taught singer who never analyzed her own technique. Her Broadway show-stoppers include "I Got Rhythm," "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

Five Florida Places

You Won't Read About in Travel Magazines

Instructor: Cathy Salustri Class: Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 am-Noon

Is it still possible to find pockets in Florida not overrun with tourists seeking a theme park experience? This class will take you to five places you might not know about - and why you should visit.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt: American Royalty

Instructor: Richard Kistner Class: Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am-Noon

Since taking the presidency in 1933, Roosevelt led America to economic stability and through the horrors of World War II. This talk will explore the life and accomplishments of this leader.

Beyond Bogart's Sam Spade: The Neo Noir Detective

Instructor: Jonathan Tallon Class: Friday, April 12, 10:30 am-Noon

Gone are the days of the tough guy detectives. The end came in 1973 after "The Long Goodbye" saw the end of Humphrey Bogart and Robert Mitchum as private eyes.

Leonard Bernstein: Innovator and Inspiration

Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie Class: Friday, April 26, 10:30 am-Noon

Rediscover one of the 20th Century's most beloved musical artists from conductor of the New York Philharmonic to theater, film and concert halls.

Let's Get Small: Five Florida Towns that are the Real Disney Springs

Instructor: Cathy Salustri Class: Tuesday, April 30, 10:30 am-Noon

This talk will take you to five Florida small towns that out-Disney Disney World at showcasing old Florida. Nothing beats true small-town Florida.

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OTOW welcomes Tampa Ballet Theatre

10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 11, EAC Auditorium

During Feb. 11, Monday morning ticket sales in the East Activity Center auditorium, residents will be treated to a one-hour show provided by Tampa Ballet Theatre. The event is free. The show, "Les Sylphides," will be exclusive for On Top of the World only. "Les Sylphides" is known as the first ballet about mood and dance. This ballet features a moonlight dance and a young poet. Tampa Ballet Theatre's mission is to educate, entertain and preserve classic masterpieces. You may ask questions about this group, and future performances, after the show.



WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Everything must be **EMPTY, DRY** and **UNBAGGED**



METAL

Only food and drink cans

On Top of the World does not currently recycle glass



PLASTIC

Only bottles and jugs



PAPER & CARDBOARD

Clean and dry — no food contact
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CARTONS

No straws

Four simple tips to remember what to recycle

By Kathleen Santosuosso

On Top of the World residents find it easy to recycle right, but a few of us are confused about what goes into the green recycle bins and what goes into the black garbage bins.

So let's simplify to four tips:

1. Plastic bottles and containers-labeled No. 1-7 can be recycled. You can keep the screw top lids on the bottle or throw the lids in the garbage
2. Metal, tin, steel and aluminum cans can be recycled. Also, empty aerosol cans be recycled.
3. Cardboard boxes can be recycled after you flatten them.
4. Paper, such as junk mail, shoe boxes and cereal boxes can be recycled, but no wax paper.

Make sure all of your items are empty, dry and definitely not in a plastic bags. Food and liquid contaminate paper. Absolutely no plastic bags, wraps or hoses.

Quite a few residents wondered what they can do with their dry and empty glass bottles and jars now that Waste Management no longer recycles these items from On Top of the World. Glass bottles and jars can be dropped off at the Clearwater Solid Waste Facility located at 1701 N. Hercules Ave.

Just a reminder, if you're not sure what to do with an item, you can check Pinellas County's online A to Z guide at pinellas-county.org/solidwaste/getridofit and you will discover where to get rid of it! You can also follow the advice of "when in doubt, throw it out."

Never put garbage, dog waste bags, yard waste or plastic bags of any kind in the recycle bins.

Also, make sure that the items you put in the recycle bins are larger than an index card. If the items are small, they fall through the sorting equipment.

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February

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

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

ART

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room
 Acrylic Painting: Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Art Room
 Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9 am, Art Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Sunrise Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room

CANADIAN CLUB SOCIAL GAMES

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Rainbow and Sunrise

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

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

SCOPA

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

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

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

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Yellow

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Small Card 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

ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 am, Computer Room

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

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

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

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Yellow Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAN

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

EXERCISES

BALANCE MATTERS

W, 12:30 pm, Exercise Room

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

JAZZING IT UP WITH AMY

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

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

SLIMNASTICS

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

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Yellow Room

TAI CHI

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

Intermediate: T,H 4 pm Exercise Room

FLOW: M,W 2:15 pm Exercise Room

Beginners: M, W 3:15 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

Mondays, Fridays, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

Wednesdays, 11:45 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Yoga Basic, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

Thursdays, Yoga Mixed, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Small Card Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room (Feb 5 Sunrise)

Saturdays, 7 am, Exercise Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Craft Room

SUNDAY

MONDAY

03	04 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Good Neighbors Get A Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee, Board 10:00 AM - Veranda
10 Jesters Show 2:00 PM - Auditorium Italian Club Dinner 4:30 PM - Auditorium	11 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Tampa Ballet Theatre 10:00 AM - Auditorium Family History Meeting 12:30 PM - Learning L German Interest Group 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room
17 Karaoke 5:00 PM - Auditorium Ent. Committee, Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium	18 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Health Screenings Eye Blood Pressure 9:30 AM - Auditorium Master the Possibilities Seminar 10:00 AM - Learning L
24	25 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium

East Activity Center Rooms

Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room, Art Room, Small Card Room,
 Yellow Room, Exercise Room,
 Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.

West Activity Center Rooms

Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room,
 Learning Lab, Billiards Room.

DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Canadian Club Happy Hour 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room	02 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room
05 Ticket Sales Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Get Acquainted OTOW Special Event Recycle Right 10:00 AM - Auditorium Irish Club Meeting 3:00 PM - Starlite Room Master the Possibilities Virtual Aquarium Tour 3:00 PM - Learning Lab Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room	06 Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room	07 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium Irish Club Show 4:00 PM - Auditorium Good Karma Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Lambda Club Social 6:00 PM - Learning Lab Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room	08 Jesters Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda	09 Jesters Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium No.29 Viennese Villa Meeting 1:00 PM - Art Room Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room	
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OTOW artists learn how to create inner glows

By Sue Naylor

The Art Guild's meetings on the second Friday of the month always include an excellent presentation by a very talented artist.

January's demonstration was no exception. Pat Lester, a teacher of acrylics, pastels and drawing at the Largo Arts Center, brought a new dimension to our knowledge about working with acrylics.

Pat has attended several workshops on the art of creating luminescence in her paintings.

At first the technique seems highly improbable. Following a color wheel and a photograph of a scene in Nova Scotia, Pat had already sketched in a scene using the complementary color of each facet of the painting.

For example, where the mountain would eventually appear in all its verdant splendor, Pat had painted the area red. The river was orange and the land area violet.

Eventually she applied green over the red, blue over orange and yellow over violet.

Unbelievably, an inner glow, as well as subtle shadows and a desired texture, appeared in the resultant geographical feature.

In the course of her painting, Pat mentioned two additional concepts which were new to most of us - Heavy Body and Pour Painting.

Never satisfied with what is traditional, some innovative artists have come up



with these new ways to paint with acrylics.

After Googling them, I was more confused than before, but a lot of artists are using them to create new looks. To me they seem to be very messy, but admittedly quite vibrant. Jackson Pollock would probably be an advocate of the techniques.

Our Artist of the Month vote resulted in a tie between Alice Anderson and Ruth Phillips.

Alice's pastel picture entitled "Paper Whites," will be entered into a local Pastel Society's competition next month.

Ruth's oil painting was a depiction of "Clearwater Beach." Both works of art can be viewed in the East Activity Center's lobby, across from the office.

Make sure you mark Feb. 8 on your calendars for a presentation by Golden



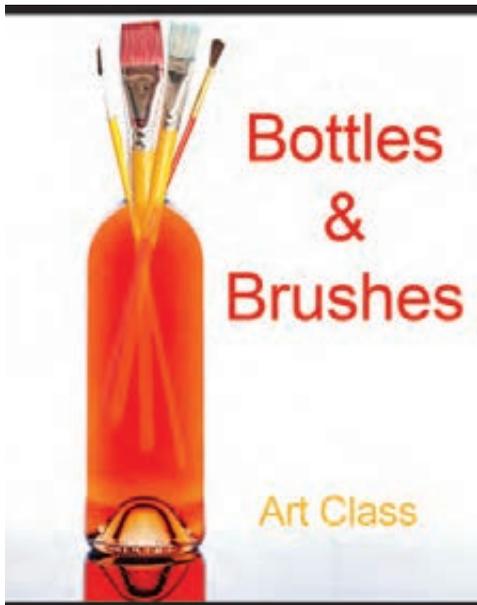
Pictured above are Alice Anderson with Paper Whites and Ruth Phillips with Clearwater Beach. (OTOW News photo by Sue Naylor)

Paints of Sarasota. The subject will be acrylics and watercolors.

Most importantly, plan on attending our glorious art show and sale on March 3 from noon-3 p.m. when 18 very talented

painters and photographers will be displaying their works in the EAC Art Room. Many of the art works were produced in On Top of the World's various classes in painting and sketching.

Who knew tape could create straight edges?



By Patrick Ellingham

The terms that covered the Bottles and Brushes session in January were "abstract" and "free-form."

The emphasis was more on the juxtaposition of colors.

There were no models or examples to follow. The artists followed their instincts.

Areas of the canvas were blocked off or "mapped" using tape. Colors were then applied to the entire canvass, including over the tape. Some areas were large, some were small and some were symmetrical.

A defining moment was when hair dryers had been employed to dry the paint and the tape was removed leaving



Miko Morin, Tony Young, Lydia Roeser and Eileen Maher show off their creations from January. Tape was used to cover portions of the canvass. Can you tell where the tape was used to cover the paintings?

untouched canvas and sharp edges, which provided a contrast to the less-defined areas of paint.

The question then was what to do with the areas where the tape had been removed. Some artists chose to fill them in with paint, but care had to be taken to not

blur the edges or let the new colors bleed into the old ones.

Playing with various colors, making some thinner than others by mixing them with water, created interesting effects.

In this art class, the only limit is one's imagination. If you would like to test your

skills or acquire new ones in a fun and supportive environment, join Bottles and Brushes on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 6-8 p.m. in the Art Room of the East Activity Center.

For further information, call Eileen Maher at 727-331-0710.

Pet of the Year contest almost went to the birds, but Scooter brings back honor to doggy world

The annual On Top of the World Pet of the Year contest came very close to having its first bird win the community's highest honor.

But Scooter, a Hungarian Vizsla, became the seventh dog to win the crown in the eight-year history of the event.

Scooter, owned by Nicole and Charles Dussault of the Southern Georgian Building, is 10 years old. He gave the Pet of the Year honor back to the dogs after Kitty, a cat, received the honor last year.

Scooter received 36 votes. Second place went to Stoney, a yellow lab, with 26 votes, and third place went to Skeeter, a parrot, with 24 votes.

Overall, the contest turned into a word-wide affair. More than 80 votes were placed on the OTOW Pet of the Year Website, and represented among the votes were the United States, Canada and Holland. Closer to home, people voted from Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Virginia, New York, Utah, Maryland, North Carolina, Illinois, Delaware and Washington state.

Shortly after birth, Scooter became an outdoor dog. For two years he didn't know what it was like to live inside a warm home. He was never taught any commands. He just existed.

Nicole and Charles became Scooter's new owners and everything changed. Scooter moved to Florida where he now



lives the good life. His favorite time of the year is fall because that's when all his Snowbird friends return to OTOW. His favorite time of the day is Happy Hour because friends visit and give him treats.

Scooter wins a gift basket from Pet Supplies Plus in Clearwater and a bubble bath from Barks and Bubbles Mobile Grooming. The bubble bath will come in

OTOW Pet of the Year History

2019		
Scooter	Hungarian Vizsla (dog)	Southern Georgian
2018		
Kitty	Calico (cat)	Brittany Farmhouse
2017		
Mimi	Jack Russell Terrier (dog)	Swedish Traditional
2016		
Timothy	Irish Setter (dog)	Brisbane Building
2015		
Sasha Anna Bella	King Charles Spaniel (dog)	Dorado Building
2014		
Sugar 'N Spice	Chihuahua (dog)	Old World Spanish
2013		
Pearl	Shitzu-Maltese (dog)	Dorado Building
2012		
Barklee	Dachshund (dog)	Rizal Building

March so Scooter is clean for the annual Irish Club Parade on Saturday, March 9. Scooter will be invited to march in the parade.

A special thank you to everyone who voted in this year's contest.

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Here's To A Healthy Heart and a month full of Valentines

Your Valentine's Day chocolate may be tasty, but despite claims, no chocolate is healthy



This treat is for healthy people for special occasions. Dark chocolate — despite what we wish and despite what we may read — is not part of a routine healthy diet.

This column seeks to inform the reader about the science behind cooking and health issues of food. It provides information about “good or bad” health claims.

This month's column raises concerns about marketing claims for dark chocolate which are based on industry-funded observational data and small trials.

Hopefully, dark chocolate may yet be proven to be a healthy treat ... once currently ongoing large-scale randomized controlled trials are completed.

Science of dark chocolate

Chocolate is divided into two distinct categories: Real chocolate and compound chocolate.

Both are chocolate — the difference is the type of fat/oil used in the product.

Compound chocolate contains vegetable oils, such as palm kernel oil. Real chocolate contains cocoa butter.

Cocoa butter is an expensive ingredient, which has some unusual characteristics.

Real chocolate requires tempering ... a special procedure in the melting process that re-establishes the cocoa butter crystals. This gives the finished chocolate a proper sheen, snap and taste.

Tempering requires patience and care in melting the chocolate, cooling it and then carefully re-melting it.

If you are not consuming the berries within a day or so, tempering is absolutely mandatory for all real chocolate. Tempering prevents bloom. This happens when cocoa butter separates from the cocoa solids and comes to the surface, turning the chocolate whitish or grayish in color.

Refrigeration results in blooming.

However, compound chocolate — known as candy-making chocolate — does NOT require tempering. Home hobbyists, and professionals alike, use it due to its ease of use and delicious taste.

Ghirardelli® Dark Melting Wafers is a compound chocolate and melts easily to produce a smooth, thin coating.

Real chocolate bits produce a thick coating, which needs thinning with additional oil.

The compound chocolate is about twice the price of the chocolate bits. A few picknickety critics may note a slight waxy taste with the compound chocolate.



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Dark-Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Ingredients

1 pint fresh, ripe strawberries • 10 ounces Ghirardelli® Dark Melting Wafers (or a favorite melting wafer of your choice)

Instructions

1. Berries with the deepest color have better texture and flavor. Chocolate does not adhere well to berries with sticky, bruised areas. Wash and dry the strawberries. Completely air-dry berries.
2. Prepare your workspace. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or wax paper for the dipped strawberries.
3. Melting directions: All containers and utensils must be dry to avoid chocolate from becoming grainy or clumping. Use of plastic stirring spoons is best. Place wafers in microwave-safe container. Microwave at half power or defrost setting for 30 seconds. Stir thoroughly (product keeps its original shape until stirred). If not completely melted, continue to microwave at 15 second intervals and stir until smooth. Over-heating causes wafers to burn. Once burnt, my dear chefs, you can only throw it away and start over.
4. Pick up a berry by leaves and dip in chocolate. Lay berry on its side on the tray. Work quickly while chocolate is fluid.
5. Keep strawberries in a cool room until chocolate is dry to the touch. Once set, place in refrigerator for 15 minutes to make the chocolate shiny.

Concerns About Health Value

The European Food Safety Authority approved one modest chocolate-related health claim: some specially-processed dark chocolate, cocoa extracts and drinks produced with 200mg of flavanols contribute to normal blood circulation by helping to maintain blood vessel elasticity. BUT research is making it increasingly clear that health benefits claims for commercial dark chocolate candy is unrealistic because they lack this level of flavanols.

Unfortunately, labels don't reveal flavanol levels. The percentage of cocoa is not a reliable indicator of flavanol concentrations. Avoid dark chocolate bars with Dutch/alkali processed cocoa. This processing harms flavanols.

Chocolate comes with calories, sugar and fats. So, enjoy dark chocolate bars in moderation, perhaps only one or two squares, and individuals with weight loss and diabetic issues should be extra careful. Choose dark chocolate with at least 70 percent cocoa content. The darker chocolate bars have less sugar.

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Disclaimer: Good nutrition is a key foundations of good health. This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician.

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Yes, there is a trust designed to take care of your pet if you happen to go first

Hi everybody!

It's Rachel Wagoner and I want to discuss some scams that target seniors.

My law partner, Jerry Colen, and I are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and also the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. Thus, we receive a tremendous amount of information about scams and, especially, scams and identity theft tactics that target seniors.

There are way too many scams to discuss in one column, but I will cover them from time to time. As always, I will do it in the format of my DOs and DON'Ts.

When Jerry Colen writes about scams, he does it under Scam Alerts.

Rachel's Do: Do keep in mind that as much as we want to trust and believe people who call us, we can't do that anymore.

Instead, if we don't know who a caller is, and if we don't recognize the exact phone number, we should not answer the phone. Just let the caller leave a message.

If a caller claims to be from the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, or from the U.S. Marshal's office, it's almost assuredly a scam. Let them leave a message. Then, using a different phone number for the company, call and see if that agency had really attempted to contact you.

Rachel's Don't: Don't fall for a scam when someone tells you that you've just won a lot of money - especially if the contest was a lottery that you never entered.

Don't fall for a scam where you are told you've been approved for a \$250,000 loan for which you never applied.

Rachel's Do: Do use strong passwords for all your accounts. Do get as many dual factor authentications as you can get.



For example, if you have a banking account that you visit online, ask about getting a dual factor identification from the bank.

If you get a new cell phone, consider getting your carrier to provide you with a new SIM card, which provides extra security by storing information about you and your location.

Rachel's Don't: Don't fall for the pre-approved credit card scam. If you haven't applied for a credit card, don't fill out forms for a preapproved one.

Rachel's Do: Do understand that as a senior citizen, statistics prove you are more susceptible to scams because seniors are usually more trusting.

Thus, you must commit yourself to being even a little skeptical every time someone calls you.

Pet Trust

Recently, someone walked into my office who wanted to protect her cat in the event she passed on before her cat.

This can be done in the form of what is known as a Pet Trust.

A Pet Trust can be drafted as a stand-

alone trust or as a trust that is part of your Last Will and Testament.

In fact, the State of Florida actually has a pet trust statute, which is designed to protect the pet by having specific rules and regulations dealing with methods that can be used in setting up a pet trust and making sure that your wishes are followed.

For those of you who are interested in this sort of thing, Florida's Pet Trust Statute is found in Section 736.0408, Florida Statutes.

What you need to be thinking about is who do you want to take care of your pet, what financial provisions do you want to make for the person who will be taking care of your pet and where do you want your pet to stay or be kept.

Pets are important to us and you need to think about their welfare in the event of your passing. Please discuss everything with the person or company who is to take the pet.

Deleting Beneficiaries

My partner, Jerry Colen, told me about a situation where a client of ours wanted to make sure to delete a son from an estate.

It seems that our client hadn't had any relationship with that son for some 20 years.

Jerry told the client to make sure all accounts had beneficiaries' names listed on them.

The client promised to do that, but he failed to list beneficiaries on one of his annuities. The result was that the client's son was able to receive a substantial amount of money.

Jerry sent our client four separate letters and each time asked to be able to look over his account statements, including annuities, just to make sure they were properly set up.

The client never did, and although he got most of his accounts set up correctly, he never was able to take care of that one annuity with no beneficiaries listed.

Teaching point for you - take the time to make sure you have your accounts set up with the beneficiaries you choose.

As always, best wishes - Rachel.

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Did it take a monkey to save the Today Show?

It took a monkey to save the Today Show.

J. Fred Muggs wasn't an actor - but a monkey.

After the Today Show had been on the air for several years, its ratings began to tumble. Producers needed to do something to get people to start watching the show again.

This is where J. Fred Muggs stepped in. NBC hired a monkey.

Pat Weaver, the president of NBC, saw a trained monkey perform on the Perry Como Show and decided right then that a trained monkey is what the Today Show needed.

Muggs was hired as a co-host with

Dave Garroway, who never liked the idea from the beginning.

Dave was embarrassed to have a monkey as a co-host and often the monkey showed off a mean streak.

Dave was often heard telling the monkey's trainer, "Keep that monkey away from me." He even threatened to leave the show if the chimp didn't go first.

Muggs was "controlled" by a trainer who was barely off camera view. The monkey was always on a leash, but sometimes attempted to destroy the set.

Despite the controversy, Muggs became famous. He received hundreds of letters every week, owned more than

300 suits, was paid \$2,000 a month and the show's advertising surged.

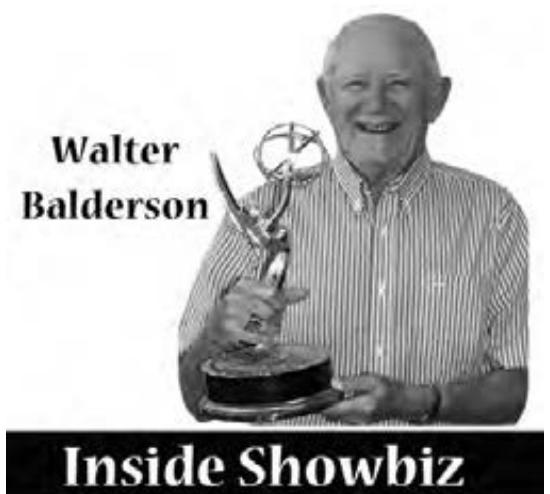
Ironically, the trainer said Muggs loved Dave, but the co-host was jealous.

Dave never warmed up to the monkey.

Muggs' owner, Gerald Presis, said Dave couldn't live with the fact it took a monkey to save the show.

Finally, NBC had to make a decision. Muggs bit guest Martha Raye and action had to be taken. Muggs was fired from the show.

Today, Dave is no longer host of the Today Show while Muggs is retired. The monkey is living in his own condo in Florida.





Pictured on top is the 1973 On Top of the World Chorus, which had more than 60 members during its holiday concert - this was just four years after the group was formed. Pictured at right is believed to be the first time a group of residents got together to sing, which eventually led to the Chorus being formed. This concert took place at one of the swimming pools in March 1969.



Chorus invites new singers to participate in 50th annual spring concert this March

By Ilene Bargerstock

In March of 1969, On Top of the World resident, Floryan Vady, planned a get-together with eight of his neighbors.

The purpose – to sing!

Here we are, OTOW Chorus, 50 years later and planning a Golden Anniversary Concert!

By the end of May, the newly formed group numbered 15 and made their first presentation at a poolside luau.

When they stepped on to the East Activity Center stage for the first holiday concert in December, they were 50 voices strong!

Our celebration of the enduring joy of choral music will take place Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sun-



Chorus

day, March 31 at 3 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 and are available Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30, at our information table in the EAC auditorium. You can also purchase tickets from Chorus members in your building.

We will be performing music from all five decades of chorus. Hopefully, this should provide something for everyone.

In the March edition of this newspaper, we will include some of the song titles and more detailed information about the upcoming program.

Not only do we want people to start making plans to attend our 50th anniversary concert, but we would love to have new singers join us on stage.

This would be a great time for newcomers!

Auditions are not required. Simply show up at one of our rehearsals, meet the director and members, check out the music and sing along.

You will find that we are a group of

people very similar to the group that got things started in 1969. We enjoy singing together.

We are not all trained musicians, but we have a very kind, patient director, who knows how to help us do our very best and have fun doing it.

Rehearsals are Monday mornings, 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. in the EAC Starlite Room.

Join now to be part of the 50th celebration and mark your calendars now to save March 30 and 31.

We don't want you to miss this because it just wouldn't be the same without you!

Call Ilene anytime at 727-408-5759 if you have questions related to the Chorus.

SHINE looking for volunteers to assist seniors with healthcare decisions

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community?

Come to the next SHINE Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Area Agency on Aging in St. Petersburg.

SHINE is Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders.

We will have coffee and breakfast bars at 10 a.m. and discuss the many ways

you can help seniors in Pasco and Pinellas counties.

SHINE is a Florida Department of Elder Affairs program. Volunteers provide free, unbiased, one-on-one insurance counseling and information about Medicare options and prescription drug assistance for elders, their families and caregivers.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with the program by helping seniors make informed healthcare decisions.

As the number of Medicare beneficiaries needing assistance increases, the need for volunteers increases, too.

The Area Agency on Aging office is located at 9549 Kroger Boulevard, Suite 100 in the Gadson Building, St. Peters-

burg. We will be located on the first floor in the conference room that day.

For information about volunteering, contact SHINE Program Manager Sue Samson at sue.samson@aaapp.org or 727-570-9696 ext. 234.

For a volunteer application, visit www.floridashine.org/join-the-team.aspx.

Press Association starts new year with an annual road trip



Press Association

Reubens, taco salads, spaghetti ... lunch came in a wide variety when the Press Association held its annual Kick Off The New Year luncheon at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor in January.

This is the only time each year the Press Association holds a monthly meeting outside the On Top of the World community. Nearly 40 writers, photographers, editors and staff attended.

Editor Doug Kates welcomed everyone to the luncheon and briefly discussed some news starting off the new year.

Doug has already started recruiting volunteers to march in the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. The first 10 people in line will get Press Association green hats to wear. Volunteers are needed to pass out newspapers along the parade route and carry the newspaper banner.

Doug told staff that there continues



Nearly 40 members of the Press Association attended a luncheon at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor. This was the newspaper's way of getting ready for the new year.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

to be a problem with missing newspapers at some buildings. Apparently, newspapers are vanishing at some buildings shortly after they are distributed by OTOW staff. If anyone sees someone stealing bundles of newspapers, please call Doug at the newsroom (727) 799-3216.

Newspapers are delivered to each building for the residents to enjoy and get valuable information. Taking multiple copies for extra coupons or pet litter is stealing and will not be tolerated.

The Feb. 7 monthly meeting will be

1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

On March 7, the annual Appreciation Luncheon will take place. Lunch will be catered by Clearwater Family Restaurant and served at 1 p.m. in the Veranda Room. This lunch is free to any staff member who has contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months. Guests may attend but must pay their own way. If anyone plans to bring a guest, please tell Doug by March 1.

In April, the press staff will hold its annual pizza luncheon. The date is April 4 at 1:30 p.m. and there is hope the new pavilion will be done in time so this event can take place outdoors. The pizza will be purchased from Pacini's restaurant in Safety Harbor and money raised through 50-50 drawings will pay the cost.

Lastly, Doug encouraged the entire staff and the entire OTOW community to please support the advertisers in our newspaper. Both Paradise Restaurant and Pacini's are recent advertisers.

Remember when mom said, "Look both ways before you cross the street" - it's still true today

OTOW residents listen to tips about bicycling and walking safely

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Are you street smart?

On Top of the World walkers, bikers and drivers who attended Bike/Walk Tampa's interactive presentation in January discovered just how well they know, or don't know, the rules of the road in Florida.

Here are some of the things residents learned:

Walkers should face oncoming cars, wear bright colors, and wear reflective clothing and lights at night.

Bicyclists should ride in the same direction as traffic because a bicycle is a legal vehicle - cyclists must follow traffic rules, including coming to a complete stop at a stop sign.

Bicyclists can legally ride on sidewalks, unless posted otherwise, and cyclists must always yield to pedestrians. To pass a pedestrian, the bicyclist should give an audible warning to the walker.

It is illegal to wear earbuds while biking.

Walkers and bicyclists were reminded that some

motorists fail to yield the right of way, and therefore everyone should walk and bike defensively.

Also, look both ways when crossing a street and make eye contact with the driver.

Drivers must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk, even when the crosswalk has no traffic light or blinking yellow light. There are quite a few of these intersections near busy areas within On Top of the World. A driver can be ticketed for not yielding.

At the end of January's presentation, the attendees took the pledge to Walk Wise, Bike Smart and Drive Safe.

Brentin Mosher from the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research gave the presentation. Brentin holds a League Cycling Instructor certification from The League of American Bicyclists, a national organization.

For more information about Bike/Walk Tampa Bay, find them on Facebook, Twitter or visit their Website, www.bikewalktampabay.org



Brentin Mosher talks about walking safely through a crosswalk.

Two new thrillers and two new mysteries added to OTOW library book shelf this month

By Katy Gerritt

There are eight new books on the shelves this month at the On Top of the World library.

We now have Mary Higgins Clark's latest, "You Don't Own Me" and Janet Evanovich's "Look Alive 25."

James Patterson's "Target: Alex Cross" and Lee Child's "Past Tense" are new thrillers.

"Long Road to Mercy" by David Baldacci and Michael Connelly's "Dark Sacred Night" are new mysteries.

And we also have romance with Danielle Steel in "Beauchamp Hall" and Richard Paul Evans in "The Noel Stranger."

On our shelves we have a variety of novels, thrillers, suspense and mysteries. There is something for almost everyone.

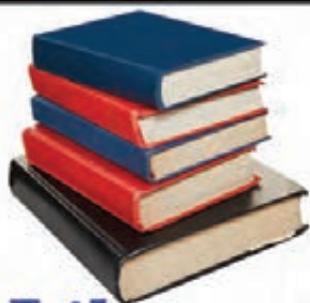
We are trying to add new books by your favorite authors.

We also have a large collection of sale books, thanks to those who donate, and we sell hardbound books for 50 cents each, paperbacks for 35 cents - or 3 for \$1.

Not sure where you would find better prices than this!

We also have a selection of free books on our shelves. They are marked with big letters, "FREE." You can also find free books in the puzzle room down the hall from us.

Free books are great for cruises and



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Mondays 10-12

Wednesdays, Fridays 1-3

road trips. Read one and then pass them on.

Our regular hours are Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m.

Membership is only \$4 for a calendar year.

We also have a drop box outside the library to make returns easier during the hours we are closed.

The Good Karma Book Club meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. The first meeting is to discuss a book selection made by the group and the other meeting is to discuss other books we are currently reading.

The February selection is "Excellent



Women" by Barbara Pym. We discovered this author while reading "What She Ate" earlier this year. She was a very popular British author for more than 30 years and we will see if it resonates today.

We are also working on our selection list for next season, which starts in April. We are looking for a theme to make selections from, so if you are interested, please join us for a visit to check it out.

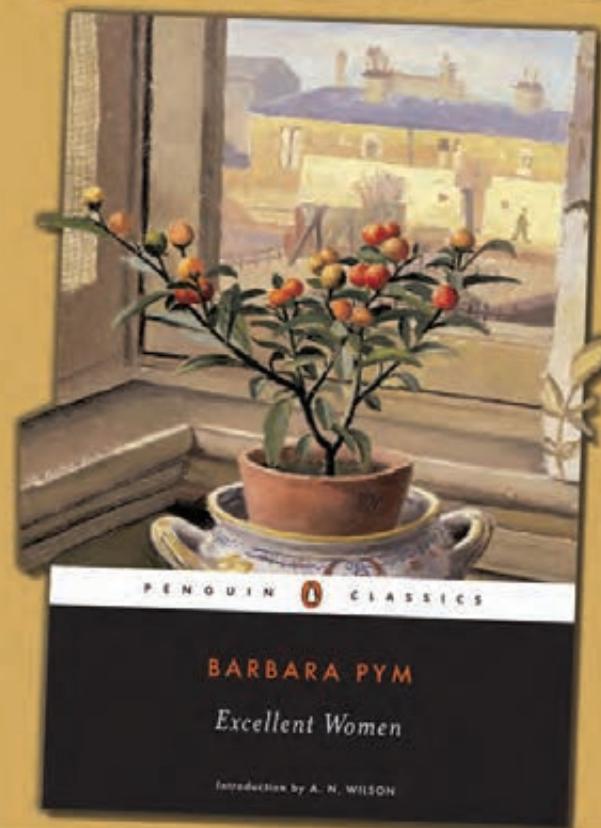
Good Karma Book Club

February

On Thursday, Feb. 7,
the Good Karma Book Club
will review

"Excellent Women" by Barbara Pym

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 book club will meet again on Thursday, Feb. 21,
10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

The topic is an open discussion.

Our March "Book of the Month" will be
"Secret Life of Bees" by Susan Monk Kidd.

IRISH CLUB

Parade Meetings

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Tuesday, Feb. 19, 3:15, Starlite Room
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Workers at the Pavilion Park construction site use a lift truck to move a palm tree 10 yards south of its previous location.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Tree gets a new home - 10 yards to the south

OK.

So some of you think you know On Top of the World pretty good.

Well, did you notice something a little strange near the East Activity Center North Parking Lot?

As part of the Pavilion Park construction project, work crews in January had to move a 40-foot palm tree about 10 yards to the south.

Yes. You read correctly.

At 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, residents were entering the East Activity Center for Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in the auditorium. By the time residents left the EAC at 11 a.m., the tree was 10 yards closer to the pond.

Did you notice?

No the tree didn't just walk to its new location. Crews dug the palm tree out of its old hole, dug a new hole and a lift truck moved the tree.

For the owner of a parked, black SUV, suddenly there was a tree in front of his vehicle in the parking lot.

The tree was moved to match up with plans for new sidewalks, new sod and a new fountain as part of the overall project. Crews also needed underground passage for water, sewer and electricity.

As of press time, there is no timetable for the Pavilion opening, but an emphasis has been placed on trying to get the shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits and tennis courts open as soon as possible.

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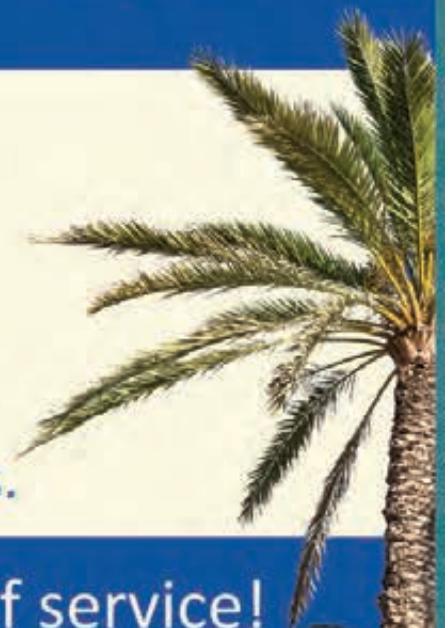


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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Line Dancing added 25 new dances in 2018 and more will be added this year



Line Dancing

By Christine Nason

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club held its annual meeting in January conducted by Secretary Christine Nason.

A review of this past year's accomplishments was presented to members. Each officer spoke and noted the various improvements which related to their position.

During 2018 presentations were made during the St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee.

The club acquired approximately 25 new dances and programming was expanded. Several additional demonstrators and cuers were added, and new equipment purchases were made.

There was a continued presence of our club in the On Top of the World newspaper and on Facebook with plans to utilize posting space on the OTOW Box Office.

After summaries from each officer, elections took place and was completed. All nominations were unanimously elected.

Mary Becker, Lynn Anzalone and Ute Scheibe continue on in their respective positions as president, vice president and treasurer.

Leila Walker had graciously accepted the nomination for secretary so she will assume that position for 2019.

The meeting was concluded and members returned to line dancing.

Have you made some New Year's



Your 2019 Line Dance Club officers are, left to right, Secretary Leila Walker, Treasurer Ute Scheibe, Vice President Lynn Anzalone and President Mary Becker. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

resolutions?

We hope that you will consider joining the OTOW Line Dance Club as one of those resolutions. We will help you keep your mind and body alert and active.

We are very fortunate here at On Top of the World to have a number of talented, devoted, line dance instructors, who provide many opportunities to learn

to line dance.

Basic instruction takes place Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. beginners may feel most comfortable as special introductory instruction is offered in the EAC Starlite Room.

General line dancing is held immedi-

ately at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays in the auditorium following the beginners class.

If you are a little shy, or uncertain if line dancing is for you, our club has posted dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732. Give them a try and then decide if you want to join us.

For additional information, you may contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541.

OTOW News



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Maria is a 12-year-old Brussels Griffon who Darlene Kole adopted seven years ago. Maria was rescued from a puppy mill along with 17 other dogs. The conditions were deplorable and Maria was kept outside on a concrete slab with no shelter of any kind. Maria was the dog they were breeding, over and over again. She had many litters and one winter her litter died from exposure.

When Darlene met Maria, she appeared blind because her eyes were so cloudy. She only weighed 7 pounds and was quite malnourished. She was a real mess for many months, but with a great deal of tenderness, she learned that people can be kind and loving.

Maria goes to work everyday at a visitor center on Clearwater Beach. She greets visitors from all over the world, who enjoy petting her and often comment that she looks like Chewbacca from Star Wars. Kids love her!

Today, Maria weighs 13 pounds and enjoys her home at the Azteca Building (19) at On Top of the World. She goes to the Dog Park almost everyday. Maria thanks so many people for treating her with kindness.



Maria

Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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 of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced in the February newspaper. The winner receives a gift certificate from Pet Supplies Plus and Barks & Bubbles Mobile Grooming, and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade in March.

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Volunteers needed to help with publicity and planning

You can support our new Veterans Club by voting for our homemade chili on Feb. 27

A great big "thank you" to every individual and every club at On Top of the World, who in 2018 had a vision for our new Veterans Group to come together.

You all provided assistance and support in making our group a reality.

But we still have a long way to go to make our group viable and relevant. We could use some help to reach this lofty goal.

If you have a positive attitude, we could really use your assistance. We need help in manning our veterans information table Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We need someone to write a monthly article for the community newspaper and help coordinate one of our numerous fu-

ture events.

If you are interested in any of these areas, please email us at otowveterans-group@gmail.com.

The New Year started strong with Good Neighbors Association inviting Gary Gilchrist as a speaker on behalf of Honor Flight of West Central Florida, Inc.

The Honor Flight assists World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans by providing a complimentary trip to Washington, DC, to visit the memorials.

Our Veterans Group will be awaiting the return of our veterans from this event and give them a welcome home they will always remember.

We have a busy winter and spring

planned so do not miss out on the following upcoming events.

In February, we are competing in the Good Neighbors Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Residents are invited to try all of the chili for only \$3, but we recommend you vote for the best one - which, of course, will be chili made by our club.

On Saturday, March 9, we will be participating in the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our group has a fabulous new banner which was donated by the Irish Club. We will need decorators and participants for the parade. Mobility issues are not an issue as we will have several vehicles available to assist.

Be sure to register for our Armed

Forces Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, May 15. The registration form is below. Everyone who registers will be recognized at this memorable event.

In the past, this event has been sponsored by the New York/New Jersey Club. It's now our honor to sponsor this event with assistance from our friends at Em-path Health.

Our upcoming scheduled meetings are Wednesdays, Feb. 13, April 3, June 5, Aug. 7, Oct. 2 and Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center kitchen.

You may visit our page on the Box Office for the latest information. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the link for the Box Office. Look for our club page.



OTOW Veterans Group Armed Forces Recognition Day Registration Form



This event takes place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our On Top of the World Veterans Group will hold a special tribute for community residents who served their country honorably - whether it was for the USA or our Allied Forces.

Each honoree will be recognized individually. Please register in advance using this form, which can be dropped off at our group table any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., or you can drop off forms at the newspaper office during regular business hours. Forms must be submitted by Tuesday, April 30. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend this event with all veterans.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Branch of Service: _____ US Other Country _____

Years Served: From 19__ to 20__ Email address: _____

List medals, awards, ribbons, citations you received: _____

I plan on attending this tribute. I cannot get across the stage on my own.

I cannot attend this tribute, but I would still like to registered.

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Chili Cook-Off set for Feb. 27

First Get Acquainted Coffee of the new year featured local talent and fresh ideas



By Jim Bjorgo

Your Good Neighbors Association started 2019 with a well-attended Get Acquainted Coffee on Jan. 10. More than 180 residents attended.

We went through 200 cups of coffee and tea, and 15 dozen donuts for this event.

We would be remiss if we did not extend our thanks to Tom and Vicki Portsmouth, and Gil Small, for providing the musical entertainment. These talented people stepped in when our scheduled performer wasn't able to make it. Once again, local On Top of the World talent saved the day, and you can see more of Tom, Vicki and Gil in this month's Jesters show.

At the Get Acquainted Coffee event, Good Neighbors debuted two new ideas.

The first idea was an Artisan/Crafter of the Month. Our first person was Sheila Duthie. She was given the chance to show off her crafts. We will continue to showcase a new artisan/crafter each month. All sales of items shown are to the benefit of the artisan/crafter. Stop by Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Feb. 14, and see what's new from our next resident crafter.

The second idea was moving coffee and donuts to the Good Karma Uptown Outpost. So if you don't see us at our normal place in the auditorium, look for us now at the Outpost.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, will mark the first Good Neighbors Chili Cook-Off. The event will take place 5-8 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room and Starlite Room.

As of this article going to press, there were still a few openings available for anyone who desired to show off the chili cooking expertise. Any resident can enter or any OTOW group can enter. There is a monetary prize for the best chili and best dressed table.

Judges also will be needed for this event.

If you want to be a "Taster Judge," the cost is \$3. You can purchase a judge ticket Mondays and Thursdays in the East



For Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in January, Tom Portsmouth (left), Vicki Portsmouth and Gil Small were asked to fill in on stage and entertain residents for about an hour. Tom and Vicki had two days notice and Gil had 12 hours notice, but they pulled it off with an appreciative crowd in front of them. They do have experience entertaining at the Canadian Club's monthly cabaret. Pictured below is the Good Neighbors group serving coffee and donuts before the entertainment. The group is now taking advantage of the GoodKarma Uptown Outpost location to serve from.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Look for the Good Neighbors information table.

Judge tickets also will be available at the door prior to the event, but Good Neighbors would prefer advance sales. Only 80 judge tickets will be sold.

This is a Bring Your Own Beverage event, but water will be provided to judges.

The Good Neighbors Flea Market/Craft Show will take place on Saturday, March 30, in the EAC auditorium. Table sales will begin on Monday, Feb. 18 and continue each Monday and Thursday morning. Single tables are \$15 and side-by-side tables are \$25.

The club's spring clothing drive will take place on Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16 under the front portico at the EAC. Club members will be collecting clean and gently-used clothing from 10 a.m. to noon both days. The clothing will then be distributed to sources that give away clothing for free and to those most in need. None of the clothing collected is resold for a profit.

Start going through the items in your closet and drop off what you no longer need. Your donation may be a great value to someone else.

Good Neighbors has scheduled its next volunteers meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. in the Small Card Room.

We will be asking for volunteer help with our various spring events. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

And lastly, people have been asking how they can get in touch with representatives from the Good Neighbors Association. Not only are we at our information table Monday and Thursday mornings, but you can call Jim or Maureen Bjorgo at (727) 725-4048.

Good Neighbors also has plans to start updating its Box Office Web page on a regular basis. You can send us messages by visiting the Box Office. The Box Office can be reached at OnTopOfTheWorld-News.com.

Canada Day dinner dance set for Feb. 15

On Jan. 4, despite a heavy rain, 50 Canadian Club members enjoyed each other's company at the first Happy Hour Cabaret of the winter season.

There was a lot of music, camaraderie and food was enjoyed by all!

On Jan. 18, we gathered at Tampa Bay Downs for our annual Day at the Races. Every year, this is one of the most fun events we have during our winter season here at On Top of the World.

Up next is "Canada Day in the USA."

Time is limited for everyone to get their tickets for this dinner dance being held on Friday Feb. 15.

If our other dinner dances are any indication of how successful this event will be, then this one should be extremely well



attended.

This is our club's opportunity to honor our past presidents, to thank our many American friends who host us year after year in this beautiful state, and to dance the night away after a sumptuous buffet.

Feb. 15 is also Canadian Flag Day!

Monday, Feb. 4, Monday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 7, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., will be your last chance to pick up tickets for the dinner dance. Visit our information table in the East Activity Center auditorium. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The club's annual golf tournament scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 10, has been canceled because no one stepped forward to organize it.

This loss is a key indication of how our club needs volunteers to come forward to organize events - without our volunteers we cannot hold fun events.

Our annual meeting with the Canadian Snowbirds Association will be Thursday, Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. in the WAC

Sunrise Room. Before you head back to Canada, this is a very informative meeting you should attend.

March looks very busy with several exciting events coming up, including our popular Happy Hour Cabaret on March 1 and the third major event of the winter season, our "Spring Fling" Dinner Dance on March 15.

Want to see a Toronto Blue Jays spring training game?

Please contact Tom McKee at 727-470-9161 for tickets as the Blue Jays will face the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday, March 16 at 1:07 p.m. Ticket price is \$25.

Stay tuned for more event information in the March 1 issue of OTOW News.

Keeping the lawn bowl courts in mint condition almost as much work as winning a tournament

By Bob Laplante

The Lawn Bowls Club greens, located adjacent to the East Activity Center, has a high profile, as it is readily visible to community residents who access the many activities and services offered here.

Ongoing renovations by On Top of the World, to further enhance the appearance of the community, includes the lawn bowl greens and will give the community a modern and aesthetic vibe.

However, as a sports facility, the lawn bowl greens requires upkeep and maintenance that is provided through the cooperation of OTOW management and members of the Lawn Bowls Club.

Those passing by the greens on Jan. 15 may have noticed work being performed by club members. The work included the removal of the top layer of Har-Tru, the same material that is used on clay tennis courts, and replacing it with new material.

This maintenance is important as time, heat and wind break down the material, it loses its ability to retain moisture and ability to resist being removed by wind.

All excess material has to be removed from ditches located at the end of the courts, which become filled due to wind or player use. The surface has to be leveled and made as smooth and level as possible as any discrepancy affects play.

This all happens three times a year.

The nature of the Har-Tru topping means that it has to be soaked thoroughly when applied and then watered on a daily

Lawn Bowling

basis.

OTOW provides the Har-Tru material and maintains the watering system. To assist us, the club has a director, Jerry Cotton, appointed to be in charge of all facility issues. We also have a groundskeeper, Dave Lindeman, who oversees the condition of the rinks and grooms the surface each weekday during the season.

As you can read, the facility is maintained with the cooperation of many people.

Volunteer club members sweep and prepare the courts before each day of play.

All members contribute to upkeep by showing respect for rules, including wearing flat-soled shoes. We also remove ever present leaves that land on the courts.

The many hours of volunteer work help keep the property a showplace for the community and a first class facility on which to play.

In January, the Lawn Bowls Club enjoyed two tournaments and is looking forward to the upcoming Robbie Burns Tournament.

This Scottish tournament is another excuse for a social game open to all mem-



Jerry Cotton laying the Har-Tru surface at the lawn bowl courts.

bers of the club. It is also one of the games that is followed by a lunch - always a favorite with seniors.

Our club recently completed its Australian Pairs Tournament. The team of Pauline McKinnon and Dave Murray came in first place, Marj Kells and Rod Jones took second place, Tom Barrett and Bob Laplante took third place, and the dynamic couple of Doreen and Chris Paine had the single game highest score.

Our club's Mixed Pairs Tournament held earlier in the month was won by Kelly Moore and Jerry Cotton, while Barb and Burl Roller came in second place, Pauline McKinnon and Jacques Breton were in third place and Bill Swain and Luba Bilalova achieved fourth place.

Congratulations to all and a special thanks to coordinators Dave and Pat Murray.

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Night at the Races on Feb. 20 will feature fast horses and dinner - don't miss it

By MaryAnn Fontaine

Were you one of the lucky On Top of the World residents who saw the Bronx Wanderers in concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall?

As I started writing this article for the Italian-American Club, I was remembering that great show and sitting alongside other residents from our group.

I brought along one of my daughters and even she loved it. I hope the Bronx Wanderers return again soon.

So what else has happened with the Italian-American Club that you shouldn't have missed?

Our club had its annual Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner in January. Mama's Italian Deli did the cooking, and as always, there was plenty to eat.

On Feb. 20, we will have our sub sandwich night with choice of Italian sub, ham and cheese, or tuna. Cost is \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members and Night at the Races will follow. Final day to buy tickets is Feb. 18.

March is our St Joseph's Dinner Dance. Cost is \$20 for member and \$25 for non-member. As this is our big dinner dance, please try and sign up as early as you can, so we know how many people



Italian-American Club

to plan on.

April 5 will be our annual picnic at Philippe Park and April 17 is our pizza/salad night.

Even though this is February, April is coming fast, so please plan ahead.

We have two shows remaining this season at The Show Palace Dinner The-



Pictured above is one of many 'Night at the Races' previously held by the Italian-American Club. The event returns in February to the East Activity Center auditorium.

atre in Hudson.

On March 31 is the musical Chicago and on Sunday, April 21, is Rat Pack. Sign up for these shows as I have limited seats. Cost is \$55, which includes buffet, show, tax and tip. It is about a 45 minute drive straight north on US 19.

Ruth Eckerd shows coming up are Paul Anka, DooWop Reunion XIX and Tom Jones.

Adults at Leisure shows are Bee Gees, Simon and Garfunkel, Modern Gentlemen, Sicilian Tenors and Voctave.

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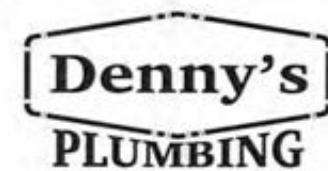
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Open forum allowed members to ask many questions



Republican Club

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

The Republican Club meeting in January was an open forum, which made the night interesting and enlightening.

Don Dinello did us a favor and took oversight for questions and answers. He had a lot of statistical information and shared it with everyone present.

The meeting was a big success.

Lilly Scheifen did the prayer after our pledge of allegiance.

On Feb. 12, Jeff Antous will be our speaker. He is a political speaker. He was present at the last Broward County recount after the last election. He worked



Republican Club representative Don Dinello answers questions raised by members at the January meeting.

for the Department Of Justice.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

On March 12, Dr. Bill Urban will be our next guest speaker. He is an advisor to the U.S. Departments of State and De-

fense. He is also a business leader, author, speaker and educator.

March 9 is the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. Hope to see club members there to march with us.

Both March meetings will also take

place in the Sunrise Room. If you aren't sure about the location, please contact Bea Pacelli at 312-217-4940.

All of our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

Newcomers



Judith and Paul Turner of Canada



Janice Leo
(top)
of Pennsylvania



Mary Sumpter
(top right)
of North Carolina



Chuck Davidson
(right)
of Illinois

Welcome!

(Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Our club wants to know more than just names



Family History

By Shirley Perry

As genealogists, we each have varied interests.

We don't just collect names. We also want to know our ancestors' occupations, living conditions, the reasons that led them to settle where they did or move on to other locations.

All are important to us. We want to know about our ancestors who came before us.

At the Family History group, our programs are geared to meet different interests. One item of particular interest is the status of our nation as a whole.

The Civil War was a time of prime importance to each of us. We are pleased

to announce that our Feb. 11 meeting will feature a Civil War presentation by Gerald Colen. His in-depth knowledge of the war gives him numerous topics to cover. His talk will be about Ulysses Grant and the winning of the war.

We hope you will join us to hear Gerald give his Ulysses Grant presentation on Monday, Feb. 11, from 1-3 p.m. in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center.

Our January meeting featured a presentation by one of our own.

We sat spellbound as Tom Richarme presented the ever-fascinating story of being an adoptee.

Having met his birth mother in his 40s, Tom had no real desire to identify his

biological father until his teen-aged grandchildren began asking questions.

With encouragement and help from our group, Tom decided to enter the world of DNA testing. He quickly learned that it usually raises more questions than answers. It has to be combined with research to find possible cracks in the veil of secrecy.

Tom found that he would have to face a whole range of emotions on his journey, but through it all he was able, at age 72, to positively identify the man who was there when he was conceived.

More on his story in a later article.

If our class sounds fascinating, please join us in February.

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Jesters' 40th anniversary show set for Feb. 8-10



Jesters

By Sue Calinski-McMillan

February is already here and the Jesters are in full show-mode!

Scripts and songs are memorized and scenes are being amped up at each rehearsal. Sets are complete, props are ready, and costumes are going through their final fittings.

The only thing missing now is you!

The Jesters have been busy planning, writing and creating since last April in anticipation of this moment!

We want to share with you our enthusiasm, musical ability and plenty of laughs! We have worked diligently to make this one of our best shows, just for you!

Tickets are still available for the unbelievably low, low donation price of \$5.

You can't go wrong with a deal like this: a whole evening of entertainment for just \$5!

You may get tickets from your Jesters friends and neighbors, or at the Jesters information table in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Tickets also will be available at the door prior to each performance: Friday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.

Please plan to arrive early, as we have had full houses in the past. Seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

February is also the month when our new Board of Directors is proposed. Watch next month's On Top of the World

News to see the new slate!

We have had such a wonderful time working on this show and it is our intent that it not just meets, but exceeds your expectations!

Entertainment and laughter should be abundant and we want you to have as much fun watching the show as we have had putting it together.

Join your friends and family for this show that is chock-full of laughs, surprises and plenty of downright entertainment!

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Democratic Club looking for parade marchers

By Donna Lukas

Chocolate, affordable healthcare, flowers, right to vote, candy hearts and civil liberties.

What do all these have in common?

They are things that some people get passionate about!

Come show your political passion at the next On Top of the World Democratic Club meeting on Feb 14. Time and location for the meeting is 2-3:30 p.m. in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center.

At our January meeting, we began a discussion of the partial government shutdown and asked what Democrats can do about it. One suggestion made was each person can email our Senators and representatives indicating their own personal views on the matter.

We also began signing up volunteer marchers for our club's participation in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day parade. It will take place 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 9. If you are able and willing to walk the parade route for approximately one mile, please call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123. Leave your name and phone number.

At our January meeting, we also nominated club officers who will be officially elected during our March meeting.

Please remember it is time to renew



Democratic Club

your club membership with voting privileges, so bring your \$12 annual dues to the Feb. 14 meeting and give yourself a valentine.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club page on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

This Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting. You can also send us an email at this site. Also look for club announcements on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732.

OTOW brings balance class back for residents

Back by popular demand, On Top of the World has asked Tai Chi Instructor Ruth Pittman to teach a basic balance class to residents with a valid activity card.

The class, "Balance Matters," will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. This class will be similar to "Matter of Balance," which was previously offered in the community.

Using Tai Chi and Chi Kung as a starting point, residents will learn ways to improve their balance.

The introductory class will be free to all residents in February and then will be \$3 a class starting in March.

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Baby Boomers start the new year on the beach



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

Have you ever heard of the Polar Bear Club? They jump into ice cold water on New Year's Day.

Well, check out our very own Polar Boomer Club!

On New Year's Day on Clearwater Beach, we Baby Boomers gathered for our seventh annual New Year's celebration.

As usual, we were dancing in the sand, enjoying the sun, celebrating fun and hugging our friends. Tom Yetman and Tim Carr plunged into the cold water like polar bears! For that minute, they were the Boomer rock stars ... and started the Polar Boomer Club!

Another group of Boomers gathered to listen to "Rhapsody in Blue," performed by the Florida Orchestra, while another group of theater-loving Boomers



Polar Baby Boomers celebrated New Year's Day on Clearwater Beach and some brave polar bears even went into the water.

went to see "Bingo the Musical."

Speaking of entertainment - you are invited! That's right - you are invited to dance, dance, dance!

Last year, we Baby Boomers had so much fun at our Gratitude Dance that we decided this year to open it up to the entire On Top of the World community.

On March 29, we Boomers will host the second annual Gratitude Dance in the

East Activity Center auditorium.

Starting Feb. 4, you'll notice that Boomers are selling tickets for \$5 Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

If you are interested in future Boomer events, you need to get your name on our email list. To be on our list come to a Boomer meeting.

So, if you like biking, dancing, golf-

ing, jamming, movie going, partying, picnicking, socializing, or wine tasting, join us. Check us out!

Come join us for our next meetings on Feb. 6 and Feb. 21 in the East Activity Center Art Room at 5:30 pm.

We have a quick discussion about upcoming events, followed by raucous laughter at a local restaurant. Baby Boomers are not an age, but a state of mind.

Some OTOW line dancers spent a week in January on a line dance Caribbean cruise

By Ed Foland

Not only do residents enjoy dancing with the Snowbirds Line Dance Club on Wednesday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium, but they also dance in other more interesting places.

A group of dancers just returned from a line dance workshop on a seven-day cruise to Cozumel, Costa Maya, Belize and Roatan. Dolly and Ed Foland led the workshop and were assisted by guest teachers Leila Walker, Sheila Bonomo, Dale Stackhouse and Jan Springer.

The announcement was made during the workshop that the fourth annual line dance cruise will depart from Tampa on Jan. 6, 2020.

Our annual mid-winter line dance and dinner party recently took place back home at On Top of the World and provided an additional opportunity for dancers to just have fun dancing instead of dancing in a classroom environment.

The first dance at the party was the "Electric Slide." Dancers filled the dance floor and kept it full all evening.

Another interesting line dance event will be dancing down World Parkway Boulevard in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 9.



The Snowbirds Club and the OTOW Line Dance Club have joined together to have one entry in the parade. Leading the dancers will be Mary Becker, president of the Line Dance Club, and Dolly Foland, co-president of the Snowbirds Line Dance Club.

The Snowbirds Club arranges other social activities for line dancers, which includes dinner theaters, bus trips and cruises. Flyers are available at line dance classes on Wednesday mornings in the EAC auditorium.

For additional information, contact Ed Foland at (727) 417-3272 or endfoland@aol.com.



On Top of the World residents pose while on a line dancing cruise in the Caribbean. In the first two rows are residents who were instructors: Dolly Foland, Dale Stackhouse, Leila Walker, Ed Foland, Sheila Bonomo and Jan Springer.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf League wishes to thank everyone who has improved the golf courses



Gilda Gambacurta enjoys perfect putting conditions on our lush greens during action in the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League in January. Rumor has it, she made this putt dead-on.

By Penni Telleck

The Ladies 9-Hole Golf Club thanks Todd Six and his awesome crew!

Since Todd began as our golf superintendent 12 months ago, he and his staff have made many improvements on the courses that combine both art and science.

Often, Todd first visualizes a picturesque course for us. Then, he meshes the complicated sciences of art and agronomy to create and maintain his vision.

Todd treats all of his 27 holes with the same attention and care, and we get to enjoy them all!

And guess what?

Todd says, "We're just getting warmed up. There are surprises yet to come."

Here are just a few of his upgrades:

- The fairways and rough are now in great condition.
- Our greens are now close cut, well-manicured and have a consistent surface. Healthy greens improve our "short game" and make accurate putts easier.

They also help with our cholesterol levels.

Todd hopes to ensure that every match ends on a critical putt. The Goal: We tap the ball, hope it plunks in and then smile when it does!

Thanks and kudos from 50 swinging chicks to Todd and On Top of the World President Kenneth Colen for all the improvements to our course.

Tweet! Tweet! So sweet!

Now back to our league.

Who had birdies last month?

Patti Fleif, Debra Champ, Ann Stewart, Carroll Harris, Shawn Welsch and Lois Van De Bogart all had birdies.

Our upcoming February events include a Feb. 12 Valentine-themed match using three clubs and your putter.

Next is a flight tournament from Feb. 26-28. We hope to see you there.

On March 19 we will be continuing our clothing and food drive, plus we are recruiting officers for next year.

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The 2018-19 Theater Workshop cast rehearses for next month's show 'The Best of Broadway - Part 2.' (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Sequel to Broadway Part 1 will focus on musical songwriters and song-writing teams

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Theater Workshop production of "The Best of Broadway, Part 2."

The cast is very excited as they have put together an entertaining combination of story, song and dance to be presented on March 8, 9 and 10.

This show is the sequel to last season's highly successful "Best of Broadway" tribute to musical theater. Emphasis this year will be on the song-writing teams and individuals who have given us some of Broadway's most notable musical numbers over the past 100 years.

This year, the show will pay tribute to the teams of Kander and Ebb, Lerner and Loewe, Rodgers and Hammerstein and, of course, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

The individuals to be saluted include Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Leonard Bernstein and George M. Cohan.

It will be an evening celebrating, once again, the wonderful world of Broadway Musical Theater.

Director and Writer Laurie Fischer, is absolutely thrilled with the level and diversity of talent, once again, on stage this year. He looks forward to further present-

ing the story of Broadway Musical Theater with this talented cast of 20 On Top of the World residents.

Be sure to buy your tickets early as, based on last year, Theater Workshop expects big crowds to attend "The Best of Broadway, Part 2."

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available for the March 8, 9 and 10 shows. Tickets are sold 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday in the East Activity Center auditorium.

"If you liked us last year, you will love us this year," Laurie says.



Do you have important computer files? When is the last time you backed them up!



Amazon Cloud Drive is one of many places where you can back up your important computer files. The graphic above is used to tell someone how much storage space is being used and how much space is still available.

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club recently learned about "backing up" important files.

What does backing up mean?

The term simply means to make a copy of a file somewhere else besides the computer you created it on. It's critical to back up important files because computers can crash, break, or our condos may become inaccessible due to damage to our building.

Files can be backed up either locally or in "the cloud."

To back up files locally, make copies on a device, such as a USB drive (Universal Serial Bus) or an external hard drive.

Backing up files in "the cloud" means to make a copy on a remote computer, such as the Google-owned drive.google.com.

There are numerous other Websites where computer users can back up files for free. It's even possible to automatically back up files to remote Websites so you



have the peace of mind of knowing that all your essential information is safe.

Important files to back up include irreplaceable photos, financial data, or any other files that would cause inconvenience

or regret if lost.

If you're not sure about how to back up your files, Computer Club members can show you how. We are in the West Activity Center Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, to provide assistance with computer issues.

Help with smart phones or tablets is available at the same time. These sessions are free.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

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

Major changes have been made to the On Top of the World Box Office Website. See Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club if you want to learn how to find the site, which hosts information on all OTOW clubs along with community information and thinking games.

Neighborhood Watch brings back a seminar which will help residents prepare for criminal situations

By David Beaven

Last fall, On Top of the World residents listened to a presentation on an important topic - walking into an active shooter situation.

Many in the audience suggested that we do the presentation again when all our Snowbird residents are back. So for those who missed it, your Neighborhood Watch group is bringing back the active shooter seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Jessica Hughey will lead the presentation.

While we live in a very pleasant community, we are not immune from shooting incidents which have occurred in other "pleasant" locations like schools, shopping malls, workplaces and even churches.

These days, it is now standard for students and workers to receive this kind of training. Everywhere we go - stores, restaurants, government buildings, etc. - we have to be prepared in case a bad situation arises.



All our residents can benefit from the information Jessica shares with us. So mark your calendar for this timely talk.

Neighborhood Watch is not only concerned with crime prevention, we also value quality of life. One of our slogans is: "We watch out for each other."

Right now there are plenty of unsung heroes at On Top of the World who are doing just that. We are thankful for them. They are the residents here who help out their building neighbors, whether it be by driving them to an activity, picking up

things at the store, or just stopping by to check on them. These little kindnesses can make a big difference in others lives.

In response, a good neighbor enjoys the satisfaction of having helped another neighbor, and an improvement in the quality of life in the building.

If this resonates with you, look for opportunities where you live. Watching out for each other benefits all of us.

Area Watch 2020 is a Neighborhood Watch started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect.

We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better.

If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our Webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com. We are also in the Box Office at ontopoftheworld-news.com.



Deputy Jessica Hughey

Bingo is set to resume in late February

On Top of the World bingo is tentatively set to resume on Monday evenings in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Watch OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 or 732 and the Box Office for confirmation details in February.

The Box Office can be viewed online at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

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If you like turtles or big cats, pay attention to what the Travel Club is offering in February

By Tom Jamrozy

The Travel Club is all excited by what's been going on with our group.

Our January Lunch Bunch was held at Abe's Place and was a great success.

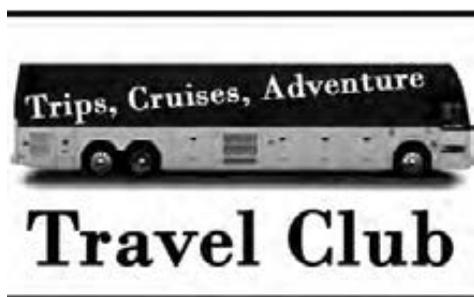
We took a day trip to Ikea in Tampa, where we shopped until we dropped and ate at very reasonable restaurants.

Last month club members went on a seven-day Caribbean Cruise, but returned after deadline for this newspaper edition. Stay tuned for our story in the March newspaper.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room at 2 p.m. Please come early to sign in, get your "share the wealth" tickets, pay your dues for 2019 and shop for Lunch Bunch and trips.

We are offering upcoming monthly Lunches Bunches to Tarpon Turtle on Feb. 13, O'Keefe's on March 13 and Bahama Breeze on April 17.

Our upcoming trips include Big Cat



Habitat on Feb. 20, Victory Casino Cruise on March 19 and Mt. Dora on April 10.

We continue to plan for future activities so please stop by our sales tables on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the EAC auditorium to purchase tickets and find out what is available.

We welcome input on what the members would like to see offered, so feel free to do so.

The OTOW Travel Club is a place to eat, drink and travel with old friends and to make new ones.



Travel Club members enjoy January's Lunch Bunch at Abe's Place in Clearwater. In February, the destination is the Tarpon Turtle.

Learning Italian culture

Gemma Cima and Antoinette d'Oronzio teach a free Italian Language and Culture Class to residents on Fridays. Pictured at left are Gemma and Antoinette dressing up and explaining the significance of La Befana, who is a good witch during the Italian celebration of the Epiphany. The class takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Computer Room. For more information, call Antoinette at 813-494-4627.



Introducing Chair Yoga

By popular request, On Top of the World has scheduled chair yoga for residents with a valid activity card.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



On Top of the World residents sold out the East Activity Center auditorium in January as a Bee Gees tribute band took center stage. Pictured above and below are just two of the scenes during this evening of rock 'n roll. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



2019 starts with two sold out shows and there are 11 more to come

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee sponsored two shows in January and both were sold out.

So, don't miss out on the remaining 2019 shows.

Tickets are available right now for all 11 shows and 15 dances, including New Year's Eve.

Tickets are selling briskly and you can get tickets and information at the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Get a group of friends or neighbors together for a fun night out and party without leaving On Top of the World. Make it truly a fun night out and bring snacks and beverages of your choice. Ice and coffee are provided. Check the theme and dress code for each event.

Don't miss the free, once a month, renamed Sunday Meet and Greet, which starts at 2 p.m. on Sundays in the EAC auditorium. No tickets are required and the seating is open. Check the schedule of professional entertainment and fun events that are featured. Snacks and soda are provided. Bring cash to participate in a raffle drawing and you may go home a winner!

"New Odyssey Guy" show, starring Gary Todd, one of the founding members of New Odyssey, will perform here on Feb. 14. Gary is a one-man show dynamo! His high energy show will feature his mastery of 10 instruments, music, song, comedy and more!

"The Bus Stop Band" will provide dance music for our Feb. 16 Valentine's Dance. This five-piece group of talented artists has been "rockin the world" for the past 10 years. Be ready to dance the night away!

The free Sunday Meet and Greet on Feb. 17 features Ralph Rogers, an OTOW favorite!

"The Paul Tanner Show" is jam-packed with impressions from the world of comedy, celebrity and music, like Elvis, Tom Jones and more!

Look for the Entertainment Committee sound and lighting crew, which will be providing microphones, music and lighting support for the Jester Shows in February and The Theater Workshop show in March. The sound and lighting systems have been upgraded and enhanced!

For information on our future events, call (727) 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

View OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732. Call or visit the Community Service Office in the EAC. Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, WAC and your building.

Go to Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and look for our upcoming events.

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

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Stellar defense can keep a tie game tied

By Bob Rittner

For the third consecutive month, an outfielder stunned the crowd in Safety Harbor with a spectacular catch as defense vied with offense to dominate games.

When Jim Costello awoke that morning, he did not know he would become legendary by 9:30 a.m.

In a tie game, he streaked to his left for a scorched liner in the gap, stretching to his knees to make a backhanded catch aborting a two-run homer.

Spectator's gasped. The batter, Lenny Segall, renowned power hitter, claimed it was the hardest ball he hit this year and tipped his cap.

The eloquent and definitive quotation from numerous onlookers was, "Wow!"

As a result of the catch, 2nd Time Sports and Project Transform finished in a 9-9 tie.

Jim now joins Jim Tiano and Allan Bendert in the pantheon of gold glove outfielders.

Project Transform 9
2nd Time Sports 8

This game was a defensive tale of three fielders: Bob Ballentine at catcher, Henry Zussman at second base and Wayne Pall at first base.

Bob reached high to nab a pop up from a dangerous hitter with runners on base stifling a possible big inning. Later, with breathtaking athleticism, his light-

Softball

ing reflexes allowed him to spear another foul ball bare-handed.

Henry's first highlight saw him flash in (à la Billy Martin in the 1952 World Series) to grab a short pop up. Then later, he hustled back for a great catch in short right field and tossed to first for a double play. The runner could be forgiven for thinking the ball was uncatchable.

Wayne played an immaculate first base with remarkable scoops and stretches to record outs. Many innings ended with whoops of appreciation from his teammates.

Project Transform 17
2nd Time Sports 6

Discussion at the post-game breakfast was exceptionally spirited as we examined the unusual rout.

All agreed, defense was a major factor in the victory.

The Project Transform outfield of Allan Bendert, Alex Scaranda, Gary Anderson and Jim Calvert blanketed the field either catching any fly ball in their vicinity, (and sometimes it seemed far beyond) or cutting off hits in the gaps to hold runners to singles.

Third baseman Rick Metzger scooted

back to backhand a foul pop up before crashing into the fence while clutching the ball.

Then there was the relentless offense led by Reggie Phelan's perfect five-hit day with a triple. Rick's two doubles and a homer, Alex's homer and three singles, Gary's two triples and Roger Hebler's two RBI hits highlighted the first two innings.

2nd Time Sports 10
Project Transform 7

A three-run, bottom of the eighth inning, sparked by consecutive hits from Alex Scaranda, Jim Kemp, Rick Metzger and Wayne Pall, broke a 7-7 tie.

Guy Bertuzzi launched a home run deep to center field and Gary Anderson had four hits for Project Transform.

Rick Champ raced in to snag a short pop up below his knees.

2nd Time Sports 7
Project Transform 7

After Jim Tiano's clutch RBI single tied the game in the seventh inning, consecutive singles by Bill Lepping, Bill French, Rick Metzger, Joe DeChiaro and Bob Fields gave Project Transform a two-run lead in the eighth inning.

But Jim Kemp's sixth hit, followed by a Alex Scaranda's long homer, tied the game at the end.

Joe Maley made a difficult left-handed pivot on four double plays.

2nd Time Sports 9
Project Transform 9

The power of Joe DeChiaro and Alex Scaranda, who combined for two doubles, a triple and Alex's homer, twice brought Project Transform back from a four-run deficit.

Project Transform 8
2nd Time Sports 1

This was the Jim Kemp/Roger Martel game.

The greatest defensive third baseman in major league history was Brooks Robinson. Jim was our version of Brooks, gloving a hard grounder over the bag and throwing a runner out from foul territory. Also, snagging another ball in the hole and then leaping for two hard liners.

Roger made five wonderful catches in the outfield, one over his head, another racing far into foul ground, and a third a tumbling catch as he sprinted in.

The heavy lifting on offense was done by Phil Goodwin with four hits, Jim Costello with five hits and Bill Lepping with two doubles.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970).

Don Baker wins back-to-back weeks

The Thursday Golf League season is in full swing and finally most of our Snowbird members have returned making weekly play much more interesting.

Don Baker was the week 7 champion. Dave Pittenger was second and John Taylor was third. Scott Rogers recorded the low gross round. Tim Carr, Ada Maloof and Paul Meyers collected a skin each. The long drivers for the week were Ada Maloof, Fred Schick, Paul Meyers and Ron Reeves. Ada Maloof also had both closest to the pin shots.

Week 8 saw Don Baker repeat as champion. Tim Belcastro was second and Ken Smith third. Bruce MacPherson had the low gross score. Ron Reeves collected two skins. Fred Schick, Gary Sandine and Bill Higgins had one each. The long drive

Thursday Golf

winner were Lynne Godfrey, Fred Schick and Bruce MacPherson. Don Hunter and Bill Higgins had the closest to the pin shots.

Week 9 was cold and windy, but the turnout of players was large. Richard Yoon took first place. Pat Mahony was second and Jahn Lawson placed third. The low gross round went to Ron Reeves. Mike Marsh, Gary Sandine, John Taylor, Lynne Godfrey and Mike LaViolette all

collected a skin. Marjorie Olsen, Fred Schick, and John Taylor and Gary Sandine were the long drivers. Harry Barbin and Mike LaViolette were closest to the pin.

Several competitions are scheduled in the next few weeks, including Match Play and a Four-Person Scramble. Several team events and a 3-clubs-and-a-putter tournament will also be held.

For 26 weeks, league members play by a point system - our version of the PGA's Fedex Cup. The better you play, the more points you accumulate. The person with the most points at the end of the season is league champion.

The current standings have Don Baker leading with 21 points. Bill Higgins is second with 16. Len Howell and Bill Gambacurta have 15. Paul Meyers, Bob

Hunt, Bruce MacPherson and Ron Reeves have 14. Mike LaViolette and Dave Pittenger have 13. John Taylor and Pat Mahony have 12. Lynne Godfrey and Gary Sandine have 11. CJ Messina and Richard Yoon have 11.

The league welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up, you play.

Players must sign in between 9-9:30 a.m. for the new season.

We play the course using the USGA Stableford format.



New 50th anniversary shirts arrive in February

By Pat Cassidy

Thanks to Donna Smerz and Kim Norried for arranging our 50th anniversary golf shirts.

Kim designed and made the logo, which will be stitched on the shirts. They will be delivered during the month as soon as they are finished.

On Feb. 5, you will be playing the front or back nine. Your choice before you tee off. The results will be your score on the nine holes you selected, minus half your handicap. Good luck!

Sheila Meneilly and Terry Kuplen have the Jack and Jill Tournament well organized for Feb. 12. If you haven't signed up, and would like to play, or need to cancel, please call Sheila at 723-9470.

We will have a Valentine's Day general meeting on Feb 13. It is a very important meeting as we elect officers for next year. If you would like to serve, don't be shy. Call Becky West and volunteer.

The gals that attended our Jan. 6 golf clinic gave it high marks. The next clinic is Feb. 6.

Marj Hanson, long-time resident of

Ladies 18 Golf

Largo, recently moved into OTOW and is the newest member of our league. Welcome Marj.

Since our starting time during the cold weather has been changed to 8 a.m., please don't call the "play in question" number 698-5898 before 7:30 a.m.

Weekly Awards

On Dec. 18, 2018, we had a crossover game. In Flight A: Christine Miller was first with a 26, Gina Yoon and Maureen Stewart had 28 and Becky West had 30. In Flight B: Carole Lacey had a 28.5, Kay Satterlee had a 30 and Debbie Figaski had a 31. In Flight C: Gail Ducharme had a 26, Judith Weaver had a 29.5 and Jane Hanley had a 30.

The following are results for Jan. 8. In Flight A: Gina Yoon shot 62, Verna Lundgren shot 64 and Kim Norried shot 64.



Pictured above is the 50th anniversary logo for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League and the new shirts, which will be distributed to club members in February.

In Flight B: Terry Kuplen shot 59, Karen Beaver shot 64 and Katie Quelch shot 65. In Flight C: Fran Zaloski shot 69, Rose Mulhall shot 73 and Joan Yorkery shot 75.

Our next event was on Jan. 15. In Flight A: Ursula Taylor shot 61, Joyce

Majewski shot 65 and Gloria Sayer shot 66. In Flight B: Debbie Figaski shot 66, Dottie Graham shot 69 and Katie Quelch shot 71. In Flight C: Rose Mulhall shot 67, Gail Ducharme shot 71 and Joan Yorkery shot 72.

Golfers learn about nine upcoming improvements to course

By David Cox

I talked with On Top of the World Golf Course Superintendent Todd Six and he wanted to thank all golf members for the support and compliment he gets for the work he and his Bright View maintenance employees do.

Todd also would like to introduce Mark Blades as a new Bright View team member.

Mark wants everyone to know the upcoming golf course maintenance agenda. Upcoming plans include: (1) Work on fences at tees where winds and storms blew over; (2) Trim all ornamentals and transplant ornamentals to lake banks; (3) Repair washouts.

Also, (4) crews will be installing sprinklers at greens that can be adjusted to reduce soft greensides.

Men's Golf Association

(5) Crews will begin adding Coquina Shells to sections of deteriorated cart paths.

(6) Crews will continue to apply sand/seed to tee tops to ensure full turf coverage.

(7) Work will be taking place at the hole No. 10 tee turnaround and (8) look for drainage improvements on the back nine course. (9) It's also time to start spiking greens to reduce algae.

The Men's OTOW Golf Association had its annual meeting Jan. 9 with a

great turnout. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Tournament results are as follows for recent weeks:

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, the first place winner in A Flight was Rick Figaski and runner-up was Steve Caffey. In B Flight, first place was Barry Levene and runner-up was Dave Combs. In C Flight, first place was Bob Ellis and runner-up was Bill Mooney. In D Flight, first place was Edward Taylor and runner-up was Les Gabel.

On Wednesday, Dec. 26, the A Flight winner was Gary Sandine and runner-up was Mark Schell. In B Flight, first place was Bill Gambacurta and runner-up was Phil Smerz. In C Flight, first place was Bill Mooney and runner-up was John Taylor. In D Flight, Les Gabel was the winner and

runner-up was Harry Crawford.

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, A Flight winner was Edgar Belliveau and second place was Jeff West. In B Flight, first place was Ian Miller and second place was Phil Smerz. In C Flight, first place winner was Ken Nield and second place was Nelson Sparks. In D Flight, first place winner was David Pert and second place was Patrick Mahoney.

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, the A Flight winner was Don Sorensen and second place was Tom Pettit. In B Flight, first place was John Taylor and second place was Jay Schwallie. In C Flight, first place winner was Chuck McAllister and second place was Harry Crawford. In D Flight, first place winner was Bob Earley and second place was Jerry Allen.

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and people standing on the Canada-Alaska border.



Bon voyage party set for early February as Lambda members make plans to study cruise ship ice sculptures



Lambda Club

By Bruce Lovett

Have you ever wondered what happens to all those elaborate cruise ship ice sculptures after they melt?

That is a question that has stumped members of the Lambda Club for decades.

But we're going to get answers.

In past years, Lambda has had groups travel on the Norwegian Line, Royal Caribbean and many other cruise ships. This year we are sending club members on the Rhapsody of the Seas to seek the answers we desire.

More than 20 percent of our club membership will be taking this cruise to-



Lambda Club's January social was 'Winter in Florida' and featured wool hats, scarves, winter jackets and more. Some even asked for snow!

gether - which creates a little bit of a kink into our monthly schedule.

For 100-plus parties, over a nine year period of time, Lambda has had our monthly socials on the second Friday of each month. The only exception has been Hurricane Irma in the fall of 2017.

This February we are moving up our monthly meeting one week and turning it into a bon voyage party.

Our social will be 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

For those who are not making the

trip, Rhapsody punch will be served at the bar and attire for the evening is "cruise wear." Come as formal as you like, as if attending the captain's cocktail party, or go casual with flowered shirts and sandals.

We are asking our "crew" members to bring their "A" game to the pot luck buffet so it will rival any of those served at sea.

But it will be hard to top our January social, where the to-die-for platter included antipasta and a chili cornbread salad.

So much for New Year's resolutions and trying to avoid the wrong foods!

Between the sour cream and the feta

cheese, I know at least one person who had to spend a little extra time on the treadmill.

Our January party was called "Winter in Florida" and was appropriately held during a cold snap.

For some of us Florida natives, and full timers who have acclimated to warmer temperatures, the wool hats and scarves were almost a necessity.

Let's be realistic, anything in the 60 degree level is cold, but our Snowbird members scoffed at us by proudly wearing shorts and T-shirts.

Lambda will continue to host regular Sunday brunches, golf outings, walks and an activity night on Feb. 23.

You need look no further than our Web page <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com> to get up-to-date happenings.

Lambda is a social group for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender residents of OTOW. We are a very informal group always looking to expand our membership to all LGBT OTOW residents and all other residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors and have some fun.

Should you wish more information, you can email us at Lambda@gmail.com, call Dave at (727) 410-7566 or check us out on the Box Office: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

On a humorous note

From diamonds, to chocolate, to love

After a quarrel between a wife and husband, the wife said, "I was a fool to marry you."

The husband replied, "Yes dear. But I was in love and didn't notice you were a fool."

A couple approaches a wishing well.

The wife leans over, makes a wish and throws in a penny.

The husband then leans over to make a wish, but before he can say anything, he falls into the water and gets soaked.

"Wow," the wife said, looking stunned. "This thing really does work."

Let's face it men. The only time your wife actually listens to you is when you talk in your sleep.

When a man opens a car for a lady, one of two possibilities is taking place. One, the couple just got married, or two, the guy has a new girlfriend.

Marge
Mayer



Internet Humor

A young lady woke up from a dream and said to her husband, "I just had a dream you were giving me a pearl necklace. What does it mean?"

The husband said, "You will know tonight."

Just after dark, the husband gave his wife a small box. The wife smiled, got all excited and opened the box.

Inside was a book, "The Answers To Your Dreams."

Daddy gave mommy a box full of candy for Valentine's Day. Then their child opened the box and stared at all the shapes and flavors.

Mommy said, "Mind your manners. If you touch one, you have to eat it."

The child then went on to touch all the pieces and took the box to his bedroom.

Love may not make the world go round, but it sure makes a lot of people dizzy.

Going on a first date? Here are four things not to say:

1. "I know we just met, but can I borrow some money?"

2. "Yes. I'm single. I don't see my ex-girlfriend anymore. The justice system tells me to stay away."

3. "I had a good time tonight. I'll see you again in 12 months - maybe eight if I get good behavior."

4. "Wait until I tell my spouse about how much fun we had tonight."

Here's to love - the only at-risk event you cannot buy insurance for.

A guy walks into a post office to see a middle-aged man standing at a counter placing "love" stamps and heart stickers on hundreds of pink envelopes.

Curious, the guy walks over to the middle-aged man and asks what he's doing.

The middle-aged man says, "I'm a divorce lawyer. I'm sending out Valentine's cards to remind my clients it's time to pay up."

Some of the jokes above have been modified from their original versions. If you wish to read in original form, visit <http://www.stvalentinesday.org/valentines-day-humor.html>.



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New resident is a veritable encyclopedia on the life and times of Monarch butterflies

Hope everyone has begun their new year on a positive note.

We welcome several new residents that arrived to Swedish Traditional. One of the newcomers has a very unique hobby, raising Monarch butterflies. Her name is Marty Irwin. Marty is sharing with us the process of raising them. Here is Marty's account:

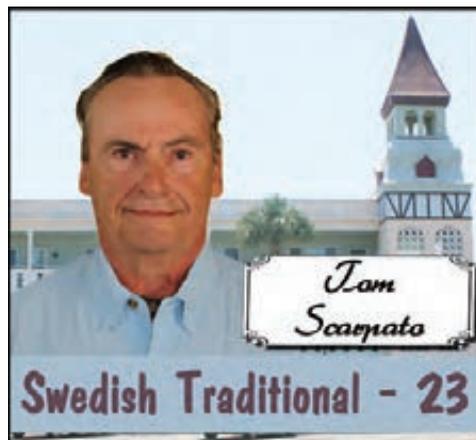
In northwest Pennsylvania, I raise Monarch butterflies. In mid-July, I begin to search for milkweed. Milkweed typically grows in a field or on the edge of a field. Sadly, because farmers use pesticides and with destruction of fields for new construction, milkweed is being depleted.

Milkweed is the host plant for Monarch butterflies. It contains latex properties, which is why when you break it, a sticky "milk" will ooze out.

In late July, common milkweed produces a beautiful rose-colored bloom that has a wonderful aroma.

In the fall, it produces a pod that is filled with seeds. As these pods burst, seeds are blown through the wind. Milkweed is considered an invasive plant meaning that it can spread everywhere, using shallow lateral roots.

Female Monarchs usually deposit their eggs on the underside of milkweed leaves. They are very tiny and not easy to spot. In three to five days, the caterpillar



will emerge measuring about one-eighth inch long eating the shell of the egg for the first source of nourishment.

It will continue to feed on milkweed for up to two weeks. During this time, it will outgrow its skin, shedding it, or molting. This is called an instar. It goes through four instars before shedding its skin for the last time.

I keep my caterpillars in aquariums with screened tops. At the end of their two-week eating frenzy, the caterpillar will climb up to the screen and attach itself with a silk mat which they secrete from its mouth. Then, it will hang from this silk, head down in the form of a "J." During this time, which usually lasts one day, it is preparing to shed its skin for the last time, forming a beautiful jade-colored chrysalis.



Future Monarch butterfly at an early stage of development.



Monarch butterfly with a Monarch Watch tag, as explained in the story.

A metamorphosis is taking place. The chrysalis will hang for two weeks changing color a little each day. At the end of this period, the color of the chrysalis has turned from jade green to purple-black and the butterfly wings are visible through the chrysalis.

As the butterfly emerges, the abdomen comes first followed by the wings and the rest of the body. The butterfly will hang on the empty chrysalis while the wings unfold and dry for at least two hours. It is now ready to fly.

There are four generations of Monarch butterflies in one year. The ones I raise in Pennsylvania are the fourth generation — the ones that will take the long migration to Mexico for the winter. Once there, millions will hang in clusters in Oyamel trees.

Monarchs are solar powered so to speak. They get their energy from the sun so they have to leave Pennsylvania by the first of October because they cannot fly under 60 degrees.

There are many species of milkweed. In Pennsylvania, there is common milkweed plants, which have huge oval leaves. Here in Florida, I have only seen swamp milkweed and the leaves are long and very thin.

In April, I purchased swamp milkweed from an organic nursery (grown with no pesticides) and planted it in a huge container pot for my granddaughters who live here in Florida. In October and November they raised Queen Monarchs which are smaller and redder in color.

There is a program at Kansas State University called Monarch Watch. They track Monarchs on their migration route via a tag that Monarch raisers apply to the bottom wing. The tag resembles a fruit sticker, only smaller, and contains a tracking number, the date they are born, the sex, and the location of the tagger.

All this data is compiled by volunteers who raise Monarch butterflies and is mailed back to the university at the end of the season.

I was a Pennsylvania Master Gardener for 10 years. At a local county fair, I saw a huge display of Monarch butterflies in various stages of development. This display intrigued me and I was hooked. At times, I have had up to six aquariums filled with caterpillars of various sizes.

Yes, I am obsessed. It is a great hobby. It takes place outside once a year. And it does not really cost any money.

Photos by Marty Irwin

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**A look back at the OTOW News
February, 1994**

- **Great Lakes Club Dinner Party:** On Feb. 25, 1994, we are having a turkey dinner party with entertainment, presenting the Palm Harbor CrystalAires Barbershop Chorus, a group which is enjoyed by all who have heard them. Show up at the East Activity Center at 6 p.m. BYOB. Cost is \$10.
- **Theatre Workshop:** The Theatre Workshop production “It’s About Time” is beginning to take shape after many hours of work and practice. Director Audrey Mann is determined to make this the best show ever presented at On Top of the World. This musical comedy has a large cast of talented and experienced performers. Show dates are set for March 19 and 20, 1994. Jenny Singer is president of the Theatre Workshop.
- **Friday Mixed Bowling League Clearwater Lanes:** As we head into the last half of our bowling season, Team No. 5, “Cudda Been,” still holds an eight-point lead over the “Misfits,” while last year’s winner, “Tony’s Tigers” is struggling to stay out of the cellar. Some of the individual leaders include Marty Vansant and Marian Vezey, holding the highest averages, and Marti Versaw holding high game for the ladies.
- **Kata Classes:** Most suitable for seniors, Kata is now offered in the East Activity Center. Kata is self-defense for health similar to Tai Chi, with special breathing techniques. Ian David McGarrity, with more than 30 years experience, is the instructor. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. Classes are \$30 per month.
- **Singles Club:** We should seize every opportunity to give encouragement. Encouragement is oxygen to the soul. To succeed, you must be easy to start and hard to stop. The above reminds me of the message left us by our guest speaker at the first meeting. She spoke on “Humor to Get through Life.”
- **Delhi Building:** The large project of cleaning up the storage area was successfully completed. We thank all the folks who helped. It looks great and very organized. Tom and Kay McConville returned from visiting their son in Allentown, Pa. Also Jackie and Aldo Cosenza were happy to be back from the cold weather in Chicago. We enjoyed our son’s visit before Christmas. Then our daughter came with her whole family.



Lillian Foy family members on a recent vacation trip to Hallandale Beach, Fla.

**Couple of Siboney residents
to appear in upcoming show**

Please come out to see Siboney residents Connie Ballard and Lillian Foy in the Jesters Show “Jesters at 40: Looking Back, Looking Good.”

Performances are Feb. 8, 9 and 10. It will be held at the East Activity Center.

Recently, our building has had visitors from Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Illinois and Washington, D.C. What a nice way to get out of the cold weather up North.

Bob and Barbara Stone traveled to the Orlando area for their granddaughter’s wedding on Dec. 30. It was a fabulous event with castle-looking buildings. Best wishes to the bride and groom!

Our next building meeting will be on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. Our core party will be on Jan. 27 at 4 p.m.



Don’t forget your sweethearts on Feb. 14. Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Mallorcans set for another year of events and activities

Our building members got together one chilly Saturday and in a relatively short period of time we had the holiday lights and all decorations down and put away for another year.

Before the take-down, we were treated to coffee and Danish, and then the work began. We thank Terry and Dick Kuplen for all their work in organizing this event, and to all the workers who assisted in getting this important job done.

Recently a group of 20 Mallorcans and friends met at Kuplens' home, where we discussed instances when angels visited us or had an impact on our lives or family members. Some visits were sad, some were thought-provoking, but all experiences were very interesting and inspirational.

Following the discussion, we enjoyed



desserts and cordials. Everyone remarked that it was an awe-inspiring evening.

Be sure to check the bulletin board for upcoming events. Enjoy all the fun activities that Terry has planned for us!

Karaoke party is one of several planned for 2019

Hello everybody and welcome to 2019. I hope that this year will bring happiness and joy to all.

A Karaoke party was hosted recently by Bob and Lorraine Gendron. Eighteen guests attended and sang a wide variety of popular tunes. A sit-down meal was served and homemade desserts were made. Mary Lou Cichon baked chocolate mint cookies, Bob Smyth baked cranberry tart cake and Iris Roman brought two dozen miniature cupcakes, all enjoyed by the guests.

This was one of many Karaoke parties hosted by Bob and Lorraine. Another one is in the works for 2019.

Jim Ponticelli, Richard Sanderson, Theresa Warner, Iris Roman and yours truly



ushered the New Year in with a makeshift parade down Switzerland Way, complete with pots and pans.

New railings and paint are appreciated

Welcome to 2019. Hope everyone rang in the New Year safely with peace, joy, and happiness.

I want to thank several people for their help in 2018. Theresa Kawalec for reporting for me in December, the many volunteers who decorated the building nicely for the holidays, and those who helped take it all down.

Also the maintenance crew, who continues to make improvements to our building. This month they added new railings in the stair wells and painted the entrance walkway.

Betty McKay recently entertained several family members. Some were local and some were from out of town. There were four generations of her family represented (see photo).

OTOW has several new activities coming up in the next few months, such as dances, entertainers, and social events. These are posted on the bulletin board.

OTOW also reminds us that the speed limit is 20 MPH. This has not been



happening on Netherlands Dr. lately.

And, please pick up after your pet — there is a lot of mess at the far end of the building around the cul-de-sac.

Several people have expressed they would like an updated phone and email list of just our building. I have been asked to do this. I will be coming around asking for your phone number. You can add an email if you want to.



Resident sends items to our troops

Here's hoping 2019 is an exceptional year for everyone here at On Top of the World!

Frances Glaros-Sharp has been sending cookies and goodies to the troops since she was seven years old! She also collects shaving cream, socks, soaps and general items they can use to help them be more comfortable.

Dave and Sedsel Tapp are happy their sister has bought a condo in our community. This makes two out of four siblings in the neighborhood.

Linda and Wayne Dubrawsky celebrated the holidays a bit late due to work schedules. Their brother, his wife and niece were all together. It has been three years since they have celebrated the holidays together.

Karen French had a trip to Simi Valley, Calif., where she used to teach. She enjoyed seeing friends from the past. She also spent time on the beach in Santa Barbara with friends.



Four generations of Betty McKay's family, both local and out of town, were here recently on a visit.

I would like to spread joy and happiness throughout our building. I will also ask for your birthday and anniversary date, so I personally can send you a card. This is a little extra from me, there is no cost to anyone.

Malaguena is home to several published writers

The new year is here and the Social Committee is busy planning events for the year ahead.

We'll start with one of our very popular pizza parties. The party will be on Friday, Feb. 22, from 4-6 p.m. in the second floor south lobby. Pizza will be provided (thanks to your building dues)! All you have to bring is a chair and a beverage. Desserts are always welcome if you'd like to bring one. A sign with all the details and sign-up sheets will be posted in both lobbies.

The Social Committee is planning an "early bird" dinner at a local restaurant for March. Date and location for that will be posted in both lobbies closer to the time.

Speaking of building dues, they are due for 2019. The dues are \$10 per year per condo. The Social Committee uses the money collected for building events like the pizza party, cookouts and other events. Social Committee members will be coming around to collect, or you can bring your dues to our treasurer, Arlene Mansfield.

The Social Committee would love to have more members. This group plans and



organizes all the building events and they have fun doing it! If you'd like to volunteer contact Candice Peace.

Several writers live in our building. James Castagno has nine novellas on Amazon. I just published my first book, a Middle Grade novel, based loosely on my experiences in Libya the 1950's. "Desert Rose," by P. R. King, is available both in paperback and as a Kindle edition.

If you have a book in you, get writing! It's never too late!

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Queen Victoria residents enjoy banquet to kick off 2019



(By Joan Brown) Over 60 Queen Victoria residents and guests enjoyed a fun-filled evening of dinner and dancing at their holiday banquet on Jan. 2, provided by Banquet Masters. Special thanks to the caterer, Sarah, who went above and beyond. Not only did she do what was expected, but also helped the volunteers with set-up and clean-up. Residents also celebrated a 90th birthday for Violet Fernandez with a beautiful cake from Publix. Our building's annual pot luck meeting will be announced on our bulletin board sometime in February.

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Former building reporter finds much to do at age 94

Charlie Christ, a former Bohemia Building reporter for the On Top of the World News, turned 94 in January. Charlie is an inspiration to all of us who know him. He does not let age keep him from doing the many things he loves to do.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, you'll find Charlie with the men's walking group at the mall. While he's there, he sits and enjoys the company of two friends, he's met. They are 93 and 94 years old, fondly referred to as the "Golden Agers." On alternate days, you may run into Charlie at the East Activity Center fitness room.

Charlie participates on a bowling league, plays with two pinochle groups, plays golf when he has the opportunity, and until recently, played bridge with a group twice a month and still finds time for a date night weekly with his lovely wife, Barbara. You have to agree, Charlie is truly remarkable!

On Jan. 17, 24 building members and friends took to sea for a 10-day Eastern Caribbean cruise on the *Norwegian Pearl* out of Tampa. They



visited Key West, Tortola, Antigua, St. Maarten and San Juan. The report is that they had a fabulous time and are already planning next year's cruise.

To conclude our month, the annual Bohemia Building business meeting and officers elections, were held at the West Activity Center building on Jan. 31. The results were unavailable at press time, but the participation, as always, was fantastic. What a phenomenal turnout!

The social committee now takes over to plan the events for the remainder of 2019. Rumor has it that they have some original ideas to present.



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, March 21 & 22, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room

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Note: Class size is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

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Driver's license number: _____

Street address: _____

Building number: _____

Telephone: _____

You must bring a check for \$20 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.

Viennese Villa building meeting is set for Feb. 9

Welcome to February. The month for sweethearts and the year's shortest month. Also the month of escapees continuing to flee the frozen north.

Winter building Captain Howard Rochte has scheduled a meeting for Saturday, Feb. 9 at 12 noon in the Art Room of the East Activity Center. This promises to be an important meeting, with many topics including holiday decorations. Please mark your calendar and be in attendance. Information will also be posted on the bulletin board in the core.

The 2019 Jesters presentation, "Jesters at 40: Lookin' Back, Lookin' Good," kicks off Friday, Feb. 8, with additional performance Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10. If you want an evening or afternoon filled with entertainment, don't miss it. Don't know how they do it, but every new season seems funnier than the last. Maybe it's because we have such an abundance of talent at On Top of the World. Wish to thank The Jesters and the behind-the-scenes staff in advance for giving us such grand entertainment.



I was on the hunt for the book series "Florida on a Tank Full." To my great dismay, I learned it was out of print. Our son Mike played Sherlock Holmes and located a shop with three copies, including the newest edition. So it was off to the Blue Moon book store located in a little strip mall down on Cleveland St. The tiny store is plum full of everything imaginable: books, curios, antiques, etc. So if you are unable to find a book or whatever, amble down for a look-see.

Since this is the month for candy,



This dynamic wide-angle photo was taken looking East on Ecuadorian Drive during a beautiful sunset. We tend to look West at that time of day, but this proves how lovely sunsets can be, regardless of the direction, if we just look around us. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

roses and dinners (hint-hint!), make reservations now. Or prepare that special someone a favorite dinner. I kind of like that idea.

Please remember to really close that rubbish room door. It does not close on its own.

Until next month, happy Valentine's Day. Birthday and anniversary wishes to all celebrating their new trip around ole Sol.

Any news fit to print, e-mail me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

Yes, it's the month for love and lovers

Love is in the air.... What says love better than Maggie Sayward's entire family arriving in Florida to celebrate her eight decades of bringing love and joy to others?

First comes love. Then comes marriage. This is the reason Bob Kelly shed his shorts and T-shirt to return to the frozen, windswept canyons of New York City to attend his third family wedding in eight months. Upon returning to sunny Florida, he warmed up during a long weekend down south in Fort Myers playing tourist.

Loving thanks go out to my Azorian holiday decorating elves: Peggie Longfellow, Jerry Cather and Paul Bunker.



We are all loving the fact that Sunny Buyanmend passed the rigorous citizenship exam to become our newest citizen.

Questions about U.S. history or the constitution? Sunny has the answers.

Twenty-eight of us gathered for the Azores' Activity Club meeting. Topics included the new RAVE mobile notification program, future building events, fire safety and alarm response as well as the standing agenda items of store room cleanliness, garbage room, mailboxes and building walkway repair. Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board.

Time to share a candy heart with these February Valentines: Doug Brinkerhoff, William Randolph, Mike Drutman and Peggie Longfellow.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!



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Good idea to have some ID with you when outdoors

A couple of weeks ago, when I came home from church, I found a lady wandering around the Viking building. She clearly was lost and disoriented. I eventually figured out where she lived and got her home.

The reason I mention this is that this could happen to anyone. Low blood sugar, drops in blood pressure, too much sun and dehydration could all cause someone to become disoriented. The older we are, the more likely this is to occur.

What made helping this lady more complicated is that she carried no type of identification. How often might you do the same thing? Many people carry their phones with them, but if you passed out and your phone was locked, how would someone access your emergency information?

Many people have their activity cards attached to a lanyard kept around their necks when they do certain activities like the fitness center. What about when you decide to go for a walk down to the lake? Do you have your wallet with you? If not, how would someone know where you are from if you slipped and fell while walking or biking?



I found a couple of places online to get things like ID bracelets. It's easy enough to search for them yourself. It is also fairly easy to get a medical alert bracelet to list medical conditions or allergies. How many of you need and wear one? ID bracelets are a good investment.

Just keep in mind when you go out that you need to have some sort of identification with you. And, along those lines, have you filled out an emergency information and contact form and turned it in to our building coordinator, Pat Drake? Blanks are available on the bulletin board in our lobby. This is particularly important for those of us who live alone.



Viking resident and fitness maven Mary Marsden says she always carries her ID information when she goes on her many bike rides. (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

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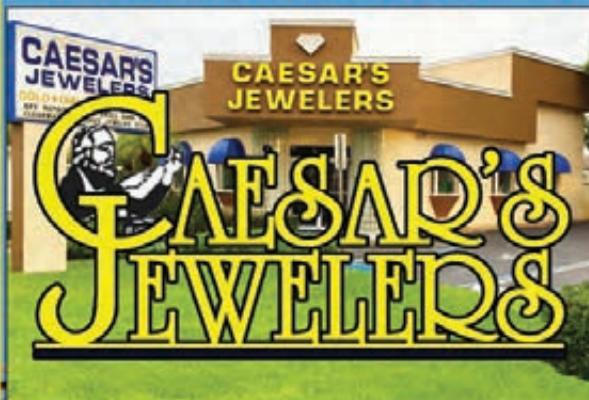
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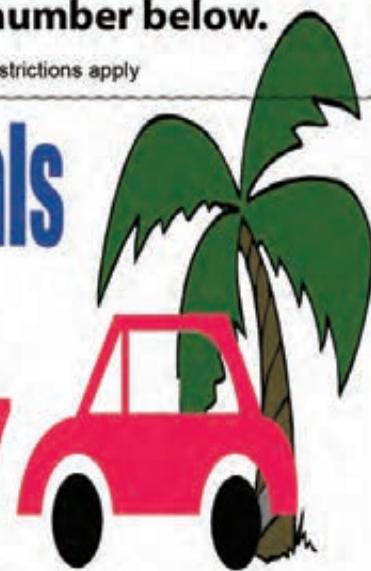
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Trip to Alaska and the Yukon will be fondly remembered

Brittany Farmhouse residents Meg Geary and John Wigle checked off one of the goals on their bucket list last June by enjoying a land tour of the Yukon and Alaska.

The tour began in Whitehorse, Yukon. Near Dawson City, they toured historic gold mining dredges. From there they traveled to Tok, Alaska, via the "Top of the World" Alaska-Yukon Highway.

Unlike most roads through the mountains, which travel through mountain valleys, this one winds along the top of a mountain range for almost 200 miles with truly breathtaking views.

After a stop in Fairbanks, they traveled to the spectacular Denali National Park and enjoyed a 65-mile drive deep into the park and saw Dall sheep, caribou, and bears.

Then it was on to Anchorage, with a cruise on Prince William Sound to see the glaciers.

The tour ended in Whitehorse, after a day trip by coach and the narrow-gauge, historic White Pass and Yukon Railway to Skagway, Alaska.



This was a highlight, as the train follows the rugged trail created by the gold miners in the late 1890s.

They then flew to John's home in Victoria, B.C. There they visited the world famous Buchart Gardens, featuring 55 acres of beautiful flower beds, ponds and bridges, which have been sculptured out of an abandoned quarry.

They also walked through Cathedral Grove, featuring up to 800-year-old old-growth Douglas Firs, in MacMillan Provincial Park.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!



Meg Geary and John Wigle at the US-Canadian border during their recent trip to Alaska.

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Here's a history lesson on New Year's Day observances

Well the rush is over and the New Year has begun. I hope everyone had a nice start to their new year.

It is always nice to spend the holidays with friends and family. Chris and I had the pleasure to bring in the new year in with our daughter Kristen and her family in Georgia.

I would love to add more information on English Gothic residents' trips and special occasions. Please submit any trips you have been on, special occasions, visitors to me before the fifteenth of the month so that I can include them in my article of the month.

Why do we celebrate the new year on Jan. 1 each year?

It turns out that the new year wasn't always on Jan. 1, and still isn't in some cultures.

During the Roman era, March marked the beginning of the calendar. Then, in 46 B.C., Julius Caesar created the Julian calendar, which set the new year when it is celebrated today.

But even Julius Caesar couldn't standardize the day. New Year's celebrations continued to drift back and forth in the calendar, even landing on Christmas Day at some points, until Pope Gregory XIII implemented the Gregorian calendar in 1582.

Nowadays, Jan. 1 is almost universally



recognized as the beginning of the new year, though there are a few holdouts; Afghanistan, Ethiopian, Iran, Nepal and Saudi Arabia rely on their own calendrical conventions.

Different religions also celebrate their new year's at different times. For instance, the Jewish calendar is lunar, and its New Year's festival, Rosh Hashanah, is typically celebrated between September and October. The Islamic calendar is also lunar, and the timing of the new year can drift significantly.

The Chinese calendar, meanwhile, is also lunar, but the Chinese New Year falls between Jan. 21 and Feb. 20.

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Chris and Mary Casey (at right) pose with family members during a recent trip to Georgia.

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Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone calls were a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork over large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

'Undecorating mimosa morning' was fun, plus it featured pastries and other treats

2019 has gotten off to a busy start here in Paradise.

We had an "undecorating mimosa morning" in our building core, chock full of pastries and treats designed to break all promised new year's resolutions!

We neatly organized and stored the lovely decorations until next holiday season. Everyone celebrated and commented how easily it was to accomplish this feat with so many helping hands. Thank you to all who planned and participated in this event.

Our monthly dinner was held at the Dunedin Country Club. Residents from the Sir Lancelot and Rio Riviera Buildings joined together and enjoyed the Country Club's "Two for Tuesday" menu. Who knew it would be such a great deal?



We all enjoyed a three-course meal from a diverse menu. Our location overlooked the lovely green of the club. It could be a fine option for our next holiday party. Our residents can decide

that at our upcoming annual meeting.

The Rio Riviera Building is conducting its Board of Directors meeting this month. It will be followed by our annual meeting in March. During the annual meeting, we will discuss any building issues that might adversely affect our residents, collect annual dues and plan the rest of our 2019 calendar.

One of the topics discussed will be getting a building table at the New Year's Eve Gala at On Top of the World. Looks like we're off to a fabulous start!

You can contact either Stu or myself, as we both write and edit the column, at pamela.j.rosenblatt@gmail.com.

How are those resolutions holding up?

On Jan. 19, Rural French residents combined our monthly luncheon with an exciting afternoon of musical entertainment. On that day at 2 p.m., we attended the combined free concert of the Clearwater Jazz Band and the Clearwater Symphony Orchestra.

Afterwards, residents enjoyed an early dinner at Duff's Buffet on U.S. Hwy 19 N. This "all you can eat" buffet features soups, salads, entrees, and desserts.

I want to thank Ruth Pittman for her contributions about new year's resolutions.

Ruth wrote, "The first of the year, many of us are thinking about new year's resolutions, but have those resolutions ever worked out for you? The answer is probably no.



Finding your solution or a working plan to meet your goal is just as important as finding your resolution. Once you decide on your solution or plan, move forward

with a firm determination and never, never, never give up, no matter what!"

Joe Hokett told me that he plans on eating better. He is adopting a modified vegetarian diet. He will only eat meat when he dines out. Of course his other resolution is to dine out more.

I plan to ban sweets in my home. The goal is to lose 20 pounds. I also want to save money for special trips. To do this I am hanging a calendar on the wall and every day I avoid impulsive spending (this includes avoiding fast food), I will draw a smiley face on the calendar.

If I give in to my impulse to spend money needlessly, I will draw a frowny face on the day. Who wants to spend the day looking at a lot of frowning faces on the wall?

Traditions and socials are held dear by Granada residents

Happy hours are important to the folks in Granada. There is a solid core group that meets the last Thursday of every month. There, we catch up on everyone's news and talk about the fun times we have had that month. We love it when the newer residents join us to have another point of view on things.

We had a great group of volunteers to "undecorate" our building, and we especially appreciate the efforts of the men who handled the large wreaths that hang from the third-floor walkways. Then the group enjoyed the coffee and donuts and visited together.

Please remember to sign up for our Tampa Bay Downs yearly outing, which takes place on April 7. See Arlene or Stan Berger for payment.

Our building lunch was planned



for Jan. 21 at E&E Stakeout, which took place after this was written.

We ask that all residents check the bulletin board for postings of activities and meetings to join in the building life here in the Granada.

Day nears for NWF storage room cleanup

We would like to welcome all new residents in the building; hope all are settled and enjoying the building activities and social get-togethers.

Virginia Upton is expecting visits from her two sisters and family — one family from Ohio, and one family from Minnesota — getting away from the cold to sunny Florida.

Wing Angels are arranging a Dump Day, to clean out the bicycle room and storage rooms. The rooms will be cleaned and reorganized. We also plan to organize space in the storage room so that everyone will have a place to store items. Each space will be marked. Volunteers to help would be appreciated.



Be sure to check out the building bulletin board frequently for news and information on upcoming events, etc.

New monthly birthday celebration events

John and Deb Turisi hosted a party to kick off the Villa Riviera New Year, inviting all folks from both sides of the building.

A great time was had by all as we enjoyed new company and discussions and plans to come together more often as a community. Thanks again, John and Deb, for your hospitality!

As a community, we have many things in common: the need to belong, the need to be included and also to know that we are in an environment where neighbors look out for one another.

On Jan. 4, several of us gathered in the core to pack away the holidays while enjoying treats provided by several of our residents.

While many of us may share things in common, it is also our differences that make our daily lives more interesting.

Some of us may live with a pet, some are residing alone, others are caring for a family member, and some of us live with a spouse.

No matter what our circumstances, we seek to connect with people and for



Villa Riviera residents gather to ring in the New Year.

most of us, we strive to do our best to make our building welcoming for all who live here, those who pass through and for new residents moving in.

On Jan. 10 and 11, some of the first-floor residents worked in our storage room creating easier access to prevent possible safety hazards.

Our most recent building community event was our first monthly birthday celebration, on Jan.15. The purpose of

the celebrations is to provide another opportunity to blend both sides of the building and broaden our sense of community. Thank you, Fran Barker, for taking care of the details of the first celebration.

The future monthly birthday celebrations will take place during the third week of each month. The actual date will be posted in the core of each floor (by the elevator) once we have firmed it up.

Bible Study Club

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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

A Note For Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law. Always clean up while walking your dog.

Be sure to keep your dog hydrated.



OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart

Tuesday Mornings Start time: 9 am Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza and Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza	Tuesday Midday Start time: 12:30 pm Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central
Wednesday Mornings Start time: 8 am Destination: Publix	Wednesday Midday Start time: 11 am Destination: Aldi and CVS
Thursday Mornings Start time: 8 am Destination: Publix	Thursday Midday Start time: 11 am Destination: Publix
Friday Mornings Start time: 8 a.m. Destination: Walmart	Friday Middays Start time: 11 am Destination: Walmart

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- There is no eating or drinking on the bus. If you create a safety hazard, or cause an unsafe distraction to the bus driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
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A number of Dorado Building residents gathered at Daddy's Restaurant recently for dinner and good conversation. (Photo by Edwina Schick)

Snowbirds welcomed back at well-attended dinner

The Dorado building neighbors had a large gathering and wonderful dinner at Daddy's Restaurant to welcome all our Snowbird friends back. Miss Edna Mae Jordt won the grand door prize.

Surrounding ourselves with good people enhances our lives, so we are looking forward to this new year getting to know all our Dorado friends and neighbors. We are so fortunate to live in what we think is the prettiest and friendliest building at On Top of the World.

Our neighbor, Richard McMillan, has been busy with the Jesters preparing for the new show, "Jesters at 40: Lookin' Back, Lookin' Good." See Richard if you would like to get tickets for the upcoming show on Feb. 8, 9, and 10.

Thanks to Carl Meyer for arranging our Dorado Day at the Tampa Bay Downs.

We are learning new games and trying out new activities offered at OTOW.

This is a new year, where we start a new chapter in our life book. It is our chance to write a beautiful story for ourselves full of possibilities.



I once read that after retirement, the body grows older, the heart grows fonder, and the mind becomes younger. I challenge each of us to handle the old body with a young mind and a fond heart.

It's going to be a wonderful year for all of us here in the Dorado Building. It's a time to be hopeful, have new dreams and make new friends. Look for new events posted on our core bulletin board. Please join us and have a healthy, happy, and blessed New Year.

IRISH CLUB Parade Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 5, 3:15, Starlite Room
- Tuesday, Feb. 19, 3:15, Starlite Room
- Tuesday, March 5, 3:15, Starlite Room
- Friday, March 8, 3:15, Starlite Room
- Saturday, March 9, 10 am, Actual Parade
- Tuesday, March 12 (Suggest an improvement)

Check out OTOW-TV Channels 732 and 98.1

New residents join family members here

We have new residents on the north side of our building. Debbie and Steve Palmquist have now moved in. They have lived at On Top of the World for several years in various buildings here on the west side. They originally came from South Windsor, Conn.

Prior to retirement, Steve worked in advertising and sales. Debbie is a Realtor here at OTOW. Their parents and many other family members are also residents at OTOW, so Debbie and Steve don't have to travel far to visit relatives. We welcome you to the Espana!

From the note on the bulletin board showing the year's events, I see that the Espana will have a pot luck dinner sometime in February. Watch for the posting on the bulletin board.

Sorry, but I have no other new info for February. If you have taken a trip, had



the Espana has its own personal phone directory. If you didn't get a copy, please contact John Fier.

People have been telling me that they miss the fact that I haven't given hints in a while.

As I was making cookies and cooking for the holidays, I had to purchase new spices since I really didn't know how old some of the ones in my cabinet were. Much to my surprise, McCormick is now putting expiration dates on their spices. Boy that is a big help. Check your spices for expiration dates.

I will add a hint about bananas. Want a quick shine on your shoes?? Take the inside of the banana skin, and rub directly on the shoe... then polish with dry cloth. Amazing fruit!

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Most Valencia officers will stay on for another term

Last month we held the Valencia Building's annual meeting. Lots of issues were discussed and many decisions were made by consensus vote.

The monthly activities were decided on and many volunteers promised to pitch in to assure that they all take place.

Valerie Martin, who chaired a very organized meeting, will stay on as our building coordinator. Donna DiMeo-Hahnan is continuing as building secretary. Debby Roth, our treasurer, also agreed to stay on for another year.

As for myself, I announced that I will be retiring as your building reporter. As I stated in the meeting, I had been the reporter for three years and have been having such a great time of it and having a lot of fun. I decided that someone else should take over and have some fun.

I talked to Valerie Martin recently and she filled me in on a little of her background. She was born and raised on Long Island, N.Y., and went to the University of Hartford. She was an IT professional and taught computer science at Immaculata University in Pennsylvania.

She moved to the Valencia Building about seven years ago.



Valerie has two sons, one of whom works for the Department of Energy. The other son is in the military, having served in Afghanistan and is now involved in helicopter training in the Army.

She has four grandchildren and would be glad to tell you all about them.

She is a very busy lady. In addition to being our building coordinator, she is also a project leader of On Top of the World building coordinators.

She does biking, plays scrabble, golfs, kayaks, and many other activities in addition to volunteering.



Valerie Martin (at right) and her sister, Geraldine Breen, recently traveled to India and Nepal on an 18-day tour, visiting many well-known landmarks and historical sites.

Valerie has done extensive traveling in her life, most recently a trip to India and Nepal with her sister Geraldine Breen. It was an 18-day incredible experience through several major cities and was

highlighted by remarkable pictures of recognizable landmarks.

Of all of her travels, her favorite was a trip to Venice.

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