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# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

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## *New park creates new opportunities*

At right, residents enjoy the shuffleboard courts at the new Pavilion Park. Below, a doubles team plays pickleball on the new tennis/pickleball courts.

(Photos by Doug Kates)



## Shuffleboard, pickleball, tennis back in action at Pavilion Park

When the outdoor section of the new pavilion park opened, a few excited pickleball players grabbed their yellow balls, their racquets and set up their special nets to begin a new chapter of entertainment at On Top of the World.

For the first time, pickleball was an official activity.

After the first month, the OTOW Pickleball Club reported about 30 members. This figure grew to 50, then closed in on 100 and then went over 100 after the holidays.

Must be Santa brought a lot of people pickleball racquets for Christmas?

Two of the four new tennis courts were marked with pickleball lines, and there are two pickleball courts per tennis court. So, with four available nets, residents take turns playing, get matched with different partners and often get to meet new people.

Tennis was already an OTOW activity prior to the new park, but now has new courts. Tennis and pickleball take turns using the facility and even play under the lights. New horseshoe pits are also available with new scoring towers.

On Jan. 13, the OTOW Shuffleboard Club began taking advantage of its new courts with league play for the first time in more than a year. Residents had not been able to play on their own courts during construction of the new park, but once the club was back, all the courts were put to use.

New benches line both sides of the court and new scoreboards help residents keep track of who's winning.

Shuffleboard is back to its regular schedule of games on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in a low impact game that includes fresh air, mild exercise, charming company and lots of fun, may simply show up to join us. We ask everyone to arrive by 1:15.

It was heartening to see so many people show up to play with customary enthusiasm and to welcome quite a few new players as well. We anticipate more regulars showing up in the near future.

If you have any questions about shuffleboard, you may contact Phyllis Williams (918-845-3627), Karen Ulmer (727-333-5967) or Bob Rittner (727-729-7970).





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# Irish Club is planning the 'best ever' 25th annual parade



**Irish Club**

By Barbara Rice

Pots of silver are what leprechauns will find at the end of On Top of the World rainbows this year.

Because the Irish Club will celebrate the silver anniversary of the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration.

Parade No. 25 steps off on March 7 at 10 a.m. along World Parkway Boulevard. Club members are working to treat OTOW residents to the biggest and best parade ever - and that's no blarney!

Many participants, old and new, have been invited to join the lineup.

Mermaids from Weeki Wachee are flirting with surfing into OTOW. The Countryside High School Band returns, along with its chorus and drama club.

The OTOW Press Association is planning a surprise for the after-party.

And, what else? Come see what resident leprechauns will make happen.

If this is your first parade, you will awaken on the morning of Saturday, March 7, to a bevy of activity around the golf course end of World Parkway Boulevard. Don't be surprised if you see a clown in your back yard - it is not your imagination. This is where everyone will be warming up.

There will be pretty lassies practicing dance steps or twirling flags. An ROTC drill team and marching bands will be snapping into formation.

Your neighbors will be climbing onto floats, pretty cars, old cars and golf carts.

This is your cue to grab your lawn chair and find a great place to see the parade proceed to the East Activity Center.

The iconic St. Andrews Pipes and Drums of Tampa Bay are a traditional grand finale to the parade.

After the parade, there will



Get out your green shirts, your green hats and your green sunglasses. It's almost parade time.

be food, music and merriment.

Free beer and pretzels will be served up by the Irish Club. The Good Karma Cafe will have hot dogs, chips and beverages.

Let's reciprocate the Irish Club's hard work by being the biggest and best crowd to ever turn out for their parade. Invite the family. Don your green. Be Irish, if just for a day.

The first parade was in 1996. Patricia Murphy, the first president of the Irish Club, had the vision to make it happen. The parade route wound from Netherlands Drive to all the way around the world globe - and the tradition was started.

Since then there have been changes. The route is different and there used to be live horses.

Joseph Cassidy, OTOW resident, has not changed. In fact, he has been to all 24 parades and is the sole remaining member of the Irish Club since that first parade.

Joseph will deservedly preside over the 25th parade as the 2020 parade marshal.

The 25th parade is in good hands. Mike Cooper has coordinated 12 of the past parades, and is working on his lucky number 13.

He explained that the Irish Club also takes this time as opportunity to honor residents who have contributed greatly to the OTOW community. The honorees, who need not be Irish, are recognized at the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Dance. Nominations for the 2020 recipients are in progress. Kirk, Karen, and Dan Safee were honored in 2019.

Maureen and Jim Bjorgo were honored in 2018.

These honorees are also given a seat on the parade reviewing stand.

OTOW administrators are invited, too, to take a place on the reviewing stand.

Club members Mary McLaughlin and Brid Mitchell will announce the parade from this perch.

Mike also pointed out that the Irish Club works year round to earn parade funds. A monetary donation is presented to visiting bands and groups to show appreciation. The club earns money for the parade from ticket sales of events and club dues. (Dues have remained \$5 since the club began.)

The popular parade has drawn long-time support and



Joseph Cassidy is the only member of the current Irish Club who has been to all 25 St. Patrick's Day parades.

participation from Pinellas County and Clearwater businesses and individuals such as entries by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, Dr. Scott Ray and staff, American Legion, VFW and others.

Dayton Andrews Automotives loans spiffy vehicles, often green.

Volunteers are needed to help the day of the parade. If interested in lending a hand, speak with an Irish Club member at their table in the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Tickets are also available to the club's upcoming events.

As a reminder, the parade will be videotaped by OTOW-TV and aired all day on the actual St. Patrick's Day, March 17. So if you are asked to march in the parade, don't say no because you just want to watch it. You will be able to see the entire parade on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

If there is a specific time and day you want to watch the parade on OTOW-TV, see Doug Kates in the newsroom. He will take requests.



# Good Karma Book Club



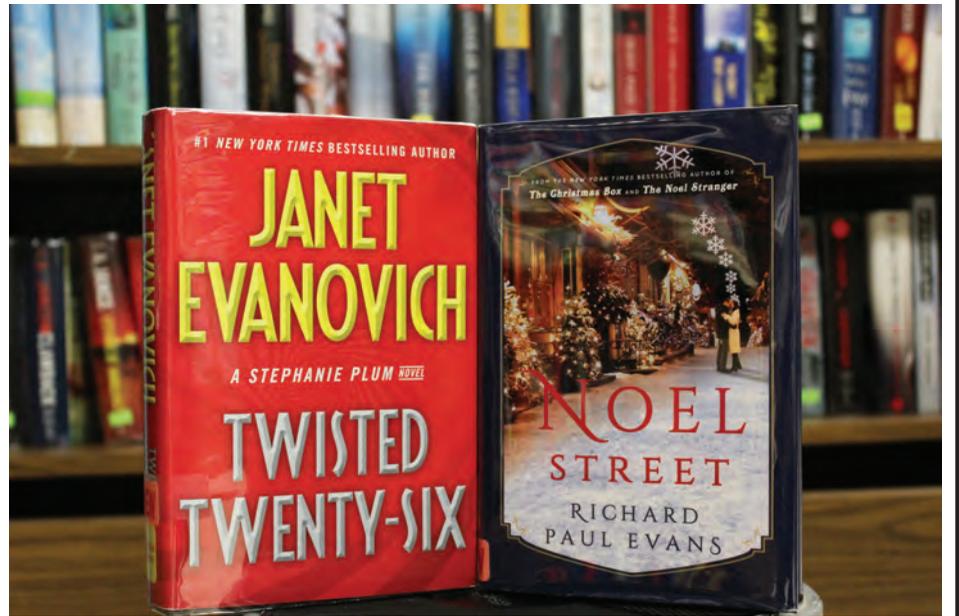
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Thursday, March 5

Share your thoughts with us about "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Open to all residents.

The Good Karma Book Club will also meet on Thursday, March 19. If you have a book or author to recommend, this is the day to attend.



## New Books at your OTOW Library

- "Noel Street" by Richard Paul Evans
- "Spy" by Danielle Steel
- "Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich
- "Stealth" by Stuart Woods
- "Quantum" by Patricia Cornwell
- "19th Christmas" by James Patterson
- "The Guardians" by John Grisham
- "Nothing Ventured" by Jeffrey Archer
- "A Minute To Midnight" by David Baldacci

This is the time to renew your On Top of the World library membership. Cost is only \$4. Also a reminder, you can purchase sale books or pick up free books without a library membership. Stop in and see what's available. Library Hours: Mondays 10-12; Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3.

# Good Karma Café



Wednesdays are Pizza Day Again!

1 slice cheese pizza \$2.00.

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Pizza by the slice every Wednesday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm



New Hours - Mondays: 8-4 • Tuesdays: 8-8 • Wednesdays: 8-8 • Thursdays: 8-8 • Fridays: 8-4 • Saturdays: 8-4 • Sundays: 9-5

# Full-time residents, Snowbirds and visitors should all learn the state's move-over law

## Keeping Common Areas Safe

Over the last several months, the Inspection Services Department has been focusing on the common areas with the attention on life/safety code violations as well as the overall consistency in the appearance throughout the community.

Items such as plants, chairs, tables, or ornamental items are not permitted in the walkways and end stairwells.

Items displayed in the center core are limited to only a few small benches or chairs and a few decorative items.

The reason for this is that during an emergency evacuation of a building, specifically a fire, elevator use is not permitted. The walkways to the exits must remain clear to accommodate those persons trying to evacuate and allow ample room for persons in a wheelchair, using a walker, or scooter to negotiate the walkways during an emergency. (How you get a scooter down the stairs is another matter I suppose?)

Most commonly, the response received from residents is "I have lived here for 20 years and never had an emergency."

Yes, that might be true, emergency situations of this nature have been rare. However, because of our good safety record, many residents have become complacent. Most have not experienced an emergency situation and have not had to evacuate a building in the middle of the night.

Imagine if your loved one or neighbor with limited mobility has to try to negotiate flower pots, chairs, statues etc. as they make their way to the stairwell during an evacuation (remember elevators are not used during a fire emergency).

Obstacles in the center core areas work the other way, as well, presenting obstructions to first responders.

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

It is also noteworthy to say, should you receive a notice of non-compliance from Inspection Services, please move to correct the non-compliant issue(s) as soon as possible.

## Did You Know

In Florida, whether you live here full-time or are just visiting, it's imperative that you understand and obey the "move-over" law while driving.

This is for your safety and for the safety of those around you.

The move-over law is this: When you see stopped tow trucks, utility service vehicles, emergency vehicles, sanitation vehicles, or law enforcement, you're required to move over one lane as long as you have the ability to safely do so.

This gives the stopped vehicles space



and lowers the chances of a collision.

What happens when you don't?

The penalty for noncompliance with the move-over law is a noncriminal infraction. You will be given a fine, additional fees, and have three points added to your driving record.

In Florida in 2017, there were 212 crashes caused by vehicles failing to move over. In addition, more than 17,000 citations were issued to motorists who refused to move over.

The leading cause of law enforcement officer deaths in Florida in 2017 was traffic-related fatalities - many of which occurred because drivers didn't comply with the move-over law.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles does its best to educate drivers about the law, but unfortunately, many people continue to ignore it.

It cannot be stressed enough as to how important it is to keep roadside workers safe. Oftentimes law enforcement and public service workers cannot be easily seen from the road, especially in poor weather conditions or especially at night. Working on the side of busy roads is a huge safety hazard, one that's easily mitigated when drivers slow down.

Move over and watch carefully.

I bring this up, because surprisingly enough, I received a request from a resident to include something in my article about this topic. Apparently they witnessed another resident pass an ambulance which had slowed to find an address in our community.

While the On Top of the World roadways are private, it is always the best practice to move over, slow, or stop for emergency vehicles and law enforcement.

Never go around them!

## Important CSO 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.

If your call rolls over to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient, calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours.

Once the requested service matter 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 immediately to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled.

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

As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is exclusive to the unit and is the owner's responsibility. 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.

### OWNER EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE

Please update as information changes  
Return completed form to the Community Service Office at  
2069 World Parkway E, Clearwater, FL 33763

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Bldg #: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

OTOW Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### KEY HOLDER:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bldg #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual stats for Community Service Office

# Next election, please take time to

Will the recent On Top of the World Board election be a harbinger of the 2020 general election?

As absurd as it may sound, I do have my concerns.

Of the 1,219 ballots submitted before the Dec. 16, election, 254 of the ballots (21 percent) were disqualified.

Often the ballots were improperly completed, or returned to sender (41) as undeliverable, or were received after voting closed (27).

Generally, the causes for disqualification were that some members did not follow the simple (or so your Board thought) instructions for completing the ballot.

In some instances, the ballots envelope was not completed correctly lacking the building and unit number, or even a valid street address.

In other cases, owners of multiple condos stuffed their completed ballots all into a single envelope (hoping to save postage maybe).

Either way, we had what I consider to be a poor outcome for the election.

Chapter 718.112(2)(d)(4) prescribes how condominium elections must be conducted. Among the statute's provisions, the statute does not allow campaigning.

The statute prescribes both the ballot form and the method by which an owner must cast their ballot by mail or cast a ballot in person. It is serious business.

Elections are a substantial expense to your Association. This election alone cost approximately \$20,000.

Going forward, your Board may seek to implement digital voting as allowed in the statute.

Generally, it is in the interest of the community and all residents to have a fair and proper election process that is easily accessible to all interested residents.

### Community Service Office

Community Service is there to serve all residents of the community. If you have a concern or a question, please visit the CSO during regular business hours, use the Website, write a concise letter about your concern, or leave a phone message.

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

To that end, in 2019 the CSO saw walk-ins average 70 per workday for 18,270 residents per year. This figure is up from 2018 which saw an average of 55 walk-ins per day or 14,355 per year.

Daily calls to the service line averaged 30 per workday for 8,120 a year. This figure stays relatively consistent from year to year.

Of the combined 26,390-plus contacts per year, this generated work orders at an average rate of 45 per workday or 11,745 work orders 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 to obtain modifications for work.

In 2019 there were 942 approved modifications. Actually, it was a decrease of 228 over 2018 due to efforts to remove clamshell awnings.

This is significant because it may mean that residents are interested in ensuring their community remains a safe and nice place to live.

Yes, condo living is very different than life in a single family home that is not part of a homeowner association. It takes adjustment to the idea that you can't just do what you please in or around your condo. What one person does may adversely affect many neighbors.

Inspection Services wrote 468 courtesy compliance letters, of which approximately 85 percent have complied as requested or written back for clarification.

If you are reading this and fall in that silent 15 percent, take heart, building re-inspections begin again Jan. 7.

A few clamshell awnings remain to be removed. The exact count is 127 on 88 condos.

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

There were 107 vehicles tagged for various violations (expired tags, no plates, disrepair, etc. improperly parked in a no parking zone). Four vehicles were towed from property.

In 2018, the Management Company sent out 438 letters to unit owners for various violations (expired tags, no plates, disrepair, improperly parked, etc.). In 2019 that number dropped significantly to only 60 letters. 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. They handled 127 washer/dryer certifications and issued 376 estoppel inspection letters regarding

compliance with community rules and architectural standards. In 2019 there were 70 water intrusion letters written. This number was up substantially from the 41 written in 2018. Of those in 2019, approximately 85 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 the several incidents in December, they found tile grout, washcloths, small hand towels, adult diapers, cat litter and "flushable" wipes.

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 clear the toilet, but don't break down and cause some dandy blockages).

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

Please do not put grease down the drain! This adds to blockages and downstream problems at the wastewater treatment facility. Put your bacon grease or other fats in a can with a cover and freeze it. Double wrap the container in plastic bags, secure it with ties before you place it in the garbage the night before garbage removal day. Please do not let food waste sit in the garbage for longer than 12 hours as this creates a nuisance in the garbage rooms for your 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 may result in an overload at the electrical panel because it is drawing excessive power. In some cases, we have found that unauthorized dryer

installations have used the same circuit breaker as the stove and HVAC. This is an open invitation for trouble.

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 over 10 years old, it needs careful monitoring for possible leaks.

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

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

The Community Service Office does sell, at cost, a warning device that senses dampness and alarms loudly. This same unit may also be extended to the pan in the HVAC unit, thereby giving you a two-for-one benefit. If you can change a 9-volt battery, you can also install this simple device. It makes good sense to install this 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 by completing the form in this newspaper, 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](http://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

It never ceases to amaze me the number of residents who do not carry insurance on their condo. 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

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# carefully read ballot instructions

the responsibility of the individual owner to insure.

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

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

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

February is a great month to review your property and casualty coverage (I know this because my condo insurance rolls in February). Your Association always recommends that you discuss your coverage with your agent, but to also request multiple bids on coverage. Checking rates really does work and can save you money on your HO6 coverage.

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

## Upcoming Projects

### Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue their work on the North end of property before moving to Paradise.

In particular, the front facade of Building 58 will receive new paint coatings and the rear facades of Buildings 92 and 95 will receive new waterproofing treatments.

The month of February should close out with the front of Building 2 being repainted.

Residents should be aware that the contractor will be using high-reach equipment in the main parking areas and surrounding secondary lots requiring residents to relocate their personal vehicles as necessary.

The rear lawn areas of buildings are also active work sites and residents should avoid these areas while the work is underway.

Bulletins are posted by the contractor in advance of the work so please keep an eye on the building's bulletin boards for details.

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

The installation of new unit address numbers is another community improvement project that will resume with the return to front façade paint applications. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property this improvement cycle, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

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

### Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Building 52 will be the first structure in the improvement cycle to see crews from the roofing contractor arrive. The contractor will begin the staging of materials and performing of preliminary roof replacement activities at Building 52 sometime at the beginning of February.

Building 48 will follow shortly there-

after as the roofing contractor is scheduled to be at that location somewhere around the fourth week of the month.

Both projects are anticipated to last roughly two weeks and will require the staged closure of the building's parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for the safe and efficient operation by the contractor.

Bulletins with exact work start dates will be posted in the building in advance of the contractor's arrival.

As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

February will be the restart of railings improvement projects in the community. This year the railing vendor will primarily be working on the west side of the property with Building 72 being first to receive these code-compliant retrofits.

A licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 4-6 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

The community's annual fire extinguisher inspections are another project scheduled for the beginning of the month. This very important yearly fire suppression check-up takes roughly 2-3 weeks to complete and looks at all facets of the safe, reliable and efficient performance of these life-safety devices.

The management company works closely with the licensed vendor to ensure that each and every location on property is serviced according to the National Fire Protection standard.

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

These small-scale repairs require the

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

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

The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services Division of the management company are ongoing, particularly, addressing of overplanted or unmaintained landscape around all building common areas. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, which results in the removal and disposal of the items at the residents cost.

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas. Remember, much of the material placed there may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

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# Learn about healthy living, consumer protection, Florida law and Alzheimers during presentations in February

The Aging Wellness Institute (AWI) is within blocks of OTOW, located at 1055 N. Hercules Avenue in Clearwater. The phone number is (727) 461-4054 and it is open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Mission of the AWI is to promote a longer, healthier, more independent life in support of adults over age 60 who are committed to improving their overall health, maintaining independence and reducing the pain associated with aging.

How do they do this?

AWI offers daily specialized exercise, yoga and nutrition in a unique and affordable environment. Membership is \$40 a month or you can “drop in” for \$10 a class.

AWI will be visiting On Top of the World this season to offer one of their many programs, “Food for Thought,” at a discounted price of \$10. Food for Thought is a four-week nutrition and cooking series. The classes are hosted by AWI’s Kate Joseph, MS, RDN/LD, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Kate describes the classes as “Fun and interactive. Each class will present a specific food topic and we will discuss the health benefits and dietary recommendations. During the class we will make and taste a recipe to coincide with that week’s topic. The weekly classes will be approximately 45-60 minutes long with time for group discussion and questions. The series will emphasize whole foods and healthy cooking methods to promote better nutrition, better health and disease prevention.”

Weekly topics include grains, snacks, heart-healthy meals for one or two people, and cooking and seasoning with herbs.

The series kicks off with a fun meeting and informational seminar with the AWI Director Samantha Nevins, and the host of the program, Dietician Kate Joseph, on Friday, Feb. 21, in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room at 11 a.m. If you are interested in participating in the program, registration for the classes will follow.

Classes commence on Feb. 28, March 6, March 13 and March 20 in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room at 11 a.m.

For more information, please send AWI an email at [info@awilife.org](mailto:info@awilife.org) or visit their Website at [www.awilife.org](http://www.awilife.org).

## Pinellas County Consumer Protection

Pinellas County Consumer Protection will be on site with two seminars over the next two months in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The first presentation “Protecting your Identity” will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Representatives from the Internal Revenue and Consumer Protection Agency will discuss where Florida ranks for identity theft, the latest techniques thieves use to steal your information and steps you should take to safeguard your information - like shredding your personal documents.

Free shredding services will be offered that morning from 9-11 a.m. at the East Activity Center South Parking Lot off of World Parkway Boulevard East.

In recognition of National Consumer Protection Week, representatives will be back again on Tuesday, March 3, with an in-



teractive seminar, “Wheel of Knowledge.” This will be a fun way to test your consumer knowledge and learn more about a variety of consumer topics.

The presentation will be from 9-10:30 a.m. with free shredding from 9-11 a.m.

Even if you have attended these seminars in the past, please participate to learn the latest in scams and stay one step ahead of the predators.

## AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help and if you’re 50 and older, and can’t afford a tax preparation service, you are the client this service was designed to serve.

As mentioned in my column last year, the number of AARP tax prep volunteers has declined and therefore OTOW is no longer a host site.

The good news is, we are fortunate to be surrounded by so many Pinellas County libraries and community centers that remain on AARP’s list of tax aide locations.

For your convenience, here is a list:

Clearwater Countryside Library  
2642 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater  
(727) 562-4970  
Dates Open: 2/1/2020 - 4/15/2020  
Site Schedule: Mondays, 10 am - 1:30 pm,  
Fridays: Noon - 3:30 pm.  
Closed: Feb. 17 and March 16.

Safety Harbor Public Library  
101 Second St. N., Safety Harbor  
(727) 724-1525  
Dates Open: 2/1/2020 - 4/15/2020  
Site Schedule: Mondays, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm,  
Fridays, 10 am - 1:30 pm  
Closed: Feb. 8, Feb. 18 and April 12.

Palm Harbor Community Center  
1500 16th St., Palm Harbor  
Dates Open: 2/1/2020 - 4/15/2020  
Site Schedule: Tuesdays 9 am - 12:30 pm,  
Fridays 9 am- 12:30 pm

Largo Library  
120 Central Park Drive, Largo  
Dates Open: 2/1/2020 - 4/15/2020  
Site Schedule: Mondays 10 am-4 pm,  
Wednesdays 10 am-4 pm, Fridays 10 am - 4 pm,  
Saturdays 10 am-4 pm. (2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/13 only). Closed Monday 2/18.

## Florida Law Lecture

A presentation is coming in February on Florida law for Florida residents and folks planning on becoming Florida residents.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. - noon at the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

The laws here in Florida can seem to be quite different from other states. This is true even for Florida residents and it’s surely true for folks who have moved down here and intend to become Florida residents.

According to attorneys Jerry Colen and Rachel Wagoner, although Florida has its specific and sometimes quirky nuances, it is not too complicated to understand how the laws of Florida will affect you.

Jerry and Rachel invite you to sit down with them as they explain all this. The lecture is free. To register please call 727-799-2734 or email Nancy at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com). Include your name, address, phone number and email address.

## It Might Just Be the Wax

Please join me in welcoming St. John’s Hearing Institute to On Top of the World.

Come and find out for yourself if wax could be causing your hearing loss on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 8:30-11 a.m. during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Complimentary services will include an ear wax check and gentle removal using a video otoscope.

There also will be a hearing screening, a service to clean your hearing instruments and free hearing aid batteries sponsored by Robert E. Smith, H.A.S., BC-HIS and Associates serving the Bay Area for over 30 years.

Note: If you need hearing help and are unable to attend this clinic due to health or physical limitation, please call Carla at the number below and she will make in-home arrangements. Call for Information at 727-791-4090.

Also, St. John’s Hearing Institute will be an ongoing vendor at Get Acquainted Coffee so if you cannot attend on Feb. 13, please come back any second Thursday of the month from 8:30-11 a.m.

## Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimers

The Alzheimer’s Association will be visiting the West Activity Center on Tuesday, Feb. 18, first with a seminar at 10 a.m. entitled Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s. After the seminar, participants are welcome to visit the “Brain Bus” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. parked in the lot outside of the West Activity Center. The Brain Bus is here to help. This statewide mobile outreach initiative travels throughout Florida to raise awareness of Alzheimer’s and related dementias and addresses the benefits of early detection, early diagnosis, brain health and risk reduction. You will learn 10 Ways to Love Your Brain, steps to an accurate diagnosis and learn advancements in research.

For support, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call the helpline number 24/7 at 800.272.3900.

## Walk/Bike Wise Tampa

Walk/Bike Wise Tampa Bay will hold a seminar 10-11:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 28, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

‘Tis the season for walking and biking, but the question begs, are you street smart?

Please join Walk/Bike Wise Tampa Bay to learn tips for safe walking, bicycling and driving. Ask questions in a fun interactive

format. Take the Walk/Wise pledge. All attendees get a free reflective bag!

## US Census Seminar

A US Census Bureau Informational Seminar will take place 1-2:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

America gets one chance every decade to count its population. The 2020 Census will shape our state’s political representation and guide billions of dollars in funding for programs ranging from Medicaid to highway projects. That’s why everyone in Pinellas County needs to be counted!

The Census will be completed differently this time. In March 2020, the Census Bureau will send On Top of the World residents’ online instructions and a unique ID for online response to complete the Census, but it will also include a paper version of the Census questionnaire (English-only). In person and over the phone will be alternative methods as well.

Safety and confidentiality is very important, therefore all information submitted online is encrypted to defend and contain any threats. Personal information is never shared with any other agency, and census results are shown as a whole within a Census tract, or predetermined boundary, rather than a specific person or address.

Pinellas County invites you to help shape our future, and make us count!

## Ageing Successfully Wise Program

The WISE Program that was scheduled to commence on Feb. 4 has been cancelled. Our host, Leslie Noland, will be out on a personal leave but will be back in a couple of months. She’s awesome and worth the wait! We will reschedule the program upon her return.

## Irish Day Parade After Party

On Saturday, March 7, the Good Karma Café will be grilling up delicious hot dogs, along with chips and soda for only \$3 after the Irish Day Parade at 10 a.m.

This year you have the option to choose a brat.

Singer and musician, Joe Burke, will be back by popular demand to entertain us. So prepare your tonsils for singing and your toes for stepping, and we’ll see you at the parade!

## Free Balance Classes

Suncoast YMCA on Enterprise Road is offering free balance classes to OTOW residents three days a week. No membership required. Call (727) 467-9622 for more information.

## Nancy’s Mailbox in the CSO

Did you know that when I’m out of the office hosting an event or in a meeting, you will not be inconvenienced.

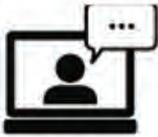
Please take a short walk into the Community Service Office where I have a secure mail box to receive your completed Facility Requests and other forms.

Also, you can pick up all activity related forms at the CSO. Of course, you can also call me direct at 727-799-2734 and if I miss your call, leave a voicemail and I will certainly call you back or email me at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com).

# Nancy's Bulletin Board

## Master the Possibilities

DISTANCE LEARNING



Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala  
**Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab**

### The Islamic Republic of Iran

February 3, 1-2:30 p.m.

Frank DiPiero- Pre-Recorded Presentation

Join Frank DiPiero as we look at how the Islamic Republic of Iran is largely responsible for the ongoing crises in the Middle East, from Iraq to Gaza, and the destabilization of Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula and parts of North Africa. Participants will also discuss the potential for the fall of the regime and what U.S. policies might hasten this fall.



Course Fee: \$2

### Martha Washington- A Living History

February 25, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dee Collier- Pre-Recorded Presentation

Dee Collier presents a historical characterization of one of the founding mothers. Was Martha Washington as stodgy as paintings depict her? "Patsy", as she was known to her friends and family, passionately supported the Revolutionary War and her husband's determination for the creation of a free country.



Course Fee: \$2

### The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue

March 12, 1-2:30 p.m.

Live Broadcast from Ocala- Michael Tougias

Michael Tougias, co-author of *The Finest Hours*, will use slides of the storm, the sinking tankers, the rescues, the victims, the survivors and the heroes to tell the story of this historic event. Tougias will describe the harrowing attempts to rescue the seamen, especially focusing on four young Coast Guardsmen who must overcome insurmountable odds to save the lives of 32 crewmen stranded aboard the stern of the *Pendleton*. Standing between the men and their mission were towering waves that reached 70 feet, blinding snow, and one of the most dangerous shoals in the world, the dreaded Chatham Bar. The waters along the outer arm of Cape Cod are called "the graveyard of the Atlantic" for good reason, yet this rescue defies all odds. Disney released a film in 2016 based on this book.



Course Fee: \$2

Register today by visiting the Activities Office,  
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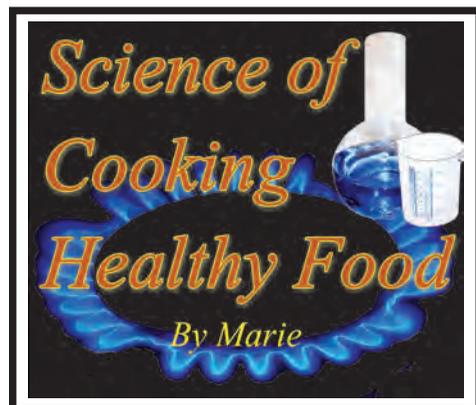
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Stevens & Stevens shredding will be on site from 9-11 a.m.

## Florida Law Lecture

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**Irish Club Parade and Post-Parade Party  
 Saturday, March 7, 10 am**



## Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups garbanzo beans, 1 15-oz. can
- 3/4 cup raw cashews
- 4 tablespoons Philadelphia® Whipped Strawberry cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons coconut cream
- 2 tablespoons raw honey
- 1 cup strawberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

## Instructions

1. Rinse and drain beans. Gently remove skin from beans and discard. Air-dry.
2. Lightly roast raw cashew nuts at 350°F for 12 minutes. Refrigerate for several hours.
3. Combine cashews and beans in either a high-performance blender or a high-performance food processor. Blend until crumbly. Scrape the mix off the sides.
4. Add coconut cream and blend until a very smooth, butter-like texture is created.
5. Add remaining ingredients and process until the mixture is completely smooth. Scrape sides of bowl and process again. The mixture will set firm when it cools. Garnish with sliced strawberries and kiwis. Refrigerate. Eat within three days because it contains fresh strawberries.

The recipe also works really well with other berries.

Makes 6-8 servings.

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

*Email questions, suggestions and comments to*

**Marie**

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

otowboxoffice.com



## Craving cheesecake, but not all those calories?

Try this creative alternative for Valentine's Day. Dessert hummus is a current trend and there are many flavors possible, such as pumpkin pie hummus, chocolate hummus and carrot cake hummus. The recipe on this page offers the suggestion of a creamy cheesecake.

### Health Value

A typical New York cheesecake is made of cream cheese, butter and sugar. You would have to walk for almost two hours to burn off the calories in one slice of New York cheesecake.

A Publix® New York cheesecake is 380 calories per slice.<sup>(i)</sup> Other recipes can be much higher in calories.

The hummus version has healthy fats and low calories. The calories are estimated to be about half of a Publix® New York cheesecake. Yet, it is reminiscent of cheesecake with a sweet/

nutty flavor that tempts you to keep nibbling away.

While it is convenient to use canned garbanzo beans, you might prefer to buy dried beans and cook them yourself. This produces a bean with a lower sodium content and fresh flavor versus the canned version.

Whipped cream cheese has air incorporated into the product, giving it a lighter feel and lower calories than ordinary cream cheese.

### The Science

An example of high-performance equipment needed for this recipe is a Cuisinart® food processor or a Vitamix® blender. They have the necessary high speed and sharp blades to produce the desired butter-like creaminess. These devices are built to work at high speed and handle the stress.

My dear chefs, be patient with steps 3 and 4 as they may require as long as 10 minutes to obtain the desired creaminess.

Here are some tips for success in obtaining that cheesecake creaminess.

- Roasting nuts brings their natural oils to the surface which helps the process.
- Plus, roasting imparts natural sweetness to the nuts which adds to the flavor (as long as they don't burn!)
- Chilling nuts hardens them so friction is created against the blades.
- Remove the tough skins from the garbanzo beans for a far creamier end product.
- Do not add water or an ingredient containing water (like honey) until after the desired buttery texture is obtained. Even a

small amount can cause clumping.

Use raw cashew and roast them yourself. Commercially roasted cashews are more salty than desirable and likely have too strong a flavor from other oils added in the roasting process.

Coconut cream and coconut milk are made from the same ingredients, but coconut cream has a higher percentage of coconut - therefore, it's thicker.<sup>(ii)</sup> Plus, coconut cream's higher fat content imparts a luxurious texture for a cheesecake mouthfeel.

Do stir the contents of the can as the liquid separates from the fat.

Raw and regular (commercial) honeys are processed differently.<sup>(iii)</sup> Raw honey is only strained before it's bottled. Commercial honey undergoes a variety of processing, which may remove beneficial nutrients like pollen and reduce its level of antioxidants.

When it comes to choosing a healthy honey, your best bet is to go raw so you know exactly what you are getting. You will most likely find raw honey directly from a beekeeper, a produce stand, or a health food store.

### Links

- (i) [www.fatsecret.com/calories-nutrition/publix/new-york-style-cheesecake](http://www.fatsecret.com/calories-nutrition/publix/new-york-style-cheesecake)
- (ii) <https://www.bonappetit.com/story/what-is-coconut-cream>
- (iii) <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/raw-honey-vs-regular#section2>

## Guild members learn about mixed media

# Annual Art Show set for March 1 and everyone should have a painted face on March 7

By Mary Slack Maynard

Save the date!

The annual Art Show and Sale will take place Sunday, March 1, from 12-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Members of the Art Guild will be on hand to display their artwork and it's a great time for our On Top of the World friends and neighbors to come and see what talent our members possess.

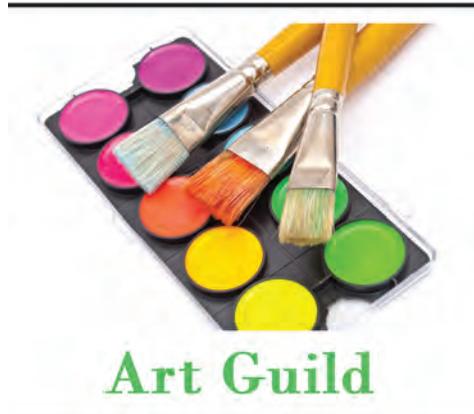
There will be a section for students in various art classes to display samples of what they have learned and created.

Some of the artists will just display their work and some will have pieces for sale. So, if your condo has a bare spot that is begging for art, come by and purchase something from a very local artist.

The Irish Club parade is coming Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. This means face painting!

Art Guild members will be painting faces before and after the parade. If you've never had your face painted, or have local grandchildren who would like to sport a painted design while watching the parade, come by the Art Guild table before the parade.

Or, if parades aren't your thing, stop



by after the parade. If you're nervous about having your face painted, stop by the Irish Club's beer keg first, then come over to the Art Guild table.

After the business part of our January meeting, Guild members enjoyed a presentation from Sherida Wysocki of Studio 1212 in Clearwater. Sherida is an experimental artist and likes to explore new techniques for her mixed media art.

"Shapes," she told the group, "are the things that make art interesting."

She encouraged those who want to try mixed media art to use what they find, whether it's a cut-out from a magazine, textured paper or things they find in na-



Sherida Wysocki gives a presentation on mixed media art during an Art Guild meeting in January.

ture.

A shout out to Alice Anderson who won the Artist of the Month competition for December. Her art, and that of

other Guild members from recent competitions, will soon be displayed in the Art Guild display case in the EAC auditorium.

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# February

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

## Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

### ART CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room  
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room  
 Passion for Pastels: Fridays, 10 am, Largo Room  
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Largo Room  
 Acrylic Painting, Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Largo Room  
 Painting Workshop, Mondays, 9 am, Largo Room

### OTHER CLASSES

Italian Class, Fridays, 10:30 am, Dunedin & Ozona Rms

### CARD GAMES BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room (17th Oldsmar Rm)

### BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:00, Belleair Room

### LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, Feb 11, 6:30 pm, Learning Lab

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

### CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

### DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

### BEGINNERS DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Ozona Room

### HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

### PINOCHLE

T, H, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

### RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

### SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

### SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Kitchen

### TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Bob: M,T, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Saturday Poker Club: Sat, 1 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

### COMPUTER CLUB - WAC Learning Lab

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

### COMPUTER CLUB - WAC Belleair Room

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

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

### JEWELRY MAKING HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-12

### 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

#### LADIES QUET

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

#### DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room  
 Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

#### PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

#### DANCE LESSONS DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room

#### SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

#### LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

#### EXERCISES

##### BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room  
 T, H, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

##### EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

##### LADIES EXERCISES

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

##### SLIMNASTICS

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

##### STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Safety Harbor Room

##### TAI CHI

Tai Chi 18: W,F 2:45 pm, Exercise Room

Tai Chi 108: M,T,W,H,F 4 p.m., Exercise Room

Chi Kung Balance Matters: M,T,H 3 pm, Exercise Room

##### BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

##### WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

##### YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Hatha)

Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Basic)

##### CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

##### ZUMBA

Mondays, 11:30 am, Gold Chair Zumba, Belleair

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 9 am, EAC Pool (Water Zumba)

#### GROUPS

##### CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

##### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

Library: Mondays 10-12, Wed & Fri 1-3

## Activities below are

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY

02	03
	Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium
	Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
	Ent. Committee, Board M 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach (Veranda)
	Theater Workshop Meeti 3:00 PM - Crystal Beach
	Neighborhood Watch Fo 1:30 PM - Belleair Room
	No.85 Espana Meeting 4:00 PM - Belleair Room
	Good Neighbors Board M 10:30 AM - Ozona Room
	Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbor
	Master The Possibilities 1:00 PM - Learning Lab
09	10
Jesters Show 2:00 PM - Auditorium	Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium
	Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
	Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbor
	Family History Meeting 12:30 PM - Learning Lab
16	17
Karaoke 6:00 PM - Auditorium	Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium
	Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
	Chorus Board Meeting 11:00 AM - Oldsmar Roo
	Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbor
23	24
Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium	Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium
	Ent. Committee & Clubs 8:30 AM - Auditorium
	Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbor

### Tennis / Pickleball Club Schedules

#### Women's Tennis

Mondays - 8 am  
 Wednesdays - 8 am  
 Fridays - 8 am

#### Men's Tennis

Tuesdays - 8 am  
 Thursdays - 8 am  
 Saturdays - 8 am

#### Pickleball

Sundays - 9 am  
 Mondays / Thursdays - 4 pm  
 Tuesdays - 12 pm

### Horseshoe Club

Times not  
 determined.

### Shuffleboard Club

Mondays - 1:15 pm- 3 p.m.  
 Thursdays - 1:15 pm - 3 p.m.

are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

**DAY                      TUESDAY                      WEDNESDAY                      THURSDAY                      FRIDAY                      SATURDAY**

					01 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room (Small Card)
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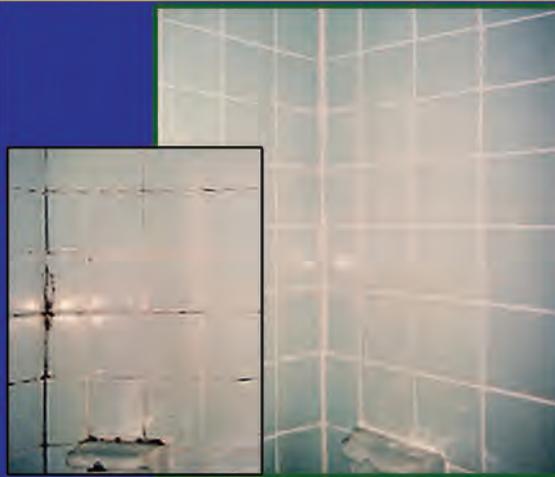
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# OTOW's Pet of the Year is a fairy-tale story

By Doug Kates

It is Darlene Kole's belief that mistreated animals can make the best pets if they are given love and tons of attention.

Maria is the perfect example.

More than 10 years ago, Maria lived outdoors at a puppy mill. She was never indoors, didn't play and didn't have friends. Her life was reserved for producing litters of puppies.

Finally, one day, Maria was rescued by a couple who couldn't believe the conditions Maria was surrounded by.

The Brussels Griffon, along with 16 other dogs, were freed from the mill and the search began for a new loving owner.

This is where Darlene stepped in.

"When I saw Maria, I thought she was blind and I could see she was very scared," she said. "I knew Maria needed to be loved and I knew that she would need extra care. I did not hesitate to take on the challenge."

Today, Maria and Darlene live together at the Azteca Building at On Top of the World. Maria, now 12 years old, plays almost every day at the dog park on the West Side and she used to be employed by a visitor's center on Clearwater Beach where her job was to greet tourists.

Maria no longer fears anyone, she trusts people and she plays with anyone.

And to top it off, Maria was crowned On Top of the World's Pet of the Year in January by people from all over the world who went online to vote.

Maria was Pet of the Month for February 2019. Online voting for Pet of the Year took place in early January and nearly 60 people went onto their computers to vote.

Maria received 25 votes and won.

Darlene said, "Maria was shocked to learn she won. It was the best New Year's present ever."

Maria actually lobbied for votes at the dog park. It might have worked.

## Top 5 Vote Getters

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|------------------|----|
| 1. Maria         | 25 |
| 2. Poochie       | 22 |
| 3. Flo-Rida      | 17 |
| 4. Kiri          | 9  |
| 5. Sadie Marie   | 8  |
| 5. Myst & Meadow | 8  |

Nearly 60 people voted. Votes were recorded from 15 different states and 4 different countries.

Maria will receive gift baskets from Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery, plus she will be invited to march in the Irish Club Parade at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7 along World Parkway Boulevard.

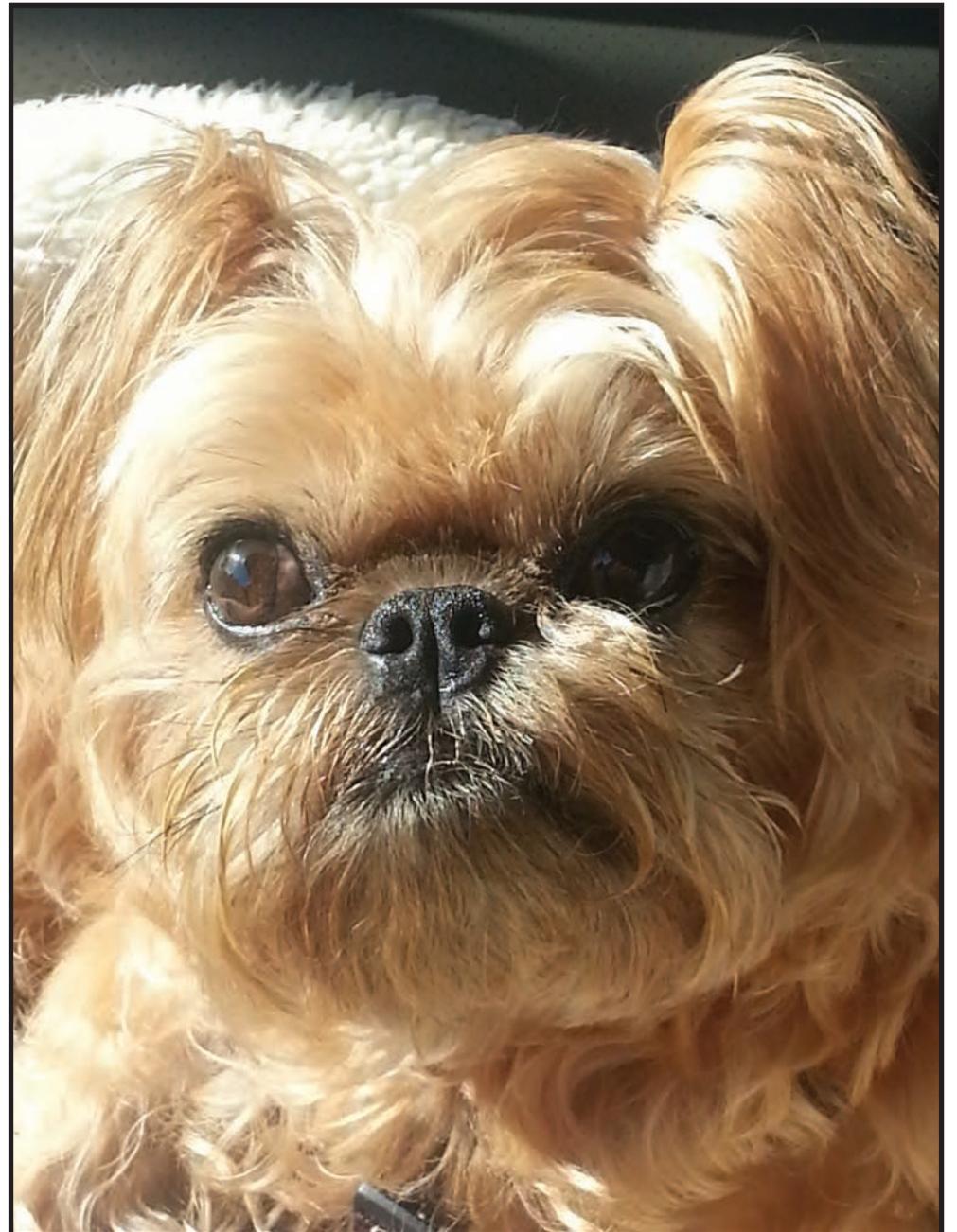
Coincidentally, the true St. Patrick's Day is Darlene's birthday, so how's that for a party.

When you see the Pet of the Year in the parade, yell "Maria!" and give a wave.

"Maria wants to thank everyone who voted for her," Darlene said. "Maria says her life has turned into a fairytale and she now feels like a princess. She will wear the crown with pride!"

Online voters were from 15 different states and four different countries, including France and England.

Kiri was the highest scoring cat in this year's contest.



Maria was On Top of the World's Pet of the Month for February 2019 and now has been crowned Pet of the Year by voters. She has committed to wearing green in the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 7, so look for her!

*Congratulations Princess Maria!*



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Nearly 40 third grade students from Academie Da Vinci School sang to On Top of the World residents during Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Jan. 9. The theme was 'Flakes' with a lot of songs about snow. (OTOW Photo by Doug Kates)

# Academie Da Vinci third grade singers tell us people and snowflakes have a lot in common

Many On Top of the World residents get chills just thinking about snow. But for one morning, everyone smiled when third grade singers from Academie

Da Vinci School arrived for Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday and sang winter songs to us. There was also a lesson in their voices.

Some of their songs praised snow for its beauty. Some of their songs degraded snow for its cold and slipperiness.

But one particular song said, when it snows, there are a million snowflakes falling from the sky and each snowflake is different and each snowflake has a purpose. Then the song said, people are the same way.

There are millions of us and we all have a purpose. So that was our morning lesson from third-graders!

The show in our auditorium was called "Flakes" and there were nearly 40 students who sang.

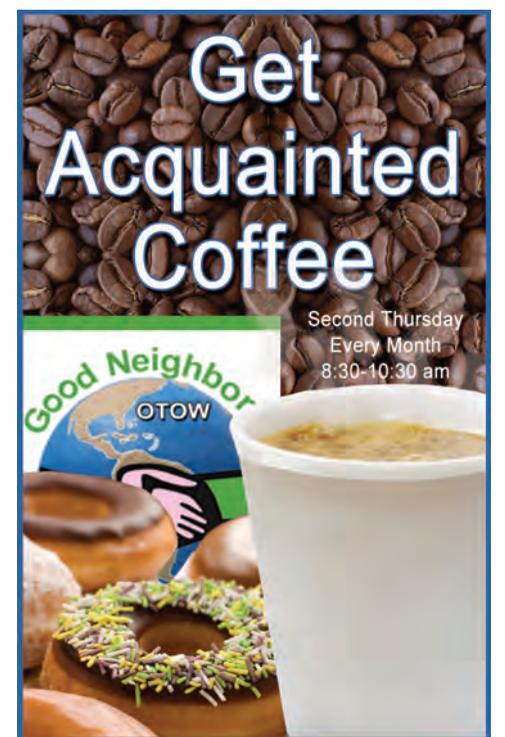
This was the second consecutive month talented students from this school came to entertain us during Get Acquainted Coffee. In December, students put on a holiday show for us with dancing and singing.

In February, Get Acquainted Coffee will be closer to home.

Local talents Tom and Vicky Portsmouth, and Gil Small, will be playing guitar and asking residents to sing-along with their tunes. There won't be a camp fire, but it will be cozy.

Good Neighbors Association will supply the coffee and donuts.

Local clubs and groups will open their



information tables at 8:30 a.m. and snacks will be served at 9 a.m.

Morning announcements, introduction of vendors and meeting new residents will follow. Expect the music sing-along to start about 9:30.

After the music there will be raffle drawings, so please stick around.



## Musikong Kawayan Ensemble & Philippine Choral Group

**A Spring Social Dinner and a Show presented by Good Neighbors Association Sunday, March 8, 3 pm, EAC Auditorium**



**Dinner includes pulled pork with a sesame seed roll, condiments, chips, lemonade or sweet tea, ice cream dessert with tropical fruit.**

**Tickets for the show and dinner are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. The combo tickets will not be sold at the door.**

**Tickets for just the show can be purchased now or at the door.**

**Tickets are for sale at the Good Neighbors Association information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the EAC Auditorium. You can call (727) 725-4048 for more information.**

## Spring Flea Market & Craft Sale

**Saturday, April 4  
EAC Auditorium**

## New Philippine music group coming in March

# Good Neighbors' Chili Cook-Off returns in February

By Jim Bjorgo

Good Neighbors Association has a 2020 schedule packed with events.

Our first event is our second annual Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m., in the East Activity Center.

Good Neighbors is still accepting applications for cooks and judges, but the deadline is quickly approaching. We are seeking individuals or club representatives with "Special Chili Recipes" and special culinary talents.

Deadline is Feb. 20.

Tickets to judge are \$3.50. Only 100 tickets are available.

For judges who want more than just chili, Good Neighbors is offering a "Hot Dawg Meal" including chips and a beverage for an extra \$3.50. Meal tickets must be purchased before the day of the event.

Applications and meal tickets are available from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Good Neighbors Association information table in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our second event of 2020 is a Spring Social at 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 8, in the EAC auditorium. Featured will be the "Musikong Kawayan Bamboo Ensemble and Philippine Choral Group." These talented people are from the Philippines Performing Arts Company in Tampa. On Top of the World's Jesse Tiamsom is a

member of the choral group.

These two colorful and unusual groups will provide us with a most interesting afternoon of entertainment and cultural enlightenment. To round out the event, we will also serve a special meal, including pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, beverage, and ice cream with tropical fruit.

Tickets for the Spring Social at \$5 apiece for the show and \$10 for the show and special meal. Show and meal tickets will be served at our information table, but only show tickets will be sold the day of the event.

Tickets for this show would make a great gift for giving on Valentine's Day!

Our third event of the year is our annual Spring Clothing Drive from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, under the portico at the East Activity Center. Drop off your unused or slightly used clothing items and we will deliver to a local facility that gives it away to people less fortunate than us. Nothing is sold.

New this year, we also will be collecting non-perishable canned or boxed food items for Helping Hands. When you drop off clothing at our Spring Clothing Drive, please consider a food donation, too. Or, if you do not have any clothes to drop



Judges get to taste a variety of homemade chili recipes during the second annual Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 26.

off, you can still drop off food for Helping Hands.

The fourth event coming up in 2020 is the annual Spring Flea Market and Craft Show on Saturday, April 4. Good Neigh-

bors representatives are currently selling tables for vendors. Tables are \$15 apiece or two tables side by side for \$25. Tables will be sold until sold out, so please hurry to reserve a table today.

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# Computer Club starts 2020 with new president

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club has elected its 2020 officers.

Trevor Colby has taken on the job of president.

"Without a doubt, the Computer Club is among the finest in our community," Trevor said. "I am pleased to assist in its administration."

Scott Mascitelli and Phil Green will serve as vice presidents, along with former president Joe Wisinski.

Cheryl Lindback and Marvin Maziarz will continue serving as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

More than 100 members and guests attended a banquet where the club's 2020 officers were installed.

In addition to electing new officers, the club recently conducted a survey about what topics members want to learn about in 2020. Some topics the club will



discuss this year are:

- How to clean or tune up a computer
- What smartphones and tablets apps our members find useful
- What the Pinellas County library offers through its Website

## About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome. Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance. Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com).



Trevor Colby is the OTOW Computer Club's new president.

# Press Association luncheon in February moved to Clearwater Family Restaurant

The On Top of the World Press Association has three major food events coming up.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, the Press Association is hitting the road for its only meeting of the year that does not take place inside the community.

In previous years, this annual road trip was actually a Christmas party, but was changed to a "Kick Off The New Year Luncheon."

This year's kick-off party is taking place in February. The event will be held at Clearwater Family Restaurant on Highlands Avenue in Clearwater.

Please note, this meeting was originally scheduled for Coachman Family Restaurant, which is now closed. Our meeting was moved to a new location.

This special meeting is open to all newspaper staff. Please arrive by 1 p.m. Lunch orders will be taken between 1-1:30 p.m. with our meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will follow. Everyone is paying their own way.



This event will count on our attendance sheets as an actual meeting.

The next Press Association event will be its annual Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, March 5 at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. Arrive between 12:45-1 p.m. Lunch starts at

1 p.m. The caterer will be announced at the February meeting.

The Appreciation Luncheon is free to any newspaper staff member who has attended at least three meetings and contributed to at least three newspapers in the past 12 months. Anyone else can attend, but must pay \$20 for lunch.

If you plan on being at the luncheon, as a qualified guest or by paying your own way, please tell Doug Kates in the newsroom by Feb. 28. We need to know ahead of time how many people will be attending.

Lastly, on Thursday, April 2, at 1:30 p.m., the Press Association has scheduled an outdoor picnic at the new pavilion. Food will be provided and your 50/50 drawing donations will pay the cost. At press time, the pavilion is not officially open, but it is hopeful the pavilion will open in March.

At the Press Association meeting held in January, more than 20 staff members had great discussions covering several

topics. One such topic is whether all staff members know we even have meetings and that every staff member is encouraged to attend.

Staff suggested a handout to new reporters so they know about monthly meetings. The handout can include basic newspaper guidelines.

Staff also discussed moving the Writers Workshop from November to January to allow more Snowbirds to attend.

Staff also considered changing the once-a-month meeting to a more friendly term - instead of "meeting."

As always, staff input is welcome and that's how our community newspaper gets better. There are eight meetings a year.

Doug also thanked everyone who helped get the January newspaper done on time. December's press date was one week earlier than normal, but everyone got their stories in on time.

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It's Rachel Wagoner and I hope everyone had a wonderful, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and that you also had a happy and healthy New Year.

Now to a great concern of mine.

The Federal Trade Commission ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)) is warning that the No. 1 scam right now is a "Social Security" scam. That's where you get a call or text from someone claiming to be with the Social Security Administration. Oftentimes, the call appears to come from the initials "SSA."

Be assured, you are not being contacted by Social Security.

Anytime you get a call, or demand, or anything from someone claiming to be with Social Security, it is a SCAM, SCAM, SCAM. They may ask you to send money by credit card or even, believe it or not, an I-Tunes card. It is a SCAM, SCAM, SCAM.

Hang up immediately.

By the way, the same applies if the call is from the Internal Revenue Service or the United States Marshal's office, etc., etc.

Sigh.

It's a never-ending battle and all we can do is remember that we should never answer phone calls unless we know it's from a trusted relative or friend.

If you receive a call from an unknown number, let that person leave a message. If it's a demand for money, don't call back.

And while I'm on the topic of scams, don't ever respond to a voice message



you get from someone who says "I am in the neighborhood and I want to buy your home."

Don't ever call back when you get a phone call where the caller has immediately hung up.

When the caller hangs up, the scammer wants you to call back and you just wind up getting charged an exorbitant fee from some telephone company.

A client once asked me about title insurance and why he needed it if he was buying a new home.

I am expanding his question to include why title insurance is a necessity regardless of whether it's a new home purchase or a resale purchase.

Maybe you don't need it if you are buying a property from a close relative or friend. But, even then, we always have to worry about something that suddenly pops up out of the blue, such as a forged

document or a document signed by someone who was under a guardianship.

Title policies protect us from claims and that's why we should have them.

Another issue that seems to come about fairly often has to do with how to use a durable power of attorney in the sale of real property.

Assume that "John Smith" has named his son, Fred, as his agent under John's durable power of attorney. Now, let's imagine John has become incapacitated or is out of the area and his property is to be sold. Fred, as his agent, has to sign the deed.

The deed should be signed as follows: John Smith, by his agent Fred Smith.

Also, and this is very important, the durable power of attorney must be recorded in the public records where the property is located.

And speaking of using a durable power of attorney, if someone in the chain of title to a property you are buying used a durable power of attorney instead of the actual owner, this is another reason why you should always have title insurance.

Here's a question for you: Is it better to have a living trust or a will?

Actually, that is not a simple question.

The answer depends on a lot of factors, one of which is whether you need to protect a beneficiary from himself or herself.

However, there are other reasons that make this question complicated. Here are only a few examples:

Will it be necessary to obtain Medic-

aid services in the future?

If so, perhaps some kind of supplemental needs trust may be needed.

Do you have real property in more than one state in the U.S.? If so, it may make good estate planning sense to have a living trust and then put all the properties in trust.

By doing that, you can avoid having a probate in another state, or for that matter, in more than one state.

Do you want to avoid probate for your estate, but you don't want to put anyone's names on your banking accounts even if it's in a payable on death mode?

A trust works well in that circumstance. Here's what I want you to remember. As my law partner Jerry Colen pointed out in recent lectures he gave on ways to avoid probate without having a trust, there are simple and easy ways to avoid probate without having a trust, but whether those ways are what YOU should have, rather than a trust, depends on your specific situation and upon the facts as you know them with regard to your heirs.

Jerry and I try to have clients avoid using a trust unless the situation requires it. Thus, we often suggest using a will coupled with payable on death accounts.

Other lawyers, very good lawyers, indeed, see things differently. So, if your lawyer says you need a trust, ask him or her "why" and then follow the advice you are given.

Wishing you the very best of good health and happiness.

-- Rachel

## Sue Lyon famous for her controversial role in 'Lolita'

Sue Lyon was a model at age 13 and was given the starring role as Dolores "Lolita" Haze in the popular 1962 film, "Lolita."

Because of a strict Hollywood Production Code, "Lolita" was the most controversial film of its time.

Sue was born on July 10, 1946, in Davenport, Iowa, the youngest of five children. Her father died when she was 10 months old. Soon after, Sue's mother moved to Los Angeles with her five children, hoping Sue could get a role in a movie to help out financially.

Sue and her mother were in a serious auto accident driving down the Pacific Coast Highway. Sue suffered head, neck and back injuries, leaving her in and out

of a wheelchair for two years.

Sue did manage several roles, including co-star with Richard Burton in "Night of the Iguana." She noted that he drank so much at night that the next day alcohol literally oozed out of his pores, making it unpleasant to do scenes with him.

The rest of her movie career was pretty much relegated to minor pictures. Warren Beatty was about to cast her as Bonnie in the film "Bonnie and Clyde" but at the last minute he decided to go with Faye Dunaway.

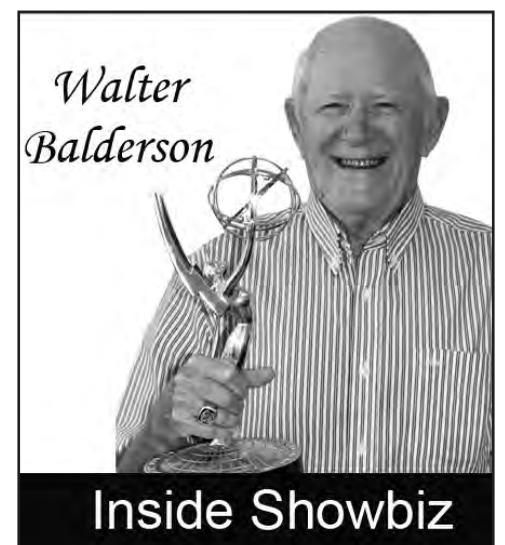
Sue's personal life was pretty much in disarray. She was married five times, including once to Garry Adamson, who was in prison, convicted of murder. Sue had one child with her first husband.

In 1969, Sue was cast in a recurring role in the comedy television series "Love American Style." In the ensuing years, she had guest appearances in the series, "The Virginian" and "Night Gallery." In the 1970s, Sue also starred as Linda, the wife of daredevil Evel Knievel in the movie "Evel Knievel."

Sue died on Dec. 26, 2019. She was living in Studio City, Calif.

A longtime friend of the actress told The Times that she had been experiencing declining health for a while. She was 73 years old.

Her net worth at the time of her death was under review, but is estimated to be around \$2 million.



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# Fixers Club News



## Let's start with a jewelry box

By Bob Backlund

Don Burrell has been with the On Top of the World Fixers Club for eight years and he loves to make jewelry boxes and wooden toys.

Pictured above is his newest creation - all hand-made and almost completed.

This will be Don's 12th jewelry box when finished and he has made them for family, friends and others. Many people have marveled over his work and asked for one.

This type of project is very common among new members because it is the perfect way to get familiar with all the tools and resources available in the wood shop.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



*Time running out to register for Jack & Jill Tournament*

## Ladies welcomes four new members

### Ladies 18 Golf

By Gloria Sayer

The 18-Hole Ladies Golf League is so excited and pleased to enroll four new members in our fun, friendly and outgoing group.

They are Diane Moxley, Song Kyong, Joy Walker and Mary Bernard. Welcome to all!

Anyone at On Top of the World is welcome to join the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held every Tuesday Morning. Just contact Membership Chairperson Sheila Meneilly at 727-723-9470 or email meneilly1@yahoo.com. She will get the ball rolling.

As long as you have an updated Activity Card, you are eligible to play in the league.

If you are a renter, have received your condo owner's permission and you have an updated Renters Activity Card, you may join the league. Renters must go to the West Side Activity Center to purchase a ticket, \$15 per play. You can purchase a multiple play card as well.

Our league dues are \$35 a year payable by check or cash.

We are a fun league and we have many activities, including golf games and social events. Please consider joining us. We welcome you with open arms.

Mark your calendar. Our league will host the annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The rain date is Feb. 18. If you wish to join in this fun event, please contact Chairperson Karen Beaver at 717-468-3745.

Guess what? It is that time of year when we think "Luck of the Irish."



New golfers are Diane Moxley, Song Kyong, Joy Walker and Mary Bernard.

Yes, that's right. The 25th annual St Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for March 7 and the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League looks forward to participating once again. Ladies, let us think of what attire we will wear this year.

Congratulations to our weekly flight and contest winners.

On Dec. 17 in Flight A, first place went to Becky West; second place Sharon Hackenmiller and Kim Norried, and third place Gloria Sayer. In Flight B, Jackie Dolan and Karen French tied for first, second place was Carole Lacey and third place was Debbie Figaski. In Flight C, first place went to Cindy Schell; second place to Joan Yorkery and third place to Fran Zaloski. Carole

Lacey had one chip-in and Joan Yorkery had two chip-ins. Becky West had closest to the pin on No. 15.

Congratulations to our weekly flight and contest winners on Dec. 31.

In Flight A, first place was Kim Norried; second place Sharon Hackenmiller, Dot Graham and Gloria Sayer, and third place Becky West. In Flight B, first place went to Karen Beaver, second place Katie Quelch, Carole Lacey and Karen French, and third place Jacqueline Dolan. In Flight C, first place went to Joan Yorkery and second place to Fran Zaloski. Katie Quelch and Verna Lundgren chipped-in. Verna had a 65-yard chip-in. Joy Walker had closest to the pin on No. 15.

Congratulations to our weekly flight contest winners on Jan. 7. In Flight A, first place went to Sharon Hackenmiller, second place to Gloria Sayer, Maureen Stewart and Kim Norried, and third place, Dot Graham and Ursula Taylor. In Flight B, first place went to Sherry Ivey, second place to Katie Quelch and third place to Mary Beth Devine and Billie Pineau. In Flight C, first place went to Gwen Lemke, Rose Mulhall and Donna Smerz, second place to Gail Ducharme and Nat Sue Dawson, and third place to Sheila Meneilly. Ursula Taylor and Carole Lacey chipped-in. Karen French had closest to the pin on No. 15.

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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 at 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 the 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 in Clearwater. 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 each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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# Between hopping, strutting and vining steps, Snowbirds are cruising, flying and dining



By Ed Foland

Snowbirds Club line dancers enjoyed dancing and dining on a cruise to Key West and Cozumel aboard the Brilliance of the Seas from Jan. 6-11.

The fifth annual line dance cruise has been announced and it will be to the Eastern Caribbean on Jan. 17-24, 2021. Ports of call include Puerto Rico, St Maarten, and Cococay. Please visit our information table for details.

Line dancers strutted their stuff and enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches and hand-dipped ice cream at our Mid-Winter Line Dance Party. Line dancers danced to more than 20 different songs played by DJs Ed and Dolly Foland.

There were three different Elvis sightings by Snowbirds in January - two at Ruth Eckerd Hall and one in the East Activity Center. Elvis would have been 85 years old on Jan. 8.



Line dancers and workshop leaders pose for a photo. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Other January events included taking in the show "Wild Women of Winedale" at Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater, and a tribute to the Kingston Trio at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Future travel and entertainment events include Beatles at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Feb. 20, Peking Acrobats on March 2, Irish Cabaret on March 8, Marilyn McCoo on Mar. 26 and Buddy Holly on March 29. Good seats are still available at \$20 each.

Dinner theaters are the most popular destination of the Snowbirds Club and two are on the calendar. On Feb. 15 we will see "Sin, Sex and the CIA" and on March 20 we will see "A Comedy of Tenors." Cost is \$40 and includes dinner, show, taxes and tip.

We are going to see Broadway shows with dinner at the Show Palace. On Feb. 27 we will see "Million Dollar Quartet" and on March 15 "Mamma Mia."

Cruises are on the Snowbirds bucket list. From Aug. 21-29 we will fly to Seattle and cruise Alaska, Glacier Bay National Park and four other ports of call.

From Feb. 18-27, 2021, fly to Hawaii and cruise around the Islands.

For more information contact Ed Foland at [edfoland@aol.com](mailto:edfoland@aol.com) or call 727 417-3272

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## Some of the best Lambda parties fall on the 13th

By Bruce Lovett

Triskaidekaphobia.

"What is the fear of the number 13, Alex?"

Sounds like a Jeopardy question doesn't it?

But it is a very real thing.

Fortunately, it is not something On Top of the World's Lambda Club has ever suffered from.

Like our European friends who perfected pasta and pizza, Lambda considers 13 a lucky number.

In Italy, "to do 13" means to hit the jackpot.

Here in Clearwater, "to do 13" means to get down and party.

That's because since its inception over 10 years ago, Lambda has held their monthly socials on the second Friday of the month. Inevitably that falls on the 13th at least once a year.

In 2019, we held a social on Sept. 13 and Dec. 13. This year it will happen in March and November.

So when 13 members of our club decided to bring in the new year at OTOW's big bash, the club knew 2020 was going to be a year of perfect vision and good times.

And if our first social was any indication, it will be that and more.



**Lambda Club**

Our annual "Winter in January" party was fantastic. Wearing woolen hats and scarves, our members enjoyed a food feast. Our pot luck buffets are normally top of the line, but this time it moved to head of the line surpassing even some of our feast day celebrations.

There was so much food. From fried, broiled and baked chicken to chili, lasagna and tuna salad.

Dave Beaven, our fearless leader, had to ask people to take a plate home.

Looking ahead, the second Friday in February falls on the 14th, a day late, but it is Valentines Day.



This is a picture of Lambda Club members before their New Year's feast. After the feast, there was no camera wide enough to get everyone in one picture.

The theme of our Valentine's social will be the color of love: red.

Love Potion No. 9 will be served at the bar, silly love songs will be booming from the juke box and everyone is asked to bring a food that they love to share for the pot luck buffet.

And don't forget to wear red.

Come on down to the Largo Room in the East Activity Center on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

February will also be filled with a va-

riety of other activities, including films, golf, beach walks, brunches and maybe even a game night.

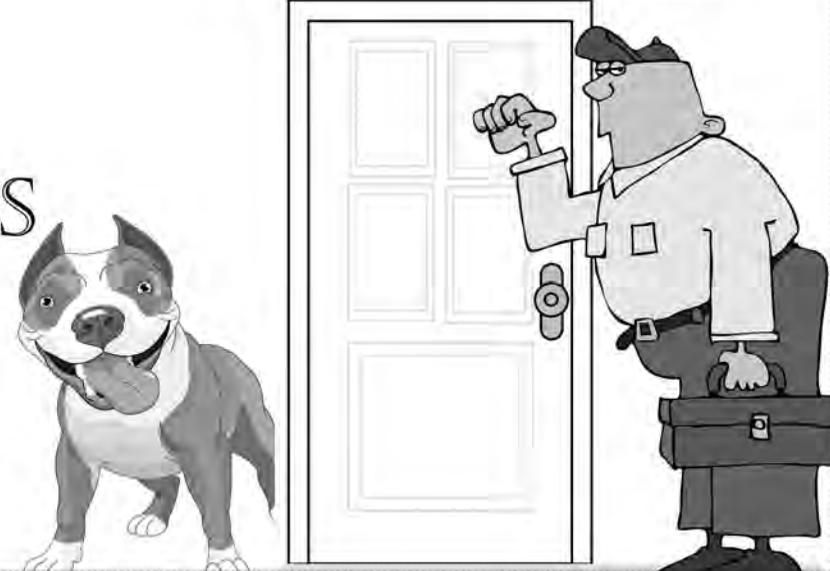
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# However you enjoy your current lifestyle, there is always time to line dance



By Leila Walker

Meet some of our On Top of the World line dancers!

Pictured at right are Mary Marsden, Dolly Newcome and Cheryl Friesen.

Let me tell you a little bit about each one of these ladies so you can get to know them better.

Mary is from Ontario, Canada. Her husband's name is Don and she has a son, a daughter, three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Mary and her husband have been hiding in OTOW from the Canadian winter weather for the past four years. Prior to OTOW, they spent five winters in Rio Grande Valley, Texas.

In her work life, Mary was a registered nurse. Most of her work was in occupational health and safety. As a result, she is an advocate for health promotion through exercising, cycling, line dancing and playing pickleball.

Now meet Dolly.

Dolly is from Geneseo, N.Y., which is about 25 miles south of Rochester, NY.

Her friend, Jim Kemp, who she has known for many years, keeps track of her. That must be hard because she is very ac-



Mary Marsden, Dolly Newcome and Cheryl Friesen are three On Top of the World residents who enjoy their own lifestyles but always find time to line dance.

tive.

Dolly loves being outside. Her first love is tennis, but she also plays pickleball, golfs, bicycles and gardens at her house in NY. When she does stay inside, she knits and crochets.

Dolly has owned at OTOW since 1987. She retired in 2004 and started coming down for the winter in 2005.

Dolly never line danced until she came to OTOW. She has learned that line

dancing is a wonderful activity for keeping her mind active, her body moving and for making new friends.

She says OTOW has wonderful, patient teachers, and she wants to say thanks for all the fun, laughs and friends she has made through line dancing.

Let's meet Cheryl.

Cheryl is from Lincoln, Neb. She lives six months there and six months here. This is her sixth winter in OTOW. She

says she does not miss the cold weather in Nebraska!

Cheryl actually grew up in Clearwater and Seminole. She has been married to Orville Friesen (Orv) for 32 years. He can usually be found on the golf course. They have four children (a son who lives in Oldsmar, and three daughters who live in Arizona, Nebraska, and Alaska).

Cheryl and her husband had a photography business in Nebraska during their working years. Orv also worked at the University of Nebraska for 45 years.

Her interests include biking, walking the beaches and area parks, attending Nebraska football games, watching lots of sports, and spending time with their shy Greyhound, Jett.

Cheryl enjoys the new fitness center at OTOW and the friends she has met there and at line dancing. She says line dancing is another way to stay active, but the friends she has made is the best part!

The 7 a.m. line dancing class is the perfect place to learn a new dance. The instructors have patience there.

Get to know these ladies, and many more, by attending line dancing. Your physical body and your mind will benefit, and you get to experience the fun and comraderie that Mary, Dolly and Cheryl have experienced.

If you are a beginner dancer, try the Line Dance Club's 1 p.m., Tuesday session or the 8:30 a.m., Saturday session. Regular classes are held after the beginner classes.

All classes are held in the East Activity Center auditorium.

If you are an early riser, consider our 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be seen on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on Facebook.



Members of the Ladies Exercise Group pose for a picture during a potluck dinner in December.

## Ladies Exercise Group holds potluck dinner

Each weekday morning from 8-9 a.m., the Ladies Exercise Group meets in the East Activity Center Exercise Room for an hour of exercise and friendship.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, 2019, the ladies had a potluck dinner in the EAC kitchen and Clearwater Room. Spouses and guests were invited to attend the festivities, making the total in attendance 31. As always the food was delicious! These ladies really know how to cook.

Mary Marsden spearheaded a game that was played. Exercisers were given a card that had a special question for each participant. Exercisers introduced their guests and shared some personal information. And then each guest answered the special question on her card.

It was a great way to get to know each other better.

After dinner and the game, the ladies line danced for approximately 30 minutes.

Thanks to Joanne Wallend, Madeleine Fontaine, and Leila Walker for organizing and setting up the event. Thanks to Mary for developing the game and for her leadership in conducting the game. And thanks to Ute Schreibe for providing the music and leading us in the line dancing.

We invite any ladies interested in staying fit to join us any weekday morning at 8 a.m. in the EAC Exercise Room. Our classes continue year round.



**Karaoke with  
Kathy & Lenny**

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**Sunday, Feb 16  
6 pm, EAC**

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# We're back from mice hunting ...



## Travel Club

By Janice Berman

Travel Club President David Berman had members laughing as he opened our January meeting with a joke to get us off on the right foot.

Then it was down to business.

Our December trip to St Augustine was a sellout. The Night of Lights and The Ghost and Graveyards Tours were fun-filled highlights. We also took many side trips, including one for wine tasting, a chocolate factory tour, a visit to the PGA Golf Hall of Fame, a stop at Ripley's Believe It or Not, and many others from the Hop-On and Hop-Off Trolley.

We returned home happy and tired.

Also, in December, we took a trip to the Henry Plant Museum and Victorian Stroll.

At the museum the group enjoyed the singing of a barbershop quartet, searched for mice in the beautifully decorated Victorian rooms and then warmed up with cider and cookies.

Upcoming events include a day trip on the Calypso Queen Buffet Cruise,



Travel Club members enjoy Lunch Bunch at Ozona Blue.

Lakeland Wilderness Safari with a lunch stop at Harry's (a New Orleans style restaurant), and a trip to see the famous Hermann's Lipizzaner's Stallions with lunch stop at Pier 22.

Lunch Bunches will be at Abe's Place, O'Keefe's Tavern (with special host Mary Skaarer) and Bahama Breeze.

May events will be announced at the next meeting.

Join us at our next club meeting Friday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room. Come early to sign in, buy "share the wealth" tickets, purchase trips and Lunch Bunch tickets.

Don't miss David's next joke.

New and returning residents are welcome.

Please stop by our information table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium to see what we have available.

We're going places. Don't you want to come?

# Italian-American Club members have two chances to try their luck in February

By Maryann Fontaine

This is your chance to win!

The Italian-American Club will be going to Tampa Bay Downs on Feb. 7 for lunch and horse racing.

Everyone always has a good time and the buffet is great. Some people even go home a winner.

So far I haven't been one of the winners ... but I do enjoy the buffet.

Feb. 19 is casino night with games and sub sandwiches right in the East Activity Center auditorium. You have a choice of sandwiches, including Italian, ham and cheese, or tuna. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members.

On March 11 we are having our annu-



## Italian-American Club

al picnic, but doing it differently. This year we will be at the On Top of the World pavilion from 1-4 p.m. (if the pavilion is

officially open). There will be food and games. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.

March 25 is the annual St Joseph's dinner dance. This is our biggest event so plan on getting your tickets early. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

On April 15 is our pizza/salad dinner. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. You can choose from various toppings when you purchase your advanced tickets. Choices are sausage and peppers, pepperoni or cheese.

The Italian-American Club is looking for volunteers to either walk or ride in the St Patrick's Day parade on March 7. Mem-

bers willing to volunteer should sign up at our information table on any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Members who participate will have access to our table after the parade to receive free hot dogs and beer. Sounds like a good deal to me.

As we are an Italian-American Club our main thing to do is eat and enjoy friends.

In closing, I want to mention our Christmas luncheon at Alfano's in December. Everyone enjoyed their meal and socializing with friends. Sam and Martha Gonnella, Sharon Adornetto and Roger Hebel did a great job. They plan on doing the same for next Christmas.

**The next AAA Driver's Safety Course  
is Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27  
9 am - noon in the EAC Crystal Beach Room.**

**A registration form appears on page 55 of this newspaper.**



# Singing out loud promotes better health and less snoring, so join Chorus!

By Ilene Bargerstock

It was the spring of 2013 when On Top of the World Chorus last sang the songs of America.

Seems like a good time to do it again.

“America the Beautiful” will be performed in the East Activity Center Auditorium on March 28 and 29. Please mark your calendar now! This concert merits a packed-house.

There will be songs of courage, sacrifice, gratitude, and hope and peace for the world.

We will be singing the USA National Anthem and the Canadian National Anthem in honor of our many friends and neighbors from the north.

Rehearsals are off to a good start with some new members to be introduced in the March newspaper.

One reporter writes this about research done by Chorus America:

“Singing has some little-known harmonious health benefits. So let’s ‘do-re-me-fa-sol-la-ti-do’ over these six singing health perks ... 1 Singing Soothes Asthma Symptoms ... 2 Sing for Better Heart Health ... 3 Sing to Snore Less... 4 Sing to Boost Immunity... 5 The Bond of Singing... 6 Singing in Praise of Positivity.”

To learn more about each of these benefits, google “6 Reasons to Sing Your Heart Out for Health” by Emily Lockhart.

If you are someone who has enjoyed singing with others, these are six more reasons for you to join the Chorus.

What could be better than “singing your



## Chorus

**Spring Concert  
March 28 & 29  
EAC Auditorium**

heart out” for the love of country.

Rehearsals are held in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room on Monday mornings from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

Please come by and give it a try. You will receive a warm welcome and together we will keep four-part harmony alive at On Top of the World.



At the 2019 spring concert (above), residents were asked to stomp their feet. In March 2020, you will be asked to sing positively.

## Residents vote to decide weekly topics

By Trevor Colby

At the latest meeting of the Socrates Café, residents enjoyed discussing a variety of topics.

Those topics included, (1) What affects your feelings, (2) What is wisdom, (3) What is good government and (4) What is normal.

Today, there are more than 600 Socrates Cafés around the world in which people from different backgrounds come together to exchange ideas and experiences.

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates promoted the idea that we learn more when we question and discuss our thoughts with other people.

The method that we use is to offer six one-line topics to the group and let everyone vote to find the most popular to



discuss.

We encourage anyone who is interested in developing their point of view with civility and respect to join us in the Safety Harbor Room at 10 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month.

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EAC Auditorium**

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# If you appreciate your OTOW veterans, then vote for our chili and wave to us at the parade

By William Peterson

The On Top of the World Veterans Group met on Wednesday, Jan. 9, in its new location in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

All those present presented many ideas and valuable information for our veterans. Tony Santarsieri took minutes of the meeting. Thank you Tony for your help.

We will take part in the Good Neighbors Association Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 26. Stu Rosenblatt will be making the chili for the veterans entry. Get your judging tickets for \$3 from the Good Neighbors and vote for us.

We will also be taking part in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 7. Our group will be attending this fun-filled celebration. Your OTOW veterans will be riding along in a flatbed truck and at least one of our World War II veterans will be riding in a Corvette. Look for us and wave!



We can always use help decorating or ride. Let someone from our group know if you are willing to help us decorate.

A committee is being formed for our annual Armed Forces Day recognition event on Wednesday, May 13, at 2 p.m. Will Peterson will be the coordinator for the event. Our registration form will be in the March edition of the OTOW newspaper.

paper.

The next Honor Flight will be held on Wednesday, May 4. Honor Flight of West Central Florida will be attending our March 4 meeting. There will be two speakers and a presentation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our veterans to attend a complimentary flight to our nation's capital. Priority is given to WWII and Korean Veterans, but all veterans are encouraged to apply.

For more information, or to complete a veteran or companion application, attend our March meeting.

Our Veterans Group recently made a contribution to the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. The donation included men's and women's clothing, puzzles, games, magazines, books and food items for the Bay Pines Food Pantry.

Many thanks for the generous donations that were made by our veterans and neighbors.

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System

assists domicile residents, and homeless men and women. We hope to make this a bi-annual event.

Pam Rosenblatt, from our club, has reserved seats for the 2020 New Year's Eve Bash hosted by the Entertainment Committee. There are limited tickets available. Please contact Pam if you want to sit with other veterans. She will be at our information table in the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 until 10:15 a.m. Our table has information that may be helpful to every veteran.

We are also accepting donations to help mail packages to our troops and are collecting old unused cell phones. Stop by our information table and say hello and if you would like to help at our table, you are always welcome.

We meet every first Wednesday of each month in the Belleair Room on the West Side at 2 p.m.

Thank you for your service!

## February meeting is last chance to volunteer for a club office position

By Donna Lukas

Are you still musing about those leadership positions in the On Top of the World Democratic Club?

We hope so, but your time is running out.

At our January meeting, several people volunteered to work on the campaign committee for Clearwater City Councilwoman Kathleen Beckman.

If you would like to volunteer, call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 or look for opportunities on our club page at the otowboxoffice.com Website.

At our Feb. 13 meeting, our club will continue to nominate officers for the coming year. If you are interested in becoming an officer for a year, beginning in March, please contact nominations chair Mac McGuire by email at MAC2340@gmail.com prior to the meeting.

In order to be eligible to hold office, or to be a voting member, you must be a dues paid member.

Nominated persons will speak to club members during the February meeting.

Election of nominated officers will take place during the club's meeting in March.

Another event coming in March is the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7. It is a big anniversary, the 25th year. Help our Democratic Club participate by volunteering to march in our segment of the parade and hand out favors.



**Democratic Club**

Our next club meeting will be on Feb. 13, which is our usual date of the second Thursday of the month. However, we will be meeting in a new time and location at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room (Art Room).

If you have not already paid your annual \$12 membership dues for 2020, you can do so at the Feb. 13 meeting. Or you can send your check made out to OTOW Democratic Club to our treasurer Joyce Abelson at 2463 Brazilia Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, Fla., 33763.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club page at the OTOWboxoffice.com Website. Click on the "Democratic Donkey."

The box office Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting.



## Second Annual Chili Cook-Off

Wednesday, Feb. 26  
5 p.m., EAC

**Good Neighbors Association is looking for cooks and judges. Stop by their information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for more information.**

# Canadian Club Golf Tournament and Friendship Dinner slated for February

By Shirley Hunter

Grab your clubs folks.

Everyone is invited to the Canadian Club's Fun Day golf tournament on Sunday, Feb. 9 (rain date Feb. 16).

Registration fee is \$10 and you can sign up by sending an email message to [lorie.rutherford77@gmail.com](mailto:lorie.rutherford77@gmail.com) or by visiting the Canadian Club information table at the East Activity Center auditorium on Feb. 3 and 6 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

On tournament morning, please sign in at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. If reserved, pay for your cart at the clubhouse. Lunch, prizes and a share-the-wealth drawing will follow the game.

The Canadian Club will celebrate its 45th anniversary during a Friendship Dinner Dance (formerly known as the President's Ball) on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Sapphire blue represents a 45 year celebration and will be reflected in the decorations.

DJ Ward Hemond will help us dance the night away. Felice's Italian Deli will serve a roast beef and chicken piccata dinner with all the trimmings.

Bring your own beverage and a glass.



Ice will be provided. Don't miss out on a piece of anniversary cake with your coffee.

Tickets, \$24 for members and \$27 for guests, are sold at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays until Feb. 27. Everyone is welcome.

Our fan favorite Happy Hour Cabaret will feature karaoke on Friday, Feb. 21, in the Belleair Room at the West Activity Center from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your own beverage, a glass and a finger food to share. The focus is on fun. Come sing us a tune!

Tickets to the upcoming Spring Fling

on Thursday, March 5 may be purchased at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from Feb. 17 to 27. The cost is \$23 for members and \$28 for guests.

Details about the event will follow.

Plans for the St. Patrick's Day Parade are underway. Let's make a splash in our club colors as we walk, ride or cycle the route on Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. Details to follow.

The Toronto Blue Jays have a new spring training facility. Call Tom McKee at 727-470-9161 for tickets (\$24) to check it out and see them play Detroit on Saturday, March 21. Hurry! They are selling fast.

A new club picnic lunch will be held on Thursday, March 12, at Phillippe Park, shelter No. 7, at 11 a.m. BYOB, a glass and games. Buy your \$10 ticket at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays until March 9. For more information please call Joanne Fenn at 860-930-5039.

Blackout card night is in full swing. Try it out on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Belleair Room at the West Activity Center. It's a fast, easy game with a jovial bunch of people.

Give it a try but beware, it is addictive!



If you have Canadian flags, a Canadian hat and a Canadian golf bag, you are ready for the Canadian Fun Day Golf Tournament on Feb. 9. Actually, anyone can golf in the event. Red and white attire is purely optional.

## Knitters produced 980 items in 2019

By Cheryl Butcher

Our little old fingers were busy last year.

Believe it or not, the On Top of the World Knitters Group does keep track of how many articles the women in the group produce throughout the year.

Every week we sign in and list what items we are turning in that day.

After completing the list for 2019 items, my computer tells me we made the following: 319 lap robes, 87 walker caddies, 20 scarves, 103 hats, 19 shrugs/shawls, 15 doula sets, 240 baby hats, 69 baby blankets, 28 miscellaneous baby items, 80 other miscellaneous, for a grand total of 980.

Most of these items are donated to nursing homes, local hospitals, Shriners Hospital, the VA Hospital, newborn hospice programs, and a Head Start program.

And some of the articles are specifically made to sell at the OTOW craft shows and flea markets in order to raise money for our yarn purchases.

Speaking of the craft shows, for the November shows we made six flag afghans and raffled them off. Congratulations to the winners: Barbara Novak (Canada), Bob Ellis (USA), Patrick Hayes (Ireland), Linda Whiffen (France), Kathy Delew (Italy) and Mary Lofton (Israel).

If you enjoy helping other people



### Knitting

while also joining in friendly camaraderie, we would be happy to have you join us.

We always welcome new hands. Our basic mission is to supply lap robes and walker caddies to local nursing homes, and baby hats and blankets to the nursery at Mease Countryside Hospital.

Special projects are undertaken as identified.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room of the East Activity Center every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Association.

## New OTOW group will help you 'Eat Right'

By Glenn Woiler

As one of my favorite hero doctors says, "When you stop the daily injury, your body knows how to repair itself."

Over the ensuing weeks, On Top of the World's newest group, "Eat Right" will look into the causes for many chronic illnesses and how a change in diet shows much promise in reversing these diseases.

The new group meets 11 a.m. each Friday in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.

My hero doctors started out practicing medicine as all AMA doctors do. However, they grew tired of using prescription medications to cover over symptoms. The patient just remained the same – sick.

In some opinions, present day treatments of chronic diseases are an unquestionable failure. Learn why medical care is so ineffective for cancer, osteoporosis, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, kidney disease and more.

Learn why changing your diet can make a big difference.

Each meeting starts off with a video of one of my hero doctors followed by a discussion.



## Bike / Walk Tampa presentation

10-11:30 am, Friday, Feb. 28  
EAC Auditorium

# Baby Boomers keep their resolutions by exercising, dancing and having fun



## Baby Boomers

By Theresa McAllister

The new year has come and gone... a new decade, a new beginning.

And with each new year comes old traditions and reinvented resolutions.

In fact, the tradition of making new year's resolutions is far from new. It dates back more than 4,000 years to the ancient Babylonians and Romans who made promises to their gods at the start of their new year.

In modern times, for some, the new year is a time to resolve to make new



Baby Boomers recently took part in the annual Turtle Trot 5-K race in Largo.

friends, exercise more and become more active.

Our Baby Boomers are on track to make good on all these popular resolutions.

We are always making new friends at our weekly Friday music jams and on the 9-hole golf course each Monday.

We exercise regularly at our Boomer Zumba each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

And if you have seen us lighting up the dance floor, bowling, kayaking, biking along the Pinellas Trail or joining in the annual Turtle Trot, you know we really are an active bunch.

Wow...so much to do!

For others, the new year is a time to reinvent one's self and that is just what Dennis Telleck is doing! He celebrated the first day of his retirement by taking the polar bear plunge into the cool water off Clearwater Beach on New Year's Day.

The fun continued when a group of Dennis' friends helped celebrate his retirement with a party at the West Activity Center.

Congratulations, Dennis!

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Largo Room at the East Activity Center to learn more about the Baby Boomers Club.

Some of our upcoming events include a trip to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota and an evening out to experience live theater at the Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater.

# Theater Workshop's show in March will showcase club's 50 year history

By Laurie Fischer

Theater Workshop's 50th anniversary show will be on stage in March.

"Theater Workshop: 50 Golden Years" is currently under production and will be on the East Activity Center auditorium stage on March 13, 14 and 15.

It is an exciting and nostalgic show in which all the content has been selected from prior shows. Some of the acts are being performed by the same cast members who brought the acts to the stage originally.

What better way to pay tribute to past club members who have kept the club active for 50 years?

Theater Workshop's 50th Golden Year anniversary show is the brainchild of Tony Baker, a longtime member of Theater Workshop and of our community, who, with his wife, Betty, brought much enjoyment and laughter to their audiences over the years.

The show brings you the dance, comedy and musical talents of today's cast members while it showcases the successes of cast members from the past.

All this - in one show.

Many people will remember some of their favorite neighbors who performed for Theater Workshop over the years.

Those were the days, weren't they?



## Theater Workshop

Congratulations, Theater Workshop! Wouldn't it be fun to watch the next 50 shows!

Director Vicky Portsmouth has been a resident of Clearwater and Tampa for nearly 35 years. She and her husband, Tom, have lived at On Top of the World for the last six years.

They joined both "show" groups early on and have been lucky enough to perform together in both Theater Workshop and Jesters. They have had a delightful time being on stage with other cast members and have enjoyed being part of a Creative Team in both clubs several times.



Tom and Vicky Portsmouth perform together during the Jesters Club show in 2018. They have been members of Jesters and Theater Workshop for six years. (OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

Vicky says "It's exciting to be directing a show now and using techniques and ideas I've learned from the directors before me."

Tickets are now on sale at the Theater Workshop information table at the East Activity Center auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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# If you didn't take your sweetie for hot dogs and beans, then our Valentine's Day dance is a requirement



**New York - New Jersey Club**

By Pat Hayes

Coney Island Night was so special, it took the talents of an executive chef to perfectly cook all the hot dogs.

Many thanks to all of the New York-New Jersey Club volunteers who helped make Coney Island Night a tremendous success.

A special thanks to chef Gene Amature, also our vice president, and his assistant Ed Burke, Gail Hochhausser and Penny Brown.

More than 150 guests were served and all the trimmings were available.

Coming up next is our Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, which actually falls on Valentine's Day this year.

Not enough quarters to take your best friend out to dinner? Take them to our dance.

Dinner will be catered by Mama Felice, who also will be celebrating her birthday. We will all sing to her!

Dinner includes lasagna (or spinach lasagna), meatballs, sausage, broccoli, salad and dessert. Coffee, water and ice will be available.

Music will be provided by Denise with a Twist.

The event begins at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Tickets are \$17 for members and \$20 for guests. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

On Saturday, March 7, the New



Coney Island Night meant, of course, New York-style hot dogs with all the trimmings.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

York-New Jersey Club will march in the Irish Club Parade starting at 10 a.m. We need club members to walk with us down World Parkway Boulevard. Please visit our club's information table 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday or Thursday, and let us know you are marching.

Our most popular event, "Strawberry Festival," has been scheduled for Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

Once again we will serve strawberries, whipped cream, pound cake, coffee and water.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for guests.

We are pleased to announce we have once again invited the East Lake High School premier group of Madrigal Singers

to perform for us.

On May 13, please help the Veterans Club celebrate Armed Forces Day in the EAC auditorium. Details will be announced later by the Veterans Club.

The New York-New Jersey Club is in the process of finalizing the following events:

On Thursday, Aug. 13, our club will host a Summer Luau in the auditorium. Time is 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 10, our club will host "New York Cheesecake Day" in the auditorium. Time is 2 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 23 our club will host "Southwest Night" in the auditorium. Time is 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, our club will host the Harvest Dreams Dance in the au-

ditorium. Time is 5:30 p.m.

And on Thursday, Dec. 4, we will host an "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party" in the auditorium. Time is 5:30 p.m.

Please note the New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of OTOW. Membership is still just \$5.

We are a social club with volunteer spirit. We support all clubs in our community. We have a strong commitment to Kimberly Home for women with unplanned pregnancies.

All tickets need to be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m. Stop by the club information table and meet our many volunteers.

If you wish to volunteer with us, please let us know.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



# Open Forum

**A representative of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be at On Top of the World to answer any questions residents may have about community issues.**

**Monday, Feb. 3, 1:30-2:30 pm, WAC Belleair Room**



Deputy Martin Guzman

## County deputy will be here Feb. 3 in open forum

By Dave Beaven

Neighborhood Watch invites you to hear a special guest speaker.

Deputy Sheriff Martin Guzman will be coming to On Top of the World on Monday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Belleair Room, West Activity Center.

Deputy Guzman will be talking about the importance of Neighborhood Watch groups in keeping communities safe and

strong for their residents.

If you are having concerns in your area, or want to meet one of Pinellas County's finest, don't miss this open forum opportunity.

OTOW is a very safe area in comparison to other communities of its size. We are fortunate to have the services of our Sheriff's Office available.

In case of emergencies, everyone

knows to dial 911. But if you see something suspicious, you can call the non-emergency line: 727-582-6200.

Our Neighborhood Watch core group has adapted over time to serve our community. We concentrate on communication through this newspaper, through our Webpage, and through the Nextdoor social network site.

We are available to speak at OTOW

club and building meetings on request. We also collect data on safety and security problems within our community.

Some problems are not easily solved by a call to the Sheriff or a letter to the Condo Board. You can contact us at [areawatch2020@gmail.com](mailto:areawatch2020@gmail.com). Our official Webpage is: <http://areawatch2020.blogspot.com>. We are also on the Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

**Tickets now on sale**

### Jesters 2020 spring show is a musical and humorous look at 'us'

By John L. Hooker

The Jesters have been through some reorganization this year, but we are as strong as ever, and we are totally committed to bringing the best show possible to our community.

This year's cast sees a fine blend of familiar and new talents under the imaginative direction of Susan Calinski-McMillan.

Our 2020 show, "One Season Following Another," has performances on Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8, both at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

The show is about us, On Top of the World residents, and the many different events we enjoy over the spring, summer, fall and winter seasons.

You will enjoy some of your beloved favorite songs and we will put a delicious twist to other familiar tunes that will keep you smiling for days!

Our traditional mixture of comedy and dance round out this year's potpourri of delight for an evening sure to be long remembered.

Tickets are now on sale for a mere \$5 donation to help defray the cost of the production.

Don't miss out on this opportunity



## Jesters

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Tickets may be bought in advance at the Jesters information table Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., and, of course, at the door prior to each performance.

See you when the curtain goes up!

## Storytelling Class

Introducing a new group at On Top of the World for people who enjoy telling stories.

The first event for this group will be 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the East Activity Center auditorium and the second meeting has been tentatively set for Tuesday, March 31.

In April we will start a regular schedule of meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

So what will we do? Tell stories.

Steve Palys will be your host. Steve is a longtime storyteller and poet. Questions call 727-204-5883.

Everyone has a story to tell, but may not know how to present it. Steve's experience will be the guide.

Steve says telling stories is a wonderful way to connect with people you know and a way to make new friends. It may even better define who you are!

Bring your stories. Bring your poems. Both are welcome.

### Irish Club Parade Meetings

Tuesday, February 11, 3:00, Largo Room

Friday, February 28, 3:00, Largo Room

Friday, March 6, 3:00, Largo Room

Thursday, March 12, 3:00, Largo Room\*

\* Post-parade meeting to make suggestions for next year.

# Researching family history sometimes calls for separating myths from truths

By Joanne Cordes

Did you know?

One of the most popular genealogy myths is that surnames were changed at Ellis Island.

An often-repeated family story would have you believe that Ellis Island officials crossed off immigrants' names on passenger lists with abandon, scribbling in American-sounding substitutes.

But in fact, those passenger lists were compiled at ports of departure as passengers bought their tickets. So officials at Ellis Island merely compared them to passengers' answers to interview questions, sometimes making notations on the lists.

Misunderstandings were not an issue.

Ellis Island staffed interpreters fluent in many languages.

While true that immigrants' surnames did often change, the immigrants did so themselves.



## Family History

The Gaelic O'Murchadha might become Murphy, or the German Schwartz might become Black, its English transla-

tion.

Our Family History Group meeting in January learned about genealogy myths and falsehoods in a presentation by Dave Cordes, group leader.

We also covered "best online genealogy tips" as outlined by Family Tree Magazine.

Thanks to the Internet, there is a wealth of information available for the asking. And as great as Google is, other popular search engines may return other results. Try Bing ([www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com)), Yippy ([www.yippy.com](http://www.yippy.com)) and Dogpile ([www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com)).

These are a few of the more valuable tips we learned in our discussion:

Beware of auto renew on subscriptions for fee-based Websites.

When sending information requests to churches, mosques, or synagogues in other countries, send the letter in both English and the home language.

Even though a courthouse may have

suffered a fire, flood or other disaster (common during the Civil War era) and a claim of "no records survive" is given in reply to an information request, the claim may not be entirely true.

Some records may have been reconstructed or were stored off-site at the time or were recovered after the fact. You may be rewarded if persistent enough.

Two excellent local resources available to all are the Pinellas Genealogy Society based in the Largo Library on Central Park Drive in Largo and the St. Petersburg Family History Center located at 9000 106th Avenue North, Largo.

Discovering your family's unique history can be a very satisfying hobby.

Our next meeting is 12:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. We hope you will join us. We'd love to hear your story.

## County GOP chairman will be our guest speaker Feb. 11

By Marvin Lazernik

Welcome to the second month of 2020 - are you dating the year on your checks correctly?

2019 was a great year for the Republican Club. We had more than 50 new members and our meetings had many speakers that affect our lives here in On Top of the World.

The year 2020 will be an even better year as we hope the many items that our State Legislators and federal government have passed will directly assist us in having a better life.

Our monthly meetings are held once a month on the second Tuesday evening. Registration is from 6:15-7 p.m. with a business meeting at 7 p.m.

Upon adjournment of the business meeting at 7:30, our guest speaker gives us great insight on various subjects. There is a question and answer period after the speaker's remarks.

Beverages and light snacks are available free. Annual dues are only \$10 and this includes our annual Christmas party and ice cream social. Come join us in the West Activity Belleair Room on the second

Tuesday. This will be a very exciting year.

The Feb. 11 speaker is Todd Jennings, chairman of the Pinellas County GOP. Todd will furnish up-to-date insight on the current events that effect ours and other Pinellas County Republican clubs.

We also have a new supply of bright red "President Trump 2020 Make America Great" baseball hats for only \$7 per hat. These hats will be available at all meetings and can also be purchased every Thursday at the Republican Club information table in the East Activity Center from 8:30-10 a.m.



## Republican Club

## Learn about the upcoming US Census

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# OTOW resident is a singing valentine

If you attended the 2019 Theater Workshop show "Best of Broadway Part II" last March, then you saw On Top of the World resident Mike Wood singing a song from "My Fair Lady."

Well, guess what?

Now you can hire Mike to sing to your fair lady (or fair gentleman) right in your own condo!

Mike is part of a barbershop quartet, "Skirt & Ties," which performed at On Top of the World last year as two special events for Good Neighbors Association.

The same barbershop quartet is available this month to make your Valentine's Day more special... or to get you off the hook if you're in trouble with your better half.

You can hire Mike and the quartet to sing live to your sweetie or you can purchase a personal video which will be delivered to any email address.

All orders must be placed by Thursday, Feb. 6.

And for those of you who tend to forget Valentine's Day, this special day is



Mike Wood

Friday, Feb. 14.

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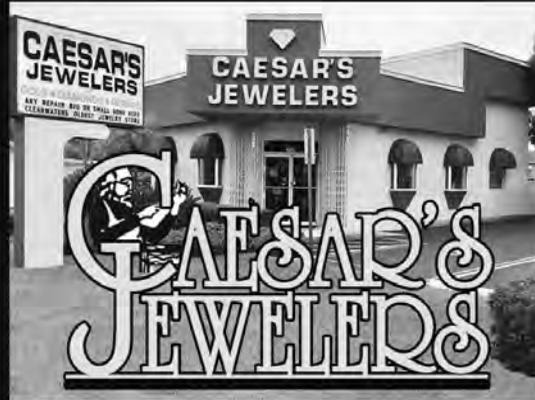
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## Folklore Group

# On first day of new club, a story was brought to life

By Barb Jamrozy

If you haven't heard, there's a new club in town.

The first meeting was held on Jan. 7 and 16 members attended.

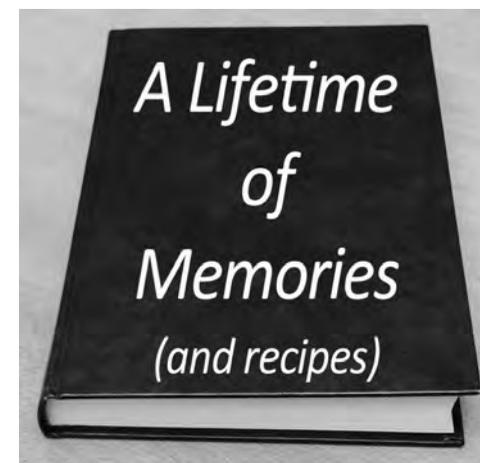
This is a club where you will learn how to tell the story of your life and share it with your family and whoever else you choose.

Janey Hokett is leading this group and is a great storyteller. She wrote about her great-grandfather and grandfather and shared a poem with the group.

The story was brought to life with her descriptive words, as it was read by Abby d'Oronzio. It seemed as if you were watching it unfold before your eyes.

In this club, you will learn to gather information from your family, community and other resources to assist you in telling your story in an interesting way.

The club will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.



Please check the calendar in this OTOW newspaper for a room location.

There are no dues. Please consider joining us because everyone has a story to tell so learn to make it as interesting as you can through Folklore.

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

*50th anniversary has started*

**Don't miss 4 events in 8 days in February**

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee kicked off its 50th anniversary year with four celebrations in January.

Two of the celebrations were exciting sold out shows. One was a full house for a Saturday night dance and one was a very entertaining Sunday Meet and Greet.

And that doesn't even count New Year's Eve, which carried over into 2020.

So the fun does continue!

Tickets are available right now for all of 2020s remaining nine shows and 14 dances, including New Years' Eve.

Tickets are selling briskly and folks are buying their reserved seats. We are calling it "Celebrate 50!"

We project several more sold out events as the celebration continues. Don't miss out!

Tickets and information are available at the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Create your own party by getting 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 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 our free, once-a-month Sunday Meet-and-Greet, which starts at 2 p.m. on Sundays in the auditorium. No tickets are required and the seating is open.

Check our annual schedule for a list of Meet-and-Greets coming up. We have love songs in February and "horse" races in March.

Snacks and soda are provided. Come greet old friends and meet new friends. Bring cash to participate in the raffle drawing and you may go home a winner!

The Entertainment Committee is a non-profit club. Since it began 50 years ago, our group has brought some great professional entertainment to OTOW and the community's support over the years has resulted in the club's continued success.

Thank you OTOW!

At the same time, the Entertainment Committee has returned surplus funds back to the community. In the '70s, funds were used to finish the EAC ceiling and other finishes around the auditorium. Funds were also used to improve the sound and lighting systems.



The front page of the February 1990 community newspaper shows a lot of entertainment taking place 30 years ago. The Entertainment Committee was hosting a Valentine's Dance and two stage shows.

Over the years, the Entertainment Committee has also provided funding for new chairs, tables, additional sound and lighting system improvements, and stage curtains and stage floor refinishing to name a few.

The Entertainment Committee will be providing sound and lighting support for the Jesters show this month and The Theater Workshop show in March.

In addition, the Entertainment Committee supports several clubs and groups, such as the Good Neighbors Association.

We thank the residents for their support which allows us to continue to provide improvements and support for the residents

For information, call (727) 449-9243 or send an email to: entcom2014@gmail.com.

Information on upcoming events is posted on OTOW-TV Channel 732 and our monthly and daily calendars are on the Box Office, otowboxoffice.com

Call or visit the Community Service Office in the EAC. Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, West Activity Center and your building.

The fun continues ... celebrate 50!



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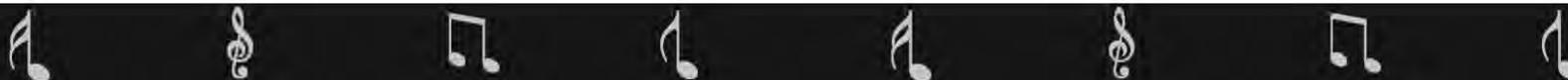


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# Karen French joins Que'T Ladies Billiards and then wins in her first tournament

By Sandy Mulholland

Jiminy Cricket!

Karen French joined the Que'T Ladies Billiards Club on Wednesday, Jan. 8, and was the undefeated champion in her first tournament.

It was a game of 8-ball whereby the goal is to pocket either the stripes or solids. Karen was able to do so in each game and defeated each of her opponents.

Mary Spearman came in second place and Linda Baker landed in third place.

In need of some coaching?

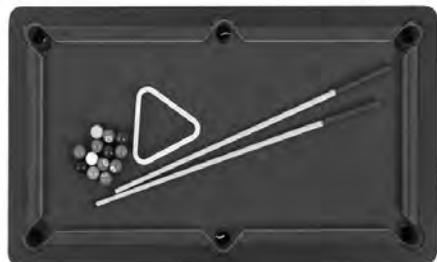
Denny Balderson and Ed Solivan, the coaches, are with the gals each Wednesday evening from 6-9 p.m. They will give you advice and/or teach you new skills.

Are you a novice?

Ed and Denny will teach you the game from how to hold the pool stick to how to how to make difficult shots.

The Billiards Room is in the West Activity Center and there are many open hours to master your skills.

Cue sticks adorn the walls for your convenience. Games commence at 6:30 p.m. and the first Wednesday of each



## Que'T Billiards

month is tournament night. Take heed because on those nights the ladies throw down the gauntlet!

Are you besides yourself with curiosity?

Then the ball is in your court.

Come on by and check out this enjoyable group of ladies for three consecutive Wednesdays before making your decision to join. A measly \$10 annually due will give you such delight. This is Girls Night Out, ladies. Fun, fashion (a pink Tee), and fortitude!



From left to right are the top three finishers in the ladies tournament for January: Mary Spearman, Karen French and Linda Baker.

# Golfers in pursuit of raising money for one more picnic table

By Nancy Schifferle

Change is good...so they say.

Therefore, the Ladies Nine-Hole Golf League will try something new.

At the Jan. 14 general meeting it was voted and passed that we try "shotgun starting" for the month of February.

After discussions at our next general meeting in March, a determination will be made on whether to continue this practice.

Members are reminded to be at the little house at 8:30 a.m. to pick up scorecards and get their hole placement.

Our league is very much in need of at least one additional picnic table for after golf gatherings and for short meetings. A donation jar has been created in which league members are encouraged to

## Ladies 9 Golf

contribute. However, since it will take a long time for us to collect enough funding for such a table (\$700-\$800), we are asking each of our paid league members to donate \$10 toward our new table fund before March 1.

Our league plans to match these collections, up to \$400.

Because many On Top of the World residents either golf at the nine-hole course or stop by and relax at our current picnic table, we will "gladly" accept any and all donations toward an additional table and bench for everyone to enjoy.

We will very gratefully accept dona-

tions at the little house any Tuesday.

We continue to collect food and clothing for the Helping Hands Society. These items can be brought to Gilda Gambacorta any Tuesday.

New golfers are encouraged and welcomed. Just show up at the famous little house any Tuesday (weather permitting) for league information.

### Weekly awards

**Dec. 17**

Flight A: Shawn Welch, Donna Smith and Ann Stewart. Flight B: Anna Jarvis and Diana Anderson. Flight C: Carol Harris and Lois van der Bogart. Flight D: Celeste Pert, Marge Sivek, Cindy Dirico and Anna Hyden. Birdies: Anna Jarvis

**Jan. 7**

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon, Marge Ol-

sen and Shawn Welsch. Flight B: Donna Smith, Kathy Ahrens and Gilda Gambacorta. Flight C: Patti Fleig, Carroll Harris and Margo Smith. Flight D: Magdalene Nawrocky Nancy Schifferle, Cheryl Butcher, Theresa Gates, Romy Brady and Celeste Pert. Birdies: Marilyn Lisbon and Donna Smith.

**Jan. 14**

Flight A: Shawn Welsch, Ann Stewart and Paula Ergang. Flight B: Donna Smith, Mary Ellen Makowski and Kathy Ahrens. Flight C: Carroll Harris and Margo Smith. Flight D: Linda Graff, Cheryl Butcher, Penni Telleck, Magdalene Nawrocky, Lois Van de Bogart, Nancy Schifferle and Elaine Ellis. Birdies: Marilyn Lisbon, Ann Stewart and Theresa Gates.



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# SPORTS

## Juiced-up softballs lead to 174 runs in eight games

By Bob Rittner

The On Top of the World softball league is playing with new softballs, which seem to be goosing up the offense.

How can you tell? There were 174 runs scored in the last four weeks!

### 2nd Time Sports 14

#### West Siders 13

Imagine the perfect ball game.

Bottom of the ninth inning, the visiting team leading 13-12 with two outs and nobody on base.

Then Phil Goodwin singles, Eddie Ramirez singles, Wayne Pall singles and the bases are loaded.

Up to bat comes Rick Champ, already 4-for-4 on the day. What does he do? Doubles in two runs for the win.

Co-star of the game, Joni Edwall, set the tone with a breathtaking, running, backhanded catch of a hard-liner to center field to retire the first batter of the game. She later doubled deep to center field and singled hard through the middle.

Also instrumental in the win was catcher Dick LeTourneau who, with lightning reflexes, snagged a tipped foul.

We welcomed newcomer Bob Dembinski, who had a double, two singles and a sacrifice fly.

### West Siders 10

#### 2nd Time Sports 8

Two runs in the top of the ninth in-

## Softball

ning were set up by Mike Sieber's leadoff double, a single by Henry Zussman and a single by Rich Hillberry. Those hits led to the win.

The blast of the day was a moonshot off the bat of Bill Holland that soared over the left fielder.

### 2nd Time Sports 13

#### West Siders 6

Jim Tiano starred with an over-the-shoulder-catch, three hits and a sacrifice fly.

An under appreciated feature of his gold glove-worthy defense is that he gets to balls quickly and makes strong, accurate throws to the infield to freeze runners.

Noteworthy also was an Alex Scaranda brilliant throw home to nab a runner and Jim Costello's four hits and strong outfield play.

### West Siders 21

#### 2nd Time Sports 15

The most unusual game of the season saw an offensive barrage.

Through six innings, the game was tied at 15, but then six unanswered runs scored by the West Siders sealed the victory.

Eddie Ramirez belted his second homer, both deep blasts to center field. Hits by Henry Buyny and doubles from Phil Goodwin, Lenny Segall and Bob Ballentine iced the game.

Strange to say that in such an offensive explosion, the most memorable moments were three thrilling defensive plays by middle infielder Cindy McCarthy who ranged far to her right each time to stop apparent hits, turning them into force outs.

### West Siders 12

#### 2nd Time Sports 6

Guy Bertuzzi pitched six innings of shutout ball while his team amassed a 10-0 lead courtesy of Jim Kemp's cycle and six RBIs.

2nd Time Sports rallied briefly but a Rick Champ catch in deep center field stymied the rally. Rich had four such catches in the game.

Allan Bendert did all he could to keep the score close with two extraordinary basket catches in left field.

### 2nd Time Sports 12

#### West Siders 10

Catch of the year was by Jim Tiano, a backhand, running catch, which momentum catapulted Jim into a screen while he grasped the ball firmly.

Not satisfied with defensive brilliance, Jim also had four solid RBI hits to lead his team to victory with an assist from

Phil Goodwin who tripled deep to center among his three hits.

For the West Siders, Joe DeChiaro and Mike Sieber homered, and Dick LeTourneau doubled to bring his team close in the eighth inning.

### West Siders 17

#### 2nd Time Sports 10

A tie game turned into a rout when the visitors outscored the home team 10-3 over the last four innings.

The offensive outburst was keyed by Alex Scaranda and Lenny Segall home runs and a great running catch by left fielder Eddie Ramirez.

For the home team, Joe DeChiaro was a perfect 5-for-5 and Don Strohler and Rick Champ each had four hits.

### West Siders 5

#### 2nd Time Sports 2

A star emerges.

John Sobieski arrived to dominate the game with three marvelous outfield short hop stops of scorching liners and to top it off, he tripled.

Steve Garvin returned with typical excellence going 3-for-3 with a homer and playing flawless at shortstop.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

## Any resident can join the Men's Golf Association for \$30 a year

By Pete Milner

The annual meeting of the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association was held at the East Activity Center on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Our new slate of officers include President Jay Schwaielie, President-Elect David Cox, Treasurer Les Whynot, Secretary Pete Milner and trustees Mark Schell, Dave Combs and Joey Dowe.

There are many activities planned for this coming year. There will be a Championship Tournament, a joint venture with the Ladies Golf Association, monthly tournaments with refreshments, an awards banquet and our annual Christmas Party in December.

All of these functions are for members of our men's golf association.

It is easy to join the association. Come to the golf club at 7 a.m. on any Wednes-

## Men's Golf

day and sign up. For the sum of \$30 you can become a member and can enjoy all the perks of the association. You pay a \$1 entry fee to play in our weekly tournaments, meet new members and have a great time playing on a wonderfully-maintained golf course.

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Check out our Webpage at [www.otowmenggolf.com](http://www.otowmenggolf.com) and see what's going on.

*You can still register before event begins*

## OTOW annual tennis tournament starts Feb. 2

The annual On Top of the World community tennis tournament starts on Sunday, Feb. 2, and time is running out if you want to participate.

You have Jan. 31-Feb. 1 to go to the tennis courts and sign up.

Competition will take place in several divisions, including men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Partners are drawn at random for all doubles events. You don't need to find a partner - we will match you with someone.

Sign up for one event. Sign up for two events. If you sign up for three events you have a better chance of winning a trophy.

Our matches are very exciting. Even if you don't play, come on out and watch. You will see great matches on the new tennis courts and don't even have to buy a ticket. TV coverage is blacked out so you have to get out and see for yourself.

A special thank you to Joe DeChiaro for putting the tournament together. It's a big job getting all the loose ends tied up. The winners banquet party should be exciting, too.

The Box Office - A Website for community clubs and groups  
[otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)



## Tournament was a shambles, but Fred Schick and Bruce MacPherson prevailed in glory

This golf season, temperatures have been quite mild. The wind however doesn't seem to stop. It has created interesting playing conditions, but the members of the Thursday Golf League seem to have it mastered with great scores turned in each week.

We had our first special event in week six - a Two-Person Shamble. The team of Fred Schick and Bruce MacPherson took first place. Tom Belcastro and Don Hill were second. Ada and John Maloof took third place. Mike LaViolette and Gary Sandine placed fourth.

Len Howell was the week seven champion. Gary Sandine was second and Grant Hone third. Scott Rogers recorded the low gross round and collected the only skin. Len Howell and Scott Rogers were the closest to the pin winners.

The week eight competition was won by Mark Legin. Scott Rogers was second

### Thursday Golf

and Dan Morey was third. Scott Rogers shot the low gross round and collected four skins. Tim Carr, Dan Hyden and Bill Higgins had one skin each. Don Hill and Bill Higgins were closest to the pin.

Don Hill took first place in week nine. Grant Hone was second and Tim Belcastro finished third. Scott Rogers was the low gross winner. Mike Marsh and Scott Rogers took two skins each. Jim Gray and Tom Pettit collected one skin. The long drive winners were: Ada Maloof, Angelo Santucci, Mike Marsh and Scott Rogers. Jahn Lawson was closest to the pin.

Week 10 champion was Ron Reeves. Joe Maslowsky was second and Jerry Fugatt took third place. Bill Higgins record-

ed the low gross round. Bill Higgins, Ron Reeves and Mike Marsh took one skin each. Christy Mills, Jerry Fugatt, Jim Keagy and Scott Rogers were the long drive winners. Mike Marsh was closest to the pin.

Jerry Fugatt took first place in week 11. Paul Meyers was second and Fred Schick third. Scott Rogers took low gross honors. Jerry Fugatt, Ron Reeves, Bill Higgins, Harry Barbin and Pete Cosgrove collected skins. Long drive winners were: Lynne Godfrey, Don Campbell, Paul Hanko and Scott Rogers. Marjorie Olsen made the closest to the pin shot.

Place Feb. 21 on your calendar. The league will hold its annual equipment sale and trade day from 10 a.m. to noon. It is open to all On Top of the World residents. Everyone is encouraged to bring their surplus golf-related articles.

The league is a mixed league, pro-

viding an opportunity for couples to compete each week. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format. This is a "Quota point" system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota, not directly against other players.

You don't have to join our league 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.

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

Golfers sign in from 9-9:30 a.m. every Thursday.

You can find the details on the Thursday Golf League Web page on the OTOW Box Office website.

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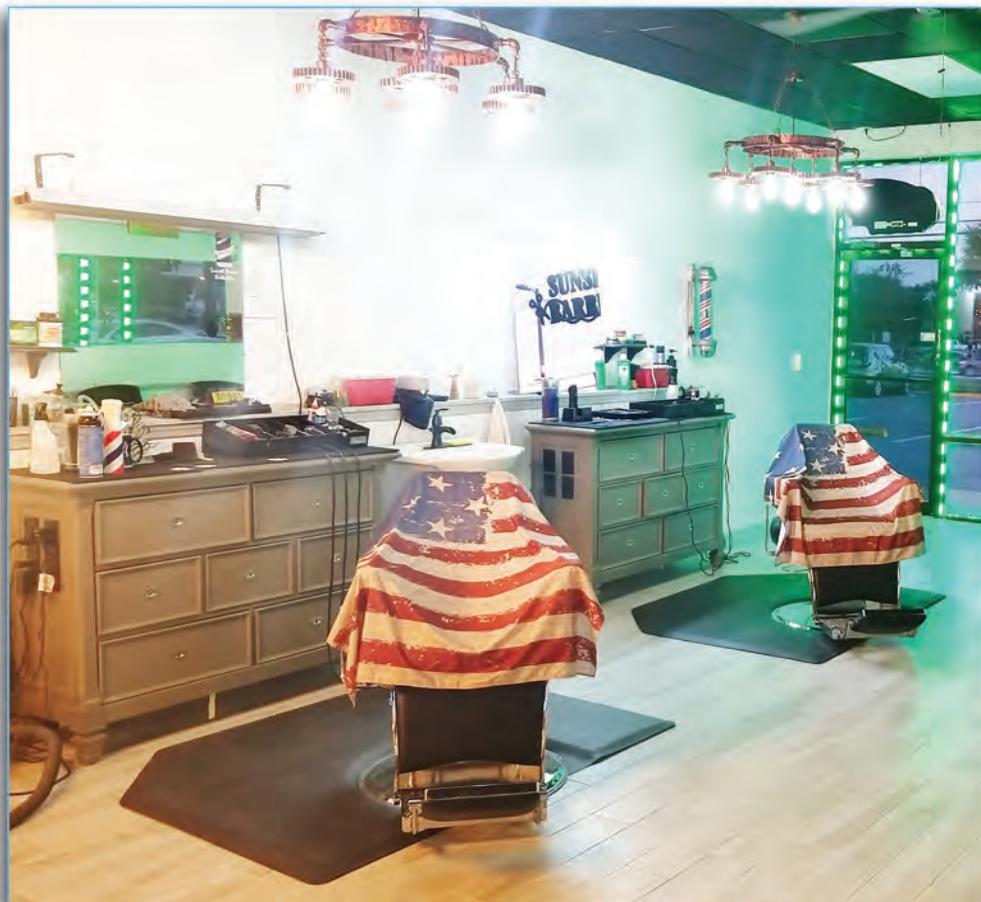
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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Resident celebrates 100th birthday at OTOW; relates history of growing up in the Depression

By Cecile Sangiamo

Let me introduce you to Avona Carroll, who will reach the age of 100 on Feb. 27.

There will be an Open House at the Safety Harbor Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. Avona wants this to be a celebration of Lawrence Welk and the State of North Dakota, for both had strong influences on her extraordinary life.

Avona welcomes all her friends and neighbors to join in the festivities and enjoy the music of Lawrence Welk.

Avona was born in Grenora, N.D., 20 years after the founding of that little town, which is 30 miles from the frontier with Canada.

The name Grenora is extracted from the name GReat NOrthern RAilway, which brought in a spur from Stanley Station, N.D. in 1900. The opening of the railroad brought about the opening up of a few country stores to service the 500 settlers at the time. The population decreased around the middle of the twentieth century. It was so remote that they only got mail about twice a month.

Avona's grandparents had migrated to Minnesota from Norway in the early 1900s and later her parents moved to North Dakota. The area attracted Scandinavians and many from other countries to come into this open land as homesteaders in response to the government's offer of free land, if one was willing to farm.

They set about building homes and clearing the land. Sadly, the expected boom did not materialize. The wind blew away the topsoil, no crops would grow. The dust in the air was so thick one could not breathe. Avona says it was their own version of "The Grapes of Wrath."

The town hopefuls built a two-story school for the few students, about a mile walk from Avona's home. During one blinding, winter blizzard, when 6 years old, Avona was knocked over by a car into a soft snowbank, got up, brushed off the snow and continued the trek to school. Each classroom covered two grades and for Avona, there was only one other girl in her class through all of the eight grades until graduation.



Avona Carroll will celebrate her 100th birthday, Feb. 27, with an Open House at the Safety Harbor Community Center on Feb. 29.

Then came the stock market crash. In March of 1933, President Roosevelt closed the banks declaring a "bank holiday" for four days. Some banks never opened again and many depositors never had access to their money.

The Great Depression lasted for over a decade. For the better part of her childhood, she remembers how her parents struggled to survive for the family. Besides Avona there was a younger sister, Audrey and brother, Dayton.

After finishing high school in 1938, she went to live with an aunt in Minnesota so she could matriculate at Moorhead State Teachers College. She completed her degree in education and got her first job in a one-room country school with grades one through eight in the suburbs of a Minneapolis farm community.

Pre-teens can be difficult, but she delights in mentioning that two kids in her class said she was their favorite teacher.

While a student at the University of Minnesota (formerly Moorhead), IBM's Minnesota manager came to recruit women for potential employees, since most all the men were going off to war.

Avona applied, was accepted, and was asked where she would like to go whereupon she immediately replied, San Francisco, her favorite city.

Typical of IBM, she was told to report for training in New York and after she fulfilled the course, was transferred to Portland to work, eventually being promoted to Systems Engineer.

This was the era of the "big bands" and during one of the many IBM dances she met her future husband, John Carroll,

an Investigative Engineer for Bechtel.

He traveled back and forth to Saudi Arabia for Bechtel projects and between his trips they found time to get married and had many years of happiness while both continued their separate careers.

Years later, Avona came to Florida as a widow to help her sister and brother in law, settling here at On Top of the World. She joined many clubs, including the Philosophy Club, Bible Study, made friends in the Canadian Club and joined the Red Hats, too.

And what about Lawrence Welk? He is also from North Dakota. Early in his musical career his band could be heard on local radio stations in North and South Dakota. Avona is a devoted fan. You'll always know where to find her when The Lawrence Welk show is broadcast.

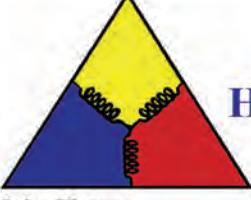


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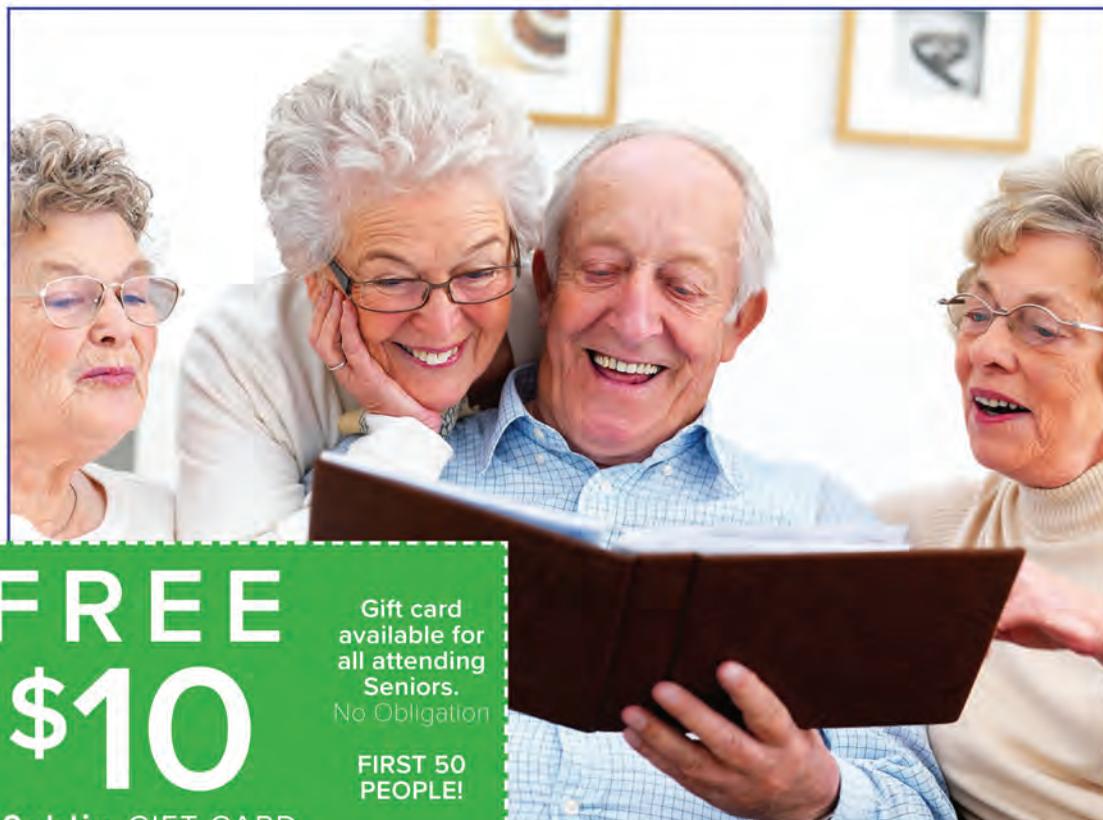
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### A look back at the OTOW News February, 1995

- **Library News:** Ellis Peters, an English author, has written "The Brother Cadfall Chronicles," a series of medieval mysteries that takes you into the twelfth-century sheltered cloisters of a Benedictine abbey. "The Hermit of E'yton Forest" provides all the ingredients required for a good mystery with suspense, intrigue, old customs, well defined characters, and a dose of history to bring you into that time. To compare Brother Cadfall to Agatha Christi's Miss Marple is not unfair. As befitting his calling, Brother Cadfall, like Miss Marple, is reserved and introspective.
- **New England Club:** Marco Mendez, of the Fletcher Music Co., will honor us at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 1995. Everyone who has heard him previously knows that he is among the world's best organists. It will be a privilege to have Marco perform at OTOW, and we hope as many residents as possible will join us in giving him a warm welcome.
- **Lapidary Club:** Warren Walters recently donated a faceting machine to the Lapidary Club. We certainly appreciate this, Warren. Since our last column, we have gained several new members and it is nice to see activity in the shop. We are looking forward to a very active season. President Esther Goldman is busy planning classes, as requested by the members. The month of February has the sweetest day: St. Valentine's Day. Some of the red gemstones are ruby and garnet. Jasper, has a deep red color. Some quartz and agates may have bits of red. The February birthstone is amethyst.
- **Tennis News:** Since competition is the spice of our game, one of our finest players, Jay Miller, has assured me that we will have OTOW championship games in February or March, or part of both. Please keep your eye on the bulletin boards for sign-up sheets for both men's and women's competition. In case you forgot or missed the last meeting, our new president is Gene Salerni, our new vice president is Betty Houghton, our new treasurer is Dottie Lyijnen, and last but not least our new secretary is Colin Plant.
- **Lawn Bowling:** Welcome to new bowlers John Abela, Jean and Paul Evans, Bert Hickey, Bill Richards, Joy Sinclair, Don Vautour and Sheila Spratt. Welcome back after an absence Margaret and Eric Edwards, June and Ed Sutton and Edie and John Sutton.
- **Hemingway Building:** The coming March, 1995, production of "A Bite of the Big Apple" is being supported by a good portion of the residents of Hemingway. Each day they are hustling, giving their time and energy to their particular roles for a successful show. John Recchia, Frank Coppola and Eleanor Cautero are actors in the show. Louis Cautero is working on props, which in itself is a time-consuming project.



During Donna and Bill Hunt's recent trip to Chile, Donna (center, bending over) is seen here going through a native ritual with a shaman before being blessed and cleansed by him.

## Cruise to Chile chock full of interesting stops and sights

Hawaiian Towers residents Donna and Bill Hunt went on another vacation trip recently.

They cruised to South America, and on the way went to the Cayman Islands, Costa Rica (visited the rain forests), then transited the Panama Canal.

Next stop was Peru, where they saw a vast desert area. Then it was on to Chile and the city of Arica, where they saw some great sites and enjoyed a great meal. Finally they stopped in Santiago, Chile, for a fantastic show and another great meal.

Donna and Bill brought along a copy of the OTOW News and photographed themselves showing it off. Look for it in this issue or a future issue of the OTOW News.

The trip was a great way to celebrate



Donna's birthday. Donna and Bill love to travel, so it's hard to even guess when and where they will be going to next.

So remember, life is an adventure, so get out and enjoy!

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# Say hello to new Mallorca reporter

After more than 10 years, our Mallorca Building reporter, Maureen Finguerra, has passed her "mighty pen" to me, Elsie Paulan. We greatly appreciate her efforts.

Thanks to Maureen and her articles, my daughter, Beverly Paulan, found our unit and read about how much fun this building has.

So here I am, and Beverly and her partner, Brooke Pennypacker, spend the winters with me. We love the outdoors and the birding in the county parks and in our own front yard.

I moved here in 2017 from Eau Claire, Wis. I grew up in Elmhurst, Ill., and after too many winters in the Midwest, the sunshine and lack of snow drew me here.

I was very familiar with On Top of the World, as my parents moved here in 1973 and lived in the Americana building



for over 22 years. I am here full time so any news you wish to share just drop in.

Dick and Terry Kuplen organize and oversee our parties and get-togethers. The list has been posted for over a month now, so not much chance of anyone missing an

event. The first thing on the list was the un-decorating day. Thanks to all who pitched in and stored the boxes away.

Somewhere in the midst, we will find time to see a play at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird dinner theater.

Feb. 2 finds us at Ursula Taylor's unit for a "super" Super Bowl party. With all the partying and goings-on, some folks actually do watch the game! A fun time for all and it is a full house.

We plan to celebrate Leap Year on Feb. 29 with a White Elephant sale and party.

We welcome two newcomers to our building, Randy Doyon and Mike Tallhouk moved here from just around the corner. I think they heard about our parties....

Happy Valentine's Day — don't eat too much candy!



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## Dorado Building get-together



(By Edwina Schick) Dorado Building Residents enjoy their first get-together of the New Year at Daddy's Grill. Potluck dinners and other events are being planned. Notices will be posted on the new bulletin boards in the core.

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# Granada residents getting ready for a glorious spring

Holidays are over. Granada's decorations are put away for another year. Thanks to those who helped and it was great to spend some time sharing subs, potato salad, chips and cookies.

We had our luncheon at Our Place in Dunedin after this was written, so please check the bulletin board for date and place of our next luncheon.

Now as our weather is getting warmer, we look forward to seeing more of our neighbors sitting outside and visiting with old friends and the many new ones who have moved into On Top of the World. Spring is on its way and we can't wait!

Please mark your calendars and sign up for our annual outing to Tampa Bay Downs on March 15. Pay Arlene to reserve your place.



We also want to wish Happy Birthday to Stan Berger who turns 90, and Carol Mattana who turns 94 this month. Congrats to both of these fine people.



Granada residents dined at Our Place restaurant for the building's January luncheon.

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# New Espana Building officers announced at meeting

The new Espana officers for 2020 were decided in December. They are: co-presidents, Les Maneilly and Ed Hanson; vice-president, John Fier; treasurer, Linda Rice and secretary, Arlene Hanson.

You are probably aware that the local post office sealed off the slots that receive the "out-going" mail in all of the On Top of the World buildings. When I had this article ready to submit to the newspaper, the post office announced that their investigation was complete and that they had opened the slots again.

I am aware that several of our residents helped folks who needed their outgoing mail handled. Thanks to them. Remember, someday you may no longer drive and you will need some assistance, so when needed, offer some help to others.

I know this is late but I have just been informed that the annual building pot luck dinner will be held on Monday, Feb. 3, at the West Activity Center. Watch the bulletin board.

One of February's memorable days is Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent, leading up to Easter. As I write this article, it is 59 degrees, so it's encouraging to



think of Easter and the warm weather.

Of course February has many holidays including Valentine's Day.

I find it interesting to watch the walkers by the lake. Some are dressed with jackets and hats and others are wearing shorts and short sleeves. I wonder. Who are the full-time local residents and who are the Snowbirds?

I have included a picture of my Christmas Cactus that is on my front porch. The plants originally belonged to my mother, who lived in Pennsylvania. I have



This Christmas Cactus plant is the pride and joy of Espana reporter Clare Pebworth. The plant is so-called because it blooms during the holiday season.

rooted little pieces of this cactus and given them to my neighbors. You can see one of the plants on Ellen Fier's front porch.

Her plant was started from a little piece that was rooted from my mother's plant. Enjoy.

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## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



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# New reporter is originally from Chicago

Hello fellow Polynesians. I'm your new building reporter and want to introduce myself.

I moved here permanently in 2010 after visiting my folks, Bob and Margaret Audy, for 20 years.

I left behind the lovely Chicago weather for the even lovelier Clearwater weather.

Most people like to escape from the brutal mid-western weather, but I truly love cold and snow. I enjoyed many winter sports and taking long walks in the frigid and white conditions. I was an avid water sport fan up North with a boat and a jet ski to keep me busy when I had free time away from work.

Down here you are likely to see me at the pool or on the Dunedin Causeway with



a beach chair and a good book, fulfilling my passion for reading.

As a senior financial consultant and vice-president of investments for 19 years, constantly busy with 4,000 clients

and long days, I had the opportunity to retire at 49 and indulge in some of my passions, including travel. I jumped all over it. Volunteering my talents to several charities was extremely fulfilling and a real eye-opener.

My best friend Carol Borrelli and her husband Roland Grefer, live in Paradise. Carol and I grew up together and have known each other since we were five. It's truly a small world when you rediscover old and wonderful friends living a mile away.

Another dear friend couple, John Taylor and his wife, Lorrie, live on Persian Drive. When we five get together, it's always a good time.

I enjoy gathering with folks from our building to wine, dine and chat.

Until next time, happy days!

# Viennese Villa settling in for the New Year

Welcome leap year February and election year. That's how I remember.

Valentine's Day is coming up —don't forget the flowers, candy and those candlelit dinners!

Everyone's back at the Villa after holiday travels. Nice seeing Missie taking Pat and Bill Johnson for walks once again.

Dom and Minnie Bucella have returned from New York after enjoying a marvelous visit with their entire family from far and wide.

Elaine Power celebrated a late birthday party at the Spa in Safety Harbor with friends and family. Elaine's starting her 97th trip around old Sol. Congratulations!

Everyone seems quite pleased with the new laundry facilities. They are easily used with the refillable On Top of the World card, available in the East Activity Center. A regular credit card or phone with credit card attached can be used as well.



A big thanks to a very savvy Jane Doughty who set up my phone with a credit card. The phone app is handy as it notifies you when laundry is done and availability of machines. The other big plus is being able to add a few minutes to the dryer if needed. Just remember to add before the machine shuts off.

The morning swim aerobics is a

great workout and lots of fun. Come join our happy band at 9 a.m. if it's 62 degrees or more.

It's been suggested we start a building lunch. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the board. Hopefully there will be enough interest to make it a regular event at various restaurants, some listed in the paper.

Son Mike and wife Colleen were on Maui, Hawaii, where they have a place directly on the Pacific. Mike will be here in March to do more photography programs. The video and slide transfer service he's doing has turned retirement into a full-time career for him. Love being able to see my old slides as good as new on TV or computer.

Kudos to the OTOW crew who care for the Villa. They certainly do a fine job.

Wishing happiness to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. Till next we meet, send any news fit to print to fresca@maine.rr.com.

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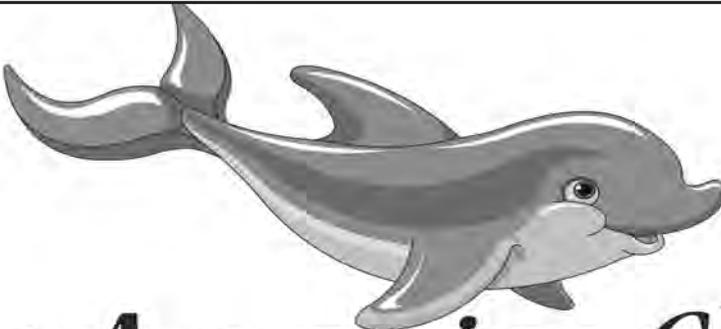
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# 93 countries, 71 tours describe this master of travel

Submitted by Bonnie Mack

To see, or not to see ... that's the question Paradise resident Bonnie Mack asked herself in 1976, when she opted to take a tour to Egypt, Jordan and Israel without a companion.

In other words, she was traveling "solo," as tour operators refer to clients traveling as a single.

Subsequently, Bonnie traveled solo on 13 more tours around the world. Traveling "solo" has become quite a topic for tour operators, as more and more of their clientele in that category are women. In 2010, one tour operator reported that women traveling alone made up 27 percent of bookings, but that number has increased to 50 percent today.

Bonnie has opted to see more than 93 countries on 71 tours since 1967.

She's met many women who say they'd love to travel, but don't have a companion. Last March, Bonnie wrote an article for a tour operator's newsletter titled, "Traveling solo is as easy as 1-2-3 (and then you're free!)."

Her suggestions for traveling solo on a tour? (1) Find someone with whom you can feel a connection; (2) Look for



opportunities to be of assistance (when you step away from yourself to help someone, then you become two!); (3) Extend yourself to strangers.

Bonnie was recently interviewed for AARP's December issue of The Bulletin for its article, "Travel for One." In the article, she says, "Being alone can be intimidating; some women are apprehensive about it. On a tour, you've got your guide and your nucleus of other people."

Her decision to return to India without a companion seemed daunting initially, especially given the distance.



Paradise resident Bonnie Mack this summer in Tallinn, Estonia, on one of her many tours.

And there were some bumps along the way on her return, when she missed her connecting flight.

But all in all, when she arrived home,

she said, "I felt absolutely invincible — I could conquer anything — and I was totally free! The experience of traveling solo was most liberating."



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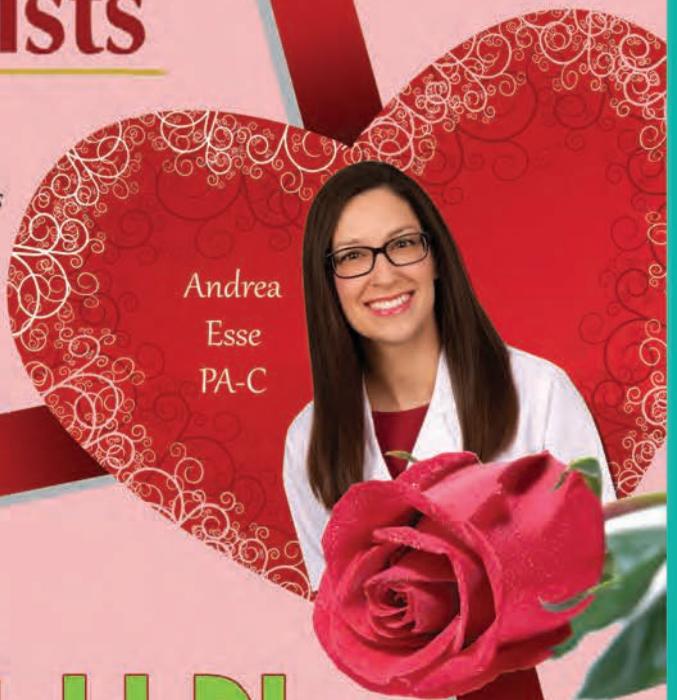
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For more information, call either Bob Reis, (727) 772-3119, or Woodie Tully, (727) 399-1773.

## Bright future awaits resident's singing granddaughter

Swedish Traditional resident Joni Raycroft recently had a visit from her son, Patrick Hart, and granddaughter, Samantha, both from Connecticut.

During the visit, Patrick and Samantha enjoyed local restaurants and finding shells on Honeymoon Island. They also took a wonderful sunset cruise.

But the highlight of the visit took place during a stop at Flanagan's Irish Pub in Dunedin. Along with several building residents, Samantha was there and was invited to sing in front of a packed house.

You see, Samantha is a singer/songwriter studying at a northern university and she is very good. She was even invited to sing next door at The Wine Bar.

One resident said, "What a beautiful, incredible voice."

Samantha also shared her singing talents right here at the Swedish Traditional Building with a visit to one of our



residents who was unable to make the trip to Dunedin.

Everyone at Swedish Traditional is hoping Samantha will come back some day. We were told her songs could be on the radio soon.

She is already on You Tube and she has a Facebook page: "Samantha Hart Music."

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## New officers help kick off the New Year at Bohemia

The Bohemians leaped into the New Year with the installation of new building officers.

Retiring president Tom Jurkowski was replaced by Doug Mlodzinski. A new position created was a vice-presidential position. It was filled by Dale Prunoske. The co-treasurer position was filled by Trish Mlodzinski and Sam Betti.

The remaining officers (secretary, social director, and communications director) have one more year to serve before being replaced. We welcome our new officers and know they will do their best to represent the residents of our building. We thank our outgoing officers for their dedication and hard work over the past two years.

The women of the building once again started the year by taking advantage of the wonderful programs the Safety Harbor Library has to offer. A small group attended author Tim Dorsey's introduction and signing of his new book, "Naked Came the Florida Man." His presentations are always fun-filled and reflect the humor he portrays in his mysteries.

The girls also tried out a restaurant, The Kitchen, formerly Green Springs.



The review was favorable and they would recommend it.

The second outing of the month was dinner out, this time at Giggiewaters. Following dinner, the girls took a cooking class at the library. The class featured Chef Warren, who taught the basics of good soup and stew making. He always prepares the entrée that he is discussing while talking.

At the end of his presentations you have opportunity to sample what he's prepared. Once on his mailing list, you can receive his recipes and helpful cooking tips on a regular basis.

## Open houses, one-tank trips and a special volunteer

Tampa Bay's always-beautiful January weather proved the perfect backdrop to usher in a new decade. Residents of the Azores building embraced the opportunity to get out and about with friends, neighbors and family.

Al Sakey and Ann Setkovicz hosted their fourth annual New Year's Day open house. Mimosas were flowing as two dozen Azoreans stopped by throughout the day to catch up with old and new friends.

Ann and Jim Rostick opened their home to a number of out-of-town visitors. They were especially pleased to welcome back their three sons, who took full advantage of the sunshine to play golf and enjoy their back patio.

Bob and Carol Kelly enjoyed a road trip to the lake district of Florida. Over four days, they visited restaurants and attractions in Mt. Dora, Winter Park, Leesburg and Eustis. They appreciated the opportunity to slow down after the holidays. The many friendly residents of these small towns made the trip all the more enjoyable.

Ava Smith has been busy volunteering alongside her fellow Phi Beta Psi Sorority sisters to raise funds for cancer research. The centerpiece of their



efforts is an annual luncheon and fashion show that features raffle baskets, door prizes, and more. This year's fundraiser will be held at the Innisbrook Resort and Gold Club on Saturday, Feb. 29. For more info and to obtain tickets, contact Ava at 727-793-9402.

Ava has been a member of Phi Beta Psi for 35 years. She joined the sorority when she lived in Indiana and transferred to Palm Harbor 16 years ago. Ava is one of many hardworking women in 82 chapters nationally who volunteer every year to support cancer research.

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# Long-time Siboney resident departs OTOW for N.Y.

One of our original Siboney Building residents, Cele Radeloff returned from New York recently. She had been staying with her family since September.

Cele was our building reporter for over 25 years along with being a proofreader for many years. Cele also was very active in the On Top of the World community. She was involved with the Irish Club and Line Dancers and appeared on stage with the Jesters and the Theater workshop.

Cele and her daughter, Carol, recently attended a Doo-Wop Extravaganza show at the Westbury Theater in Long Island, N.Y. The music was from the 50s and 60s featuring artists such as the Brooklyn Bridge, the Crystals, and Brian Hyland (Teeny Weeny Polka-Dot Bikini). Cele and her daughter Carol knew all the lyrics. They had a fabulous time.

Cele had a lovely open house at her condo in January. Many of her neighbors and friends attended. A beautiful spread of food and drinks were offered. All of us at Siboney wish her the best of happiness and good health in New York. She will be missed.

We are so grateful that we have our new washers and dryers. It seems as they are bigger and clean so much better.



Not having to hunt for quarters is such a wonderful thing.

Our next building meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Belleair room of the West Activity Center.

Please attend to meet your neighbors and find out important information about future building events. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday Jan. 26, we will be having our monthly core party at 4 p.m. Please check the bulletin board and the sign in the elevator for information.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone — don't forget your sweethearts!



Long-time Siboney resident Cele Radeloff, at right, and a friend show off a snapshot at Cele's recent Open House.

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Karen French had a great trip to Albuquerque with her cousin, Kim, who is now living in central Florida.

Karen's sister, Vicki is now living in Clearwater and is so thrilled to be out of the New York winters!



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

### Open Forum

A representative of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be at On Top of the World to answer any questions residents may have about community issues.

**Monday, Feb. 3, 1:30-2:30 pm, WAC Belleair Room**

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# OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations	
Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart, Sprouts	
<b>Tuesday Mornings</b> Start time: 9 a.m. Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza and Sprouts.	<b>Tuesday Midday</b> Start time: 12:30 p.m. Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central
<b>Wednesday Mornings</b> Start time: 8 a.m. Destination: Publix	<b>Wednesday Midday</b> Start time: 11 a.m. Destination: Aldi and CVS
<b>Thursday Mornings</b> Start time: 8 a.m. Destination: Publix	<b>Thursday Midday</b> Start time: 11 a.m. Destination: Publix
<b>Friday Mornings</b> Start time: 8 a.m. Destination: Walmart	<b>Friday Midday</b> Start time: 11 a.m. Destination: Walmart

*On a busy day, please allow 30 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time.*

## Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- OTOW bus service is for On Top of the World residents with a valid activity card. There is no charge.
- Your OTOW bus driver is not allowed to accept tips, but you can say "Thank You." The bus driver is not allowed to help you on or off the bus.
- The bus driver is only allowed to pick up residents who make a reservation. Due to limited seating, you may not make more than one reservation per day. If space permits, you may ride the bus home one way.
- Medical devices, number of shopping bags and size of shopping bags may be restricted on the bus, depending on the passenger load.
- 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.
- Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes, which begins at drop off.
- Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and can only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The 24-hour bus phone number is for reservations only. When making a reservation, please leave name, trip request, phone number, building number and unit number.

**RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER**  
**(727) 799-3417**  
 then press # 7 when asked to type an extension.

# Box Office Sudoku

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8	□	6	□	9	□	5	□	3	□
2	0	□	8	□	5	□	1	7	3
4	2	8	□	7	□	0	3	5	6
□	□	□	□	□	0	□	□	□	□
7	9	3	□	0	□	8	5	4	1
6	7	□	9	□	8	□	0	2	4
□	□	□	4	2	□	6	9	□	□
□	4	7	5	□	1	2	□	6	0

## New To Sudoku?

Sudoku is a numbers game. Pictured above are 10 rows of numbers and 10 columns of numbers. In each row and in each column, there is space for 10 different numbers (0-9). The same number will never appear twice in the same row or column. Start the puzzle by finding a row or column with only one or two blank squares. Through the process of elimination, determine which number is missing and write it in. As you proceed, you will start to discover that some rows and some columns become easier to guess the missing numbers, until you have filled in every square on the board. At the end, if you have a row or column with two-like numbers in it, you have not completed the board correctly. Try again. For more practice, visit the On Top of the World Box Office and play Sudoku online: [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com)

8 6 9 0 2 4 3 □ 1 5 6 Obviously, the missing number is 7.

# OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This classified ad listing is a service to the On Top of the World community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less, including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. **If the submitters's name, building and unit number is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

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### FOR SALE

White bird cage 17"W x 17"L x 24"H, on sand, can hang, excellent condition \$30 firm, cash only. 644-8524

Brand new Mah Jongg set with 4 pushers \$100. 437-7525

Drive transport wheelchair, easy to transport, used once, was \$145, asking \$80; also walker for sale \$40. 744-5124

Dog crate \$10; Stumpf fiddle \$65; marble cocktail table \$250; computer desk \$5; upright freezer \$175; table w/2 bar stools \$75. 531-7412

White kitchen cart on wheels: 2 wire baskets, cabinet on other side, 14"W x 25"L x 33"H \$30. 414-534-3525

KitchenAid mixer w/juice blender and attachments; 4 white plastic outdoor chairs; Pyrex dishes, cookie sheets, cake pans, George Foreman grill. 726-7742

Refrigerator, 2015 Whirlpool 30" French doors, white in color, 19.7 cu. ft., ice maker \$350 OBO. 513-289-4416

RCA DVD player, uses audio and video CD discs to record, has remote control, user guide and attachments \$30. 726-7816

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Two "overstuffed" recliners, clean \$40 each/\$70 both; entertainment center, like new, 50"W x 54"H x 20"D \$35. Leave message 504-1873

Ladies Diamondback bicycle, 21-speed, like new, includes lock & cable, helmet, Sigma speedometer, rearview mirror. \$130 (new cost \$350). 319-377-4550

Mah Jongg tile set with case and pushers, instructions included \$60. 787-4795

### WANTED

Shuffleboard equipment wanted: cues, discs or sets. 754-2922

Wheat pennies, Indian head pennies, pre-1965 silvers coins wanted. 475-4388

Wall oven wanted (used & working), no bigger than 21" wide by 27" long. Leave message 304-7296

### LOST & FOUND

Lost: Black Foster-Grant sunglasses, were hanging on net at tennis courts Monday evening, Jan. 13. 734-812-3667

## 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 pick up while walking your dog.

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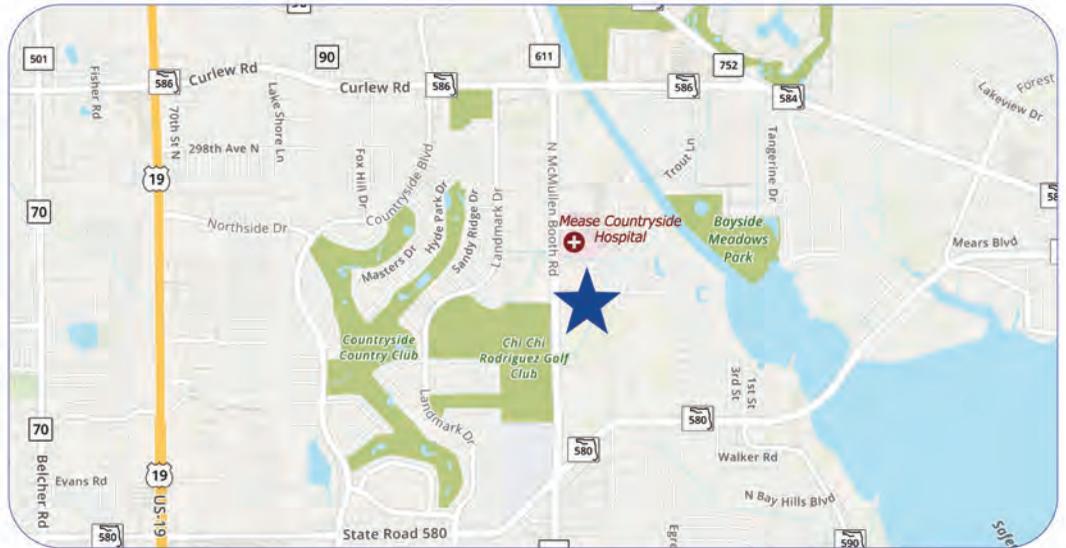


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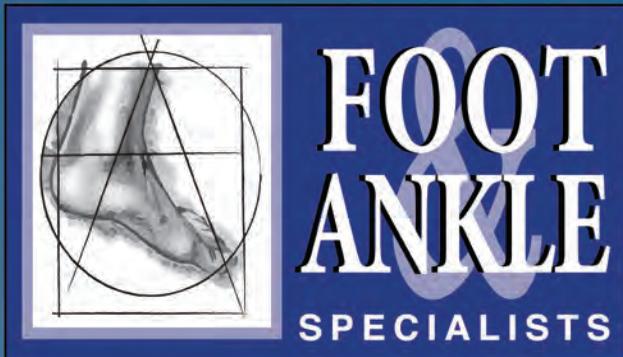
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