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## Live entertainment returns

Guitars. Drums. Keyboard.  
Oh to hear live music again!

Almost two years after its last live concert, the East Activity Center Auditorium was back in business.

On Jan. 20, more than 200 people attended the first live concert at On Top of the World since the pandemic started and the community initiated safety guidelines.

The George Trullinger Variety Show took center stage and the crowd was not disappointed.

George, along with Timmy Stamper, performed a tribute to Ed Sullivan and performers Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, The Blues Brothers, Mick Jagger and more during a two hour concert.

There was even comedy thrown in between the lyrics.

You would have thought the actual Blues Brothers were really on our stage.

After two years of putting safety first, our own Entertainment Committee was finally able to pull

off a treat for residents. There were no more postponements.

On Top of the World reopened the activity center to normal operations in mid-January and Buddy Holly was ready to go.

Residents were asked to keep masks on entering and leaving the auditorium and while stretching and walking around during the break.

The Entertainment Committee was able to set up table seating so residents could bring their own beverages and snacks.

For 50 years, residents may have taken live entertainment for granted here, but on this night, everyone enjoyed.

There was even dancing.

George joked, where else can you get this much entertainment at 8:30 p.m. He also asked our older residents not to fall asleep. The show continued until nearly 9:30.

In case you missed it, your next chance for live music is Feb. 17. Keith Allyn will be here for a tribute to Neil Diamond.



The George Trullinger Variety Show reopened the East Activity Center Auditorium to live music again. At the top of this page is a tribute to Buddy Holly and just above is a tribute to the Blues Brothers.  
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# Navigating the OTOW website

If you are new to using the On Top of the World website, or just don't utilize it very often, it can appear intimidating.

I understand - new things can.

But, believe me, it's easy to navigate with just a few simple tips.

So, over the next several months I will focus on the home page and each tab located at the top of the page and provide quick tips and helpful information in order to give you a more positive user experience.

This month, let's discuss the Home Page (a.k.a. the main page).

This is the page you see when you first open [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). Across the top are "tabs" that help you quickly navigate through the site. You will see: "Association," "General Info," "Community Activities," "Community Services," "News-paper," "Stay Informed" and "Careers."

If you scroll down the home page you will see "Explore Your World" with many links under it, including "Messages," "Local Info," "Resources," "Clubs," "Fitness," "Education," "Golf" and "Events."

Under each category is a brief description of what information each provides. For instance, under "Messages," should you click on this link, it will display the latest messages to residents, and so on.

**Helpful tip:** When you click these links, note that the information will open up a second page. You will want to review the information you sought and then go back up to the top, above your browser and there you will see two tabs. Close the page you are on (or the second tab) by clicking on the "X." This will bring you back to the main page.

If you continue scrolling down the home page, you will see that "Your Adventure Awaits!" Clicking on this information box will give you lots of local activities and information about the Clearwater area as well as dining options at local restaurants, activities and attractions. When clicking on this information box, note that it, too, will open a second page. Follow the helpful tip from above to exit the page and return to the main page.

Scrolling further down the home page will give you club and amenity information. From there you will see "Latest News" which shows posters that outline important community information, such as Master the Possibilities class information and the shuttle bus schedule.

Good news! When clicking on any one of the posters, they do not open a second page, so don't try to exit the page you are on.

When you are done looking at a poster, just simply click the "back" arrow at the top (the one at the far left) and this will bring you back to the posters section.

Continue scrolling down the home page and you will find "General Community Information" where you can click the box and explore valuable community information like, special events, pets, parking, modification information and more.

Again, note the helpful tip above to exit the page and return to the main page.

Finally, you will reach OTOW Alerts where you can sign up to get OTOW alerts sent directly to your mobile phone! There is also an area where you can sign up to receive email updates about the On Top of



## Community Update

the World community! If you haven't already done so, sign up for both today!

Last, but certainly not least, you will come to the bottom of the home page where you will see many housekeeping items such as Quick Links, information for the Sales Office, and the Community Service Office.

So, pull up the site, follow the information above and together you'll discover a whole new "World" of possibilities.

Most importantly, have fun!

### REMINDER

#### Hydro-Jetting Project

If you live in Buildings 1-15, you should have received notice from your Management Company regarding the up and coming sewer hydro-jetting project.

As a reminder, this was discussed during the June 11, 2021, General Meeting.

Access to your unit must be provided for approximately two to three hours with additional access provided at a later date should a follow-up be required.

The impacted units will be contained to first floor units exclusively and any necessary follow-up appointments will be scheduled by the Management Company.

A tentative schedule has been established for this project, however, it is dependent upon ease of access into units and will be weather dependent.

Should weather or other delays occur, notices will be sent out via an OTOW Alert. Be sure you are signed up to receive alerts prior to project commencement.

Additionally, notices will be posted in each building up to two weeks prior to the scheduled start date. This information will also be available on the OTOW Community website at: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) under General Information and then selecting the "Hydro-Jetting Project" tab.

If you will not be home, please fill out the form on page 13.

### Did You Know

#### Four Useful Tips for Recycling

1. Cardboard boxes can be recycled after you flatten them.

2. Plastic bottles and containers-labeled No. 1-7 can be recycled. Lids too, just screw it back on!

3. Metal, tin, steel and aluminum cans, including empty aerosols, can be recycled.

4. Paper, shoe boxes and cereal boxes can be recycled, but no wax paper.

Be sure all of your items are empty, rinsed and dry as food and liquid contaminate paper. Absolutely no plastic bags or

glass. If you have glass items, such as jars and bottles, you will need to ensure they are dry and empty and then they can be dropped off at the Clearwater Solid Waste Facility located at 1701 N. Hercules Ave.

### Did You Know Smoking Areas

The community pools, activity centers, Dog Park and Pavilion areas are non-smoking areas.

The tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits and lawn bowl areas are non-smoking venues.

Smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of the activity centers.

All building elevators are also areas within the community where smoking is not permitted.

"No Smoking" signs cannot be posted on the walkways, ends of buildings or core entrances as they are considered open air and therefore not subject to the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.

### Community Service Office 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, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes 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 and 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 assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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.

### 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 for general building matters 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.

### After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for matters such as water intrusion into your unit.

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

In the event of a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

### OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to the community website and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited. Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!



## What you should know: WATER HEATERS

Water heaters traditionally last 10-15 years.

It may be time to replace your water heater if it is...

...more than 10 years old.

...leaking around the base of the unit.

...not producing as much hot water.

...noisy.

If your water heater fails, you may be held financially responsible if it causes damage to surrounding units.

When was the last time you checked your water heater?

# Working to keep the On Top of

I want to thank everyone who voted and participated in the Jan. 5, 2022, continuation of the December 2021 annual meeting.

I especially wish to thank all those residents who participated in the vote-counting process. It takes many hands to receive and open the ballot envelopes once the election is closed and counting started, as well as to tabulate the ballots. The envelopes need to be validated and cross checked to make sure no resident has voted (or attempted to vote) multiple times. The volunteers work to make sure the balloting process stipulated in Florida Statutes is rigorously followed to ensure a fair and honest election is being conducted.

The service these volunteers provide to the community is very much appreciated and valued. I am pleased to report that the election was conducted with great integrity with the outcome reported and properly validated. All ballots are retained by the Association for two years as part of its official records, or until after the next election.

Before I move on with our usual business, I'd like to add a note from myself and fellow Board members:

As your Association Board of Administration, we are proud to all have been re-elected. We are grateful for the trust you have put in us to represent your interests and look forward to continuing to make On Top of the World Clearwater an even better community for all of us. This charge and trust are not taken lightly. It is a great responsibility.

As you may remember, in our 2019 election we had a rejection rate of nearly 20 percent for ballots completed incorrectly. We undertook significant efforts to improve our paper ballots and envelopes to clearly specify the rules for condo association elections, and we partnered with an electronic voting provider to introduce an online voting option.

It's a start that only 8 percent of residents completed their ballots electronically. We understand that this is new and we hope that number will grow in the future.

Voting online is a secure process that saves the Association mailing expense that must be passed through to each owner. When you sign up for electronic voting, the Association will no longer mail you paper materials when a vote is necessary.

To everyone who voted, thank you for participating in this important process. Democracy only works when everyone participates, so getting involved and running for election is a critical part of the process — as is voting.

Your Board is excited for the future with exciting things on the horizon for On Top of the World. Thank you again for your support and trust.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Colen, Guy Woolbright, Leslie Colen, Gail Sanders, Sharon Licata, Chuck McAllister, Jim O'Neil, Michael Spodek, and Corby Ratliff.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting had a very full agenda and at the outset I reminded Members of Rule 19(d), which addresses Unit Owner Audio and Video Recording at Association Meetings, "Notice of Recording." We had one member who did not properly submit advance written notice to record the meeting at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The recording was stopped voluntarily.

Disruptive behaviors can never be tolerated at any meeting of the Association. In this regard, I had to invoke Rule 21(h) when a member chose to disrupt the meeting by shouting out her disapproval over the very



**Chairman**

well-conducted election outcome. This type of disruptive behavior cannot be permitted.

The topics discussed during the meeting covered the many elements of the Community operations. As I addressed the body in December 2019, I stated at that time the Community needed a reworking of its contractual operation documents to streamline and bring the community current with current condo law and to bring operations more into line with current management and operation practices. I am pleased to report that that very lengthy and detailed process has been completed.

The end result is that residents will be able to have much more insight into community operations and a clearer understanding of where their monthly fees are being expended.

Finding labor continues to be a challenge for the management and service companies. Unemployment in Pinellas County continues at historic lows in a range of 3 percent. Additionally, the availability of affordable housing is in very short supply in the region. The net effect is that the Management Company is paying a premium for staffing. Staffing will continue to be a challenge for building and grounds maintenance workers.

Questions about cable television services and when the members could expect to get bulk services were addressed at the Board Meeting, which immediately followed the close of the Annual Meeting.

The consultant, PropRevs, previously engaged by the Board for the purpose of an expanded search and development of program offering, reported on his recommendations for the Board's consideration.

After viewing the pros and cons of the top two vendors, the Board made the decision to direct PropRevs to negotiate with Spectrum and present a contract acceptable to the Board for bulk cable and internet service. The goal is to get a state of the art, fiber to the home, high speed solution for internet together with a broad cable offering that delivers a savings over the current ala-cart services.

PropRevs provided this additional information for seasonal residents as your Board heard your concerns:

The significantly discounted bulk rate also provides annual savings for seasonal TV and Internet subscribers without the need to turn on and turn off service during your time in Florida.

As TV and Internet service costs increase, Spectrum's proposed bulk rate provides pricing certainty. Residents will not have to worry about qualifying for promotional rates, managing equipment installation and returns, or any other inconveniences associated with seasonal accounts.

Year-round service has additional benefits, including:

\* Access to Spectrum's TV App to watch popular live programming and on-demand channels.

\* Year-round Internet service in your home! The always-on Internet service can be used for guests, security systems, monitoring thermostats, monitoring electronic water leak sensors and remote access to other online devices.

\* Qualifies residents for other Spectrum promotion offers, including Spectrum Mobile service, which requires an active Internet subscription to receive the best promotional rates.

The Board is very reticent on taking on third party costs into the community service fees (CSF), as these are costs that cannot be controlled directly by the Board. Comparing this to electric service in the common areas, the Board has indirect control by the duration of operational times and connections to influence the monthly use charges.

Not so with bulk cable.

The bill is the bill each and every year and is most probably subject to a defined annual increase. The Board does not wish to see residents burdened by additional expenses without offsetting benefits.

The Board received a few questions regarding the lease extension and how they can learn more about this. Please visit:

<https://www.otpclwclearwaterinfo.com/leasehold-first-amendment-request/> all of the information you will need is available there.

In addition, there is an email address you may write to with any questions you may have lease FAQ@clw-info.net.

## Looking Ahead to a better 2022 Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue their work on rear façade coatings in the month of February with the exception of one front paint re-coating project. The winter months are best suited for working behind buildings because of ground conditions and lack of substantial rains like the summer months bring.

As this article goes to print, the front of building 3 and the rear of building 16 are next on the schedule.

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

With the continuing supply chain challenges due to the pandemic, the roofing projects usually slated to begin in January have been delayed until spring.

At this point, the roofing project at building 58 is anticipated to begin the third week of March, provided all of the materials for the job can be confirmed for delivery.

The roofing vendor under contract to Parkway has said that they anticipate the current supply chain problems to continue well into the new year. Please keep an eye on this column and your center core bulletin boards for any change in the schedule as we move along through the winter and into the spring months.

February will also see the continuance of railings improvement projects on the west side of property. Much like the supply problems being experienced with roofing materials, delays are being experienced in the Pinellas County permit submittal and approval process. This wasn't completely unexpected as many entities are working with skeleton crews and the County is most likely no exception.

Due to this, the project at building 83 has been delayed from a January start date and will most likely be pushed into February as a result.

As in past projects, 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 inspection is 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.

The Community's hydro-jetting project will continue in February with buildings 5, 6, 7 and 8 being primarily affected.

The scope of work mainly affects first floor residents, however, all unit occupants are asked to reduce water and sewer usage while the contractor works on the particular units scheduled for that date. Phone calls are also being placed by Management Company representatives in advance of the work so residents can prepare and provide access on their date of service.

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.

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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 "Cau-tion" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services Division of the Management Company are ongoing. Particularly, the 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 are installed without the advance approval of the Association, which results in the removal and disposal of the items at the resident's 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.

## Community Tree Update

One of the questions posed at the January association meeting dealt with tree removals and the subsequent re-planting requirements.

As an ongoing maintenance process, tree inspections are conducted in the community throughout the year. Once a tree is determined to be diseased, compromised, or in-decline, removal permit requests are made to Pinellas County's habitat division. The next step in the process requires an on-site inspection of the trees by county personnel, after which the request is approved, approved with conditions, or denied.

The county may ask for replants to compensate for the removals, or they may forgive this part of the permit process.

Generally, if the area where a tree was removed had additional trees already, a replacement is not made in that area. Rather replacement trees are placed in less forested areas.

Since 2019, three large scale tree removal permit requests have been made of Pinellas County and all three have been approved with conditions. The county did not require replants to be made with any of these permit approvals, however, being good stewards of the community, the Management Company purchased and planted thirty-eight new trees. The replants were diversified across many species and took into consideration the area of placement and soil conditions so the young trees could thrive.

The Management Company has a firm commitment to the beauty and habitat provided to wildlife that new trees bring to a community as unique and wonderful as On Top of the World Clearwater.

## Scam Alert

### Avoid Being Taken Advantage Of

It seems like a day doesn't go by that I don't get a card in my mailbox to the effect of "Urgent that You Contact Me! I'll buy your

home."

My first thought isn't printable. I'd like to believe this sort of scam violates Florida law. The jury is out on that, I suppose.

There's another part of this scam. Perhaps, many of you have seen it. In this one, there's a message on your phone that so and so is in the neighborhood and is looking to buy your home and the condition of it doesn't matter.

If you answer the card, or if you return the phone call, the scammer knows you are interested, you become the "mark" and then they will prey.

If you received either of these scams, and that's what they are, you have possibly been contacted by someone who either wants personal information, or who wants to buy your home cheaply and flip it for a large profit. They make it sound like its quick and easy money by offering cash for a quick sale of your home or condo.

"Cool" you may think, but hold on a minute. A sales price isn't mentioned. How do you know what your home is really worth?

The prospect of easy money fast and probably without a commission may be enticing, but how do you know if this is a real deal or just another scam to obtain private and personal information from you — which, by the way, is what it is.

For that matter, how do you know what your home is really worth on a true real estate market?

How would you feel if you left \$20,000 to \$40,000 in real value on the table?

This unfortunately happens often.

It is common that homeowners, often seniors, find themselves enticed into selling their homes for below a fair market value. Scammers are not stupid. They know that seniors are often easy prey.

According to the Florida Attorney General's office, retirement communities are targets for these predatory home-buying practices for many reasons. We may become frail from illness and need to move to a care facility.

Maybe you've lost a spouse and can't bear to be in the home you shared together. Maybe medical debt is a burden and you see no other way than get living expenses before going on to lord knows what.

Oftentimes, these "fast money buyers" employ deceptive or high-pressure tactics to cheat an owner out of their home or to obtain personal and private information.

I recently read a story of a woman in a downtown Atlanta neighborhood who refused to sell, despite repeated offers. The aggregator reported her to the city for code violations. Finally, after being dunned by multiple warnings from city code enforcement, and lacking the funding to make the necessary repairs, the woman relented and sold for a below-market price. The home shortly thereafter was sold for multiples of what he was paid.

Flipping is the term for this practice, and this is the goal to begin with: fast money.

It takes some patience and restraint, but your real estate may be your most valuable asset. Know its value.

Of course, the most reliable way to value your home and also to sell it is to work with a reputable real estate brokerage firm and establish an estimate of market value based on recent sales of comparable properties. This is fast and most brokers will do it as a courtesy. Of course, you may be asked to sign a listing contract for the sale of your property. But that's fair if you are serious about wanting to sell. And if you are not serious, why would you ever be talking to these scammers.

Finally, a broker moderated sale may take

a little longer (not by much in this market!), but you can be comfortable that you are not leaving value on the table.

If you get a mailer, ignore it. If someone leaves a phone message to the effect that he or she is in the neighborhood and wants to buy your home do not respond. Scammers are all over us these days. Be careful, be alert and don't be afraid to ignore these calls and letters.

## Personal Insurance on Your Condo and Contents

Fire events or water damage are cautionary reminders for each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate. If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider.

The cost of repair or reconstruction, as well as loss of use (being homeless pending restoration), may well exceed the value of your condominium many times over. It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit, including loss of use coverage. Loss of use coverage will allow your carrier to provide you living and lodging expenses should you become displaced. Displacement after a fire may be between 6 and 18 months!

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

All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses. Please remember, another benefit of an HO6 policy is the personal liability coverage. Should you be the cause of a water leak or a fire event that damages adjoining units, you may be held liable for their damage, as well as any damage to the Association's area of responsibility between units. The undervaluation of your contents may cause you a significant loss but most likely will not bankrupt you. If you do not have personal liability coverage, you could lose all of your assets if you cause damage to units around you and you are not adequately insured.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any casualty event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total value at the time of loss, at each location in-

volved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence. With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible. For more information, please visit [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) then click "Community" and download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

Besides casualty insurance, other steps to protecting your home are testing your smoke detector regularly and having an operable BC fire extinguisher at easy reach. Read the extinguisher operating instructions when you first purchase the unit and at least twice a year thereafter is also recommended. In this recent event, having and using an operable fire extinguisher may have greatly limited the damage.

The service department has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner. In all cases the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units. The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for its repair work in every instance.

Damage to your vehicle while it is parked in the community is not covered by your HO6 policy. State law requires you to maintain a policy on your automobile. The prudent owner will purchase Comprehensive or Other than Collision coverage that pays for damage to a vehicle from incidents other than a collision including; fire, theft, windstorm, vandalism or flood. It also covers damages caused by falling objects or from hitting an animal.

## 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 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 flush, but don't break down and cause some dandy blockages). A sewerage back up can cause real problems and damage to ground floor neighbors. Please be responsible and mindful of your first-floor neighbors. Flush only human waste and toilet paper.



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Madigan

My name is Madison.

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you know that means  
"small dog."

I am a 6-year-old Shih Tzu and I live in the Austrian Alpine Building with Virginia Dolan.

Dolan.  
I love to play with my toys, but I'll be honest with you, my favorite thing to do is steal.

I've been known to  
steal pens, glasses, food  
— even a purse.

I'm very good at it, but I always seem to get in trouble?

I have a great life here at On Top of the World and would like to be named Pet of the Month.

Each month, OTOW News 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 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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# Pet of the Year Voting

Due to technical problems with the Box Office, Pet of the Year voting was postponed from January to February. Please try again.

Anyone in the world is allowed to help choose On Top of the World's Pet of the Year for 2021.

Please visit the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)) between Feb. 3-6 and look for the poster announcing the contest. Click to enter the voting booth.

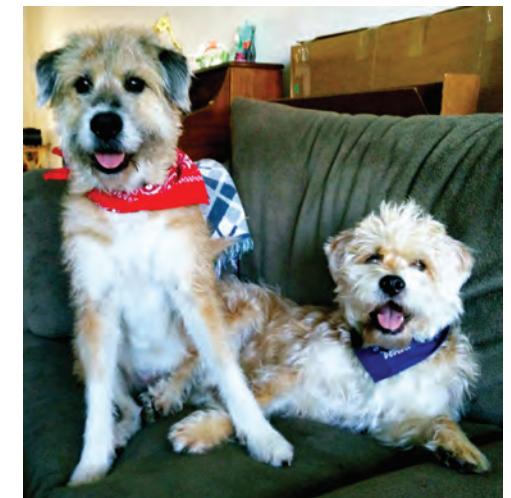
The 12 candidates are pictured on this page. All 12 were selected as Pet of the Month winners for 2021. Now, you will choose the Pet of the Year from this list.

When you visit the voting booth, you will be allowed to vote for your two favorite candidates.

The pet with the most votes will be crowned the winner and will receive a gift basket from Woof Gang Bakery. Plus, the winner will be invited to march in the Irish Club Parade on Saturday, March 5.

Anyone in the world is allowed to vote, but you can only enter the voting booth one time per computer router. This year cell phone voting is allowed.

Results will appear in the March newspaper.

**Peanut & Elmo****Kingston****Nancy**

[otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

**Buddy****Daisy & Abby****Mya****Simon**



## Neil Diamond tribute here on Feb. 17

By Mary Ann O'Neil

What a show we had on Jan. 20 featuring George Trullinger as Ed Sullivan.

If you missed it, you missed a night of great entertainment!

Our first dance of 2022 featuring The Southshore Cruisers Band was well attended and everyone dusted off their dancing shoes and got out on the dance floor making up for lost time.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, come experience Keith Allyn's Neil Diamond Tribute.

Keith began his career in stand-up comedy at the age of 14 opening for such greats as Chris Rock, Tim Allen and the late Robin Williams.

At the age of 21, Keith discovered his musical talents. He was recently selected to be one of only a handful of Neil Diamond Tribute artists in the world to be featured in a documentary

entitled "Diamond Mountains."

After performing over a decade in Branson, Mo., Keith now travels extensively throughout the United States paying tribute to America's favorite singer and song writer, Neil Diamond.

Keith's mesmerizing style, intimacy with audiences and likeness to Neil Diamond makes A Neil Diamond Tribute the only way to "Experience the feel of Neil."

So be sure to buy your tickets early for this event.

February is the start of Mardi Gras and returning for our Mardi Gras dance on Feb. 19 is the Sequel Band.

Be sure to get your beads out and, if you want, you can also bring a mask (no pun intended) to help celebrate Mardi Gras.

Just a reminder that our dances are 7:30-10:30 p.m.

The dances and stage show

tickets are reasonable and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment.

Shows are \$20 and dances are \$10.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating-BYOB.

So, get your friends together and come out for an evening of fun!

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, our Thursday night show will be Anthem "Tribute to Whitney" featuring Jade Milian.

Come out wearing of the green and you may even want to bring your own green beer while you watch this fabulous show.

Saturday, March 19, will be our "Luck of the Irish" dance featuring A Taste of Love. This husband and wife team are very energetic and will keep you out on the dance floor.

More information on both



Keith Allyn as Neil Diamond

of these events will be in the March paper.

Ticket sales for shows and dances will be Monday and

Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the EAC auditorium. Be sure to stop by and purchase your tickets.

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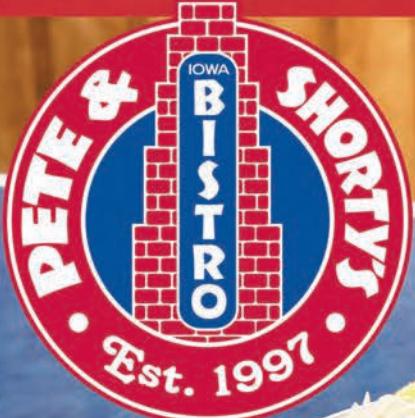
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# OTOW Community Activities Calendar - February 2022

## East Activity Center

### CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM

Entertainment Committee Board: Thursday, Feb. 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Entertainment Committee Meeting: Monday, Feb. 7, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, Feb. 17, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Pray for America: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Philosophy Club: Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
 Jesters Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 10, 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Theater Workshop Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 2, Time (TBA)  
 Press Association Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 3, 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
 Austrian Alpine Building Meeting: Sunday, Feb 20, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

### LARGO ROOM

**Irish Club Parade Meeting: Feb. 11 and Feb. 25, 3:00 - 4:00 PM**  
 Good Neighbors Association MeetingL Thursday, Feb. 2, 10:00 am  
 Baby Boomers Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 2, 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am  
 Acrylics Class: Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Art Guild Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 3, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Art Guild Meeting: Friday, Feb. 11, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Art Guild: Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3 :00 pm  
 Art Guild: Acrylics, Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

### CLEARWATER ROOM/KITCHEN

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
 Metaphysical Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Ceramics: Thursdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Lawn Bowl Luncheon: Monday, Feb. 14, 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
 Scopa: Mondays, 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
 Veterans Coffee: Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Texas Card Game Tournament: Friday, Feb. 18, 5:30 - 10:00 pm  
 Ladies Exercise: Monday-Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 am

### OLDSMAR ROOM

Travel Club Meeting: Friday, Feb. 4, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

### WOODSHOP

Mondays-Fridays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### LIBRARY

Mondays 10:00 - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

### EAST ACTIVITY CENTER FITNESS CENTER

Open Hours: Monday-Saturday, 7 am - 9 pm,  
 Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

### AUDITORIUM

Jesters Show: Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30; Saturday, Feb. 12, 7:30; Sunday, Feb. 13, 2:00  
 Sunday Meet & Greet: Sunday, Feb. 20, 2:00 pm  
 New York-New Jersey Club Dinner: Tuesday, Feb. 22, 5:00 pm  
 Italian-American Club Dinner: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 5:00 pm  
 Entertainment Committee Show: Thursday, Feb. 3, 7:30 pm  
 Irish Club Show: Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:00 pm  
 Club Information Tables (Ticket Sales) Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am  
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Saturdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am  
 Moving and Grooving Easy Level: Tuesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
 Moving and Grooving Levels 2 & 3: Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Fridays 2:00-3:30 pm  
 Cardio Dance: Saturdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays

### OZONA ROOM

Cribbage: Wednesdays (starting Jan. 12) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Beginner Duplicate Bridge: Thursdays (Beginning Jan. 13) 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Contract Bridge: Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Italian Class: Fridays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
 Barrys Poker: Mondays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Dominos: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

### SAFETY HARBOR ROOM

Mexican Train: Thursdays, 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Alonzo's Poker: Mondays, 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Bob's Poker: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:30 pm  
 Tom's Poker: Wednessdays, 5:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Carol's Poker: Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

### DUNEDIN ROOM

Italian Class: Fridays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

### EXERCISE ROOM

Line Dance Practice: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am  
 Ladies Exercises: Monday-Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 Co-Ed Exercises Class: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00 - 10:45 am  
 Hatha Yoga w/Marilyn: Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:15 am  
 Tai Chi Flow 108: Mondays, 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Wednesday and Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm  
 Tai Chi Short Form: Wednesdays, 2:15 - 3:00 pm  
 Qigong: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:00  
 Cardio Dance: Mondays 1:00, Tuesdays 6:30, Wednesdays 11:30, Saturdays 12:30  
 Slimnastics: Weekdays, 9:00 am

### EAST ACTIVITY CENTER SWIMMING POOL

Aqua Aerobics: Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am  
 Open Hours: Mon - Sat, 8 am - 8 pm, Sun and Holidays, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (May-Sept)

## West Activity Center

### BELLEAIR ROOM

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Zumba: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
 Zumba Gold: Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
 Zumba Gold Chair: Thursdays 9:00 am -9:45 am  
 Tai Chi Chair: Mondays, Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 9:45 am  
 Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Hatha Yoga w/Marilyn: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:15 am  
 Canadian Club Blackout: Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Social Dance Class: Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Computer Club: Saturdays, 8:30 - 10 am (starting Jan. 15)  
 Chetnik Building Meeting: Monday, Feb. 7, 5:0 - 7:30 pm  
 Waterford Building Pizza: Wednesday, Feb. 2, 5:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Orizaba Pot Luck Dinner: Wednesday, Feb. 9, 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
 Siboney Building: Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

### PALM HARBOR ROOM

Mahjongg: Fridays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

### LEARNING LAB

Computer Club: Wednesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am  
 Ladies Bunco: Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6:30 - 10:00 pm  
 Lunch Pails Workshop: Thursday, Feb. 24, 9:00 - 10:00 am

### BILLIARDS ROOM

9-Ball Tournaments: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 8-Ball: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

## Pavilion

Walk-Bike Tampa: Monday, Feb. 7, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
 Lambda Social: Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:00 - 10:00 pm  
 Tax Identity Theft Seminar: Friday, Feb. 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am  
 Tennis Club Social: Saturday, Feb. 12 and Feb. 26, 8:00 am

## Outdoor Sports

Pickleball: Tuesdays thru Fridays 3:30-7, Sundays, 9-12  
 Tennis Club: Meets Mon-Sat 7:30-11:00 am  
 Tennis Courts Open to all Residents  
 7 am - 10 pm weekdays, 9 am-9 pm weekends  
 Shuffleboard Club: Mon, Wed, Fri 3:30-5:30  
 Shuffleboard Open Hours: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Both golf courses open

Lawn Bowl Courts open



Updates/Corrections to this calendar  
 may be posted on the Box Office: otowboxoffice.com



Food trucks returned to On Top of the World in January. There were Filipino, Italian, Mexican and Moroccan treats, plus lobster, barbecue and hot dogs. Residents also received another treat when new resident Peter Neumer brought his saxophone and played live in the parking lot. He played a variety of tunes and had some people dancing. There will be no Food Truck Night in February, but the event will return to the East Activity Center on Wednesday, March 23, from 3-7 p.m. Pick up a March newspaper for details.

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# Sign up for day trip to Hard Rock

By Janice Berman

The On Top of the World Travel Club Board thanks all old and new members who have come out to support the club.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, our club had an information table in the auditorium. It was great to see so many friends and neighbors come out to renew their membership and sign up for our bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.

I stood in the background and watched our hard-working volunteers as they greeted members and got right to work.

The Travel Club will hold its first meeting on Friday, Feb. 4, in the Oldsmar Room, located in the East Activity Center. We will sell tickets for 30 minutes before the start of our meeting.

The board is currently at work planning day trips and lunch bunches to present at the February meeting.

Our first Day Trip for the year 2022 will be on Feb. 9 to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of gambling and people watching.

Located in Tampa near the Florida State Fairgrounds, this electrifying casino is one of the most successful and largest casinos in the world, and features high stakes table games along with thousands of the hottest slot machines.

In the past, this trip has always been a sellout, so it seemed like a good choice to make this the first event to restart the club.

Our February Lunch Bunch is planned for Ozona Blue. This has always been a popular location as it overlooks Saint Joseph's Sound.

Join us at the February meeting as we dust off the bus wheels and get rolling again. It is great to say "We are going places. Don't you want to come?"



## Travel Club



Residents stop by the Travel Club information table to ask questions.

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You can also show up the day of the event.**

# What if I don't want to leave anything ...

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**Q.** I have four children, but have had no contact with one of them — my oldest son — for over 20 years.

I really don't know why and wish that I did, but by now I have to accept the fact that he does not want to have any contact with me at all for his own reasons.

**Do I have to leave him anything in my will?**

I heard that I should leave him at least \$500.

**A.** The State of Florida does not have what I would refer to as "forced heirship."

That is, you are not required to leave anyone anything, with the exception that a spouse has certain rights to property if not relinquished by a valid pre or post marital agreement; and minor children also have some rights.

So, in the situation as you presented it, you do not have to leave him anything.

If you do decide that you will not leave him anything, I would suggest that you have your attorney include language in your will to the effect that you intentionally make no provision for any child or



relative other than those persons specifically named in the will.

You might even have your attorney include your son's name as someone you are specifically leaving out.

**Q.** I have two children and I am mad at both of them. I understand that I can cut them out of my will entirely, but do I have to leave them my home?

My son says that I have no choice and must leave it to him and his sister.

**A.** Your son is not correct. So long as you are not survived by a spouse or minor child, you can leave your home to whom-ever you choose. However, it is important that you discuss this with your attorney.

**Q.** What do I do if a hurricane is coming? What would you do?

**A.** Well, I don't know about you, but I'd get the heck out of the way.

Quickly.

But in the event, you want to know about what documents you should protect, I would suggest that you take the latest statement for each bank or stock brokerage account, your durable power of attorney and living will with health surrogate provisions and any other documents that you feel are critical and that you did not bother to put in a safety deposit vault at a bank.

Oh, and I'd take a key to your home 'cause you'll need that when you come back.

**Q.** Where do you get the questions for your newspaper column?

**A.** (Note to my readers: I routinely put this in the paper every now and then in order to let everyone know how I obtain questions.)

I obtain questions for this column in several different ways. I once got them by regular mail, but not any longer. I do get them by email. I get them asked to me by a client or acquaintance and think it's an interesting question and so I put it in the column.

VERY rarely something might come up that I think is important enough to be in the column even though no one's asked about it and so I create a question to fit the issue.

I never provide any information regarding who sent me a question or how I got it — NEVER. Therefore, no one ever has to worry that somehow or other someone might find out that he/she wrote to me.

A column usually gets printed long after I've written it so truth be told, I, myself, might never know how I got a question once it's been printed.

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**Walk/Bike Tampa and Identity Theft Seminar coming here in February****Information tables return on Mondays and Thursdays**

Happy Valentine's Day on Monday, Feb. 14!

**Get Acquainted Coffee  
February 10**

Mark your calendars for the return of the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Feb. 10, held in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30 – 11 a.m.

The event will take place on the second Thursday of every month and it's the one day that the entire community joins in.

For new residents, this is your long overdue welcome and an opportunity to make connections.

Good Neighbors Association serves coffee and danishes from the Outpost. Club representatives host information tables to recruit new members and sell tickets to their events.

Community announcements start around 9 a.m. New residents are welcomed to the front of the stage to introduce themselves and have their photo taken for the newspaper.

Live entertainment follows.

If you are interested in attending a show or dance, visit the Entertainment Committee's information table located at the front of the stage to purchase a ticket.

Are you seeking a club to join?

Several clubs will be hosting information tables on this day so just stop by and say, "Hi!"

Currently, volunteer opportunities abound within at least a dozen clubs, including the Irish Club and the Good Neighbors Association.

Are you ready to travel?

Stop by the Travel Club's table to discover what trips are on this year's schedule.

Have you ever sung in a chorus or wanted to join one? OTOW Chorus needs your pipes and a commitment.

If you would like to act, sing or dance again or for the first time, Theatre Workshop and Jesters are always recruiting new talent. Maybe your talent lies behind the scenes involved with production, stage, sound or technical set up. Please stop by their information tables and introduce yourself.

Many clubs are currently recruiting members.

As we come together again as a community, let us heed the words of the late, great, Leo Buscaglia. "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Remember we are not the rest of the world, but rather On Top of the World - a community focused on what we have in common, not what makes us different.

In that spirit, I look forward to meeting you for the first time or reconnecting again on



## **Canadian Club Social Games BLACKOUT Year Round**

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Thursday, Feb. 10

**Walk, Bike, Drive Tampa Bay**

It's the height of the season for walking, biking and driving and that means it's time to receive our annual safety refresher from Walk, Bike, Drive Tampa Bay on Monday, Feb. 7 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

As always, the presentation is interactive with live instructors, covering safety tips and Florida laws for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

There will be time for questions and answers after the presentation. Advanced registration is not required and all attendees receive a free safety item. Seating is limited to 50.

**Identity Theft Seminar**

In recognition of "Identity Theft Awareness Week," Pinellas County Consumer Protection will host an interactive seminar at the East Activity Center Pavilion on Friday, Feb. 4, from 10 – 11 a.m. entitled, "Identity Theft. It's Not a Game!"

Have you received suspicious activity on your credit card, missing mail, unfamiliar bills, someone else filing a tax return in your name? These may all be signs that you are a victim of identity theft.

An investigator with Pinellas County Consumer Protection will talk about how to detect identity theft, protect against it, and recover if identity theft occurs. Learn the top identity theft swindles and how to avoid them. Advanced registration is not required, but seating is limited to 50.

**One Blood**

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls) on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the otowclearwaterinfo.com website, in the Com-

munity Service Office or just show up that day. In thanks, you will receive two gifts: a long sleeve shirt and a \$20 e-gift card. See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the 20 residents who participated last month on Jan. 6. The honor roll is as follows: Ann Messina, Anna Foss, Audrey Fontaine, Carl Turner, Cathy Dentry, Debra Clarkson, Elena Goletz, Elizabeth Aposhian, Geralyn Brisley, Hazel Jennings, James Goletz, Jennifer Harrison, Molly MacMurray, Patricia Fleig, Paul Flynn, Reginald Jennings, Roseanne Shevchenko, Sandra Johnson, Sandra Martin, Sherry McDonald.

Thank you for saving lives!

**Food Truck Night**

Come join the fun at the next OTOW Food Truck night on Wednesday, March 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. (There is no Food Truck Night in February).

Make new acquaintances, or reconnect with friends and neighbors, and enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.

It all happens at the East Activity Center north parking lot near our beautiful EAC Pavilion area!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information, including the participating vendors, will be announced in the March newspaper, on the community website and on flyers to be posted at your building and Activity Centers.

**Become a Lunch Pal Mentor  
in a Pinellas County School**

In my role as Activity Manager for On Top of the World, I have met, literally, thousands of interesting and accomplished people who would make the very best role models for future generations.

Therefore, I wanted you to know about a wonderful opportunity to help a child in need.

Become a Lunch Pal Mentor in a Pinellas County school. You can be the inspiration, laying the foundation and building blocks of hope through mentoring.

Meet with a student in person or virtually for 30 minutes once a week at lunchtime.

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Learn more and register for a virtual workshop at [www.lunchpals.org](http://www.lunchpals.org) or register to attend an in person workshop right here at On Top of the World to be held at the West Activity Center Learning Lab, Thursdays, Feb. 24, from 9-10:15 a.m. or March 24, from 3-4:15 p.m.

Register at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the OTOW community website at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). It's easy. Just click on Nancy's Bulletin Board, scroll down to find the Lunch Pals flyer and click on the registration link.

You can Follow Lunch Pals on Lunch Pals Mentoring - it's easy, fun and impactful!

Pinellas County Schools will provide the mentor training and they have a monthly virtual coffee hour for mentors, and they provide numerous resources to help you build a meaningful relationship with a student.

**Important news about AARP  
and IRS free Tax Prep Assistance**

I have contacted AARP and the free tax aide sites will not be announced until after this newspaper has been sent to print.

As of Feb. 1, to find a Tax-Aide location near you, go to: [aarp.org/TaxHelp](http://aarp.org/TaxHelp), click on the "Chat" icon, fill out the form, and type in

Find a Tax-Aide location.

Tax service and date of opening depend on local COVID-19 spread and volunteer availability, which may change on short notice, so be sure to check the site locator before heading to an appointment.

You can also file your taxes online using free software.

Go to [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) to get started!

If you're not eligible to use the free software offered through Tax-Aide, you may still qualify for other IRS Free File offers: Go to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) and select File Your Taxes for Free.

How does online tax preparation work? These services are provided through the Free File Alliance, a nonprofit coalition that partners with the IRS to offer several tax software options. The software is provided by either TurboTax or OnLine Taxes and is available for federal and state tax

Once again, On Top of the World will NOT be a Tax Aide site because AARP has seen a sharp reduction in volunteers over the last few years and reduced the number of site locations. More information on AARP tax site locations will be listed in my March column.

**Library Now Open Two Days**

Good news! Your On Top of the World community library will now be open two days a week starting on Feb. 7.

Open hours will include 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The library offers a variety of books, including new arrivals.

**Activity Office and  
Reservation Process**

The Activity Office operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – noon and 12:30-3 p.m. Reservations are processed Monday through Thursday.

In other words, it is not possible to make a reservation for the upcoming weekend on a Friday. Please keep this in mind in planning your events or activities.

Approved residents and approved tenants may reserve the facilities for their celebrations. The pavilion is part of the facilities and a reservation is required.

The pavilion seats 50 and if you are planning to have food, a refundable deposit is required in the form of a check only, made payable to "SCA" for \$100.

However, the seven (7) grills and picnic tables located at Pavilion Park can be enjoyed first come, first serve without a reservation (small groups only).

Residents and guests may not bring lawn chairs or any type chairs to the facilities either inside or outside.

**Activity Card Renewal**

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

Activity Cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

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

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## ‘That other Toy Shop’ has been very busy, too



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Santa’s Toy Shop isn’t the only factory busy making toys during the pre-winter months.

The On Top of the World Toy Shop gets very busy, too, and you probably didn’t even know we had one.

The ancient art of creating wooden toys lives on in our community as members of the Wood Shop, and friends, work together year round to create and paint the toys.

Who said kids only like computer games?

These photos are proof youngsters also enjoy playing with toys made out of wood and this is an annual tradition at our own Toy Shop.

The children shown here are from Countryside Christian Preschool, which teaches more than 250 children, ages infant to 5.

The school’s mission is to provide families in the community with a safe and loving environment in a Christian atmosphere. They do this by providing an early childhood educational program which develops spiritual, social, emotional, physical and academic growth.

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# Raise the curtains - Jesters are ready!

By Evelyn Flam

Showtime is almost here!

Mark your calendars to see The Jesters' show, "A Funny Thing Happened On Broadway . . . Featuring The Music of Stephen Sondheim and Carole King."

Tickets are available from your Jesters neighbors who'll be knocking on your door. Or you can stop by the East Activity Center auditorium on a Monday or Thursday morning between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to buy tickets for you and your friends.

And, yes, tickets are still only \$5 each and will be available at the door.

If you need more information call Lillian Foy at 609-489-1400 or Evelyn

**Feb. 11, 12, 13**

Flam at 727-797-1761.

The show will be an upbeat, fast-paced look at the music of Stephen Sondheim and Carol King performed by today's Jester performers.

So be prepared to enjoy song, dance and comedy performed by our wonderful new talent, who along with our "old timers" are having a ball getting the show ready.

The schedule is Friday evening - Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday evening - Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.

If you would like to join the Jesters let us know. You can find out more by contacting me at 727-797-1761, or by calling our Membership Chair Lillian Foy at 609-489-1400.

I again leave you with another example of old pun humor . . . "There was a kidnapping at school yesterday. Don't worry, though - he woke up."

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our show so we can get together "Jest for Fun!"



**Jesters**

# Yay! Theater Workshop is rehearsing!

By Vicki Portsmouth

Here we are!

OTOWians have jumped head-first into 2022!

It is a satisfying feeling to put the old year behind and look forward to what lies ahead as January ends its term and February moves us along toward spring.

Theater Workshop cast members have dusted the piano keys, and pulled out their boxes of costumes and props as they dig into the script and hone their stage skills.

Member Susan Carlson has kept the club's many dance and show costumes ready for any kind of production.

Rehearsals have begun.

The cast has been given their assignments.

The first reading of the show script is always fun for our members. It gives each a chance to think how they can "get in character" and add their own twist to their parts.

Singers start to perfect their music alongside our favorite piano accompanist,



## Theater Workshop

Bob Groves, a long-time friend at On Top of the World.

Dancers polish their steps through the choreography of Amy Green and Ann Kilcup.

In Theater Workshop, the show will go on.

Our production this year has a humorous twist compared to past years. Visitors from far away, with their strange ways and strange vehicles, send us on a



The Theater Workshop production staff takes notes during a rehearsal in January. The show is coming up in March.

mission for musical merriment.

And what mode of travel do they use?

"2022: A Space Oddity, Close Encounters of the Friendly Kind" will introduce our new space friends to some of the music we at OTOW grew up with.

We hope the lessons they learn from us will make their planet as great as our Earth!

And will they take it to another step

to "make their own kind of music?"

Stay tuned! There's more to come!

Contact Lori Gerstein at lgcounselor@gmail.com or Vicki Portsmouth at vickyportsmouth@hotmail.com or 727-726-1848 for membership information.

Please check our Box Office webpage for information on Theater Workshop and our plans. (otowboxoffice.com.)

# Get Acquainted Coffee returns Feb. 10 with live entertainment and snacks

By Jesse Tiamson

As the On Top of the World community is starting to open up gradually with its activities, the Good Neighbors Association is excited to go back to what it used to do.

We will be back to occupy our information table during the club table sales every Monday and Thursday.

On Feb. 10, we will again host the Get Acquainted Coffee starting at 9 a.m. This will give new residents a chance to learn about the many things this community has to offer.

Nancy Rogers, of SCA, was able to book an entertainer, Chris Raymond, for this coffee hour.

We will also start selling tables for the upcoming Good Neighbors Flea Market and Craft Fair scheduled on Saturday, March 26. Tables can be purchased for \$20 on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center auditorium.

As we go back to these activities, we will be needing more volunteers for upcoming events.

We also would like to encourage residents to become part of our board. If you are interested, please contact our secretary, Sue Trost, at (609) 592-9879 for more info.



# Chorus says, ‘let the music begin!’



## Chorus

By Dana Garlick

Things are looking up for the On Top of the World Chorus!

Many members over the past years are not with us any longer and our membership numbers have become small. But finally, after the long hiatus from our practices, we were able to meet once again in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.

The officers and members of chorus were pleased to meet and greet 12 new members. The soprano section will have Angie DiRocco, Kelley Lewis, Faith Bebe, and Sylvia Rieder. The alto section welcomes Linda Guevel, Tina Jarrard and Audrey Strong. Remo Melucci and Bill Houser will help build our tenor section, and Laurie Fisher and Charles Kovarik will add their voices to the bass/baritone section.

We were so pleased to see all these



OTOW Chorus holds its first rehearsal in two years.

new people and hope that many more will come back or join in the coming weeks as we prepare for our concert to be held on April 2 and 3.

I think the concert will reflect our joy for being back and our love for this country of ours. We have been through much these last few years and we are seeing the need for things that bring us together.

Hopefully the songs of our nation

and the words that inspired the music will touch the hearts of all who hear us in April.

Our tickets for the concert will go on sale soon and will be \$5 a seat. We have open seating. We will be selling the tickets in the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and our chorus members will also have them to distribute as well. Don't hesitate to ask

one of them for tickets.

In the meantime, we will continue to practice in the Oldsmar Room on Monday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. and on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

We always have room for more singers, so if you'd like to stop in and check us out, please do. Your heart will smile!

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# Pizza Party set for Feb. 16

The Italian-American Club wishes to thank all of you who attended our Christmas Party.

We also wish a heartfelt thank you to those volunteers who helped with the setup and cleanup after the party.

We could not have done it without you.

Please welcome our two new board of directors: Lou Cenatiempo, vice president and Will Peterson, secretary.

The next club event will be a Pizza Party to be held on Feb. 16, at 5 pm. It will be held in the East Activity Center.

We will be serving Caesar salad, and you will be able to have two extra large



**Italian-American Club**

slices of pizza. You will have your choice of cheese, pepperoni or vegetable pizza. It is a bring your own beverage event and

one can of soda, coffee and cookies will be provided by the club. There will also be a disc jockey for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Our biggest event of the year, The Saint Joseph Dinner/Dance, will be held on Wednesday March 16, at 5 pm in the East Activity Center.

The dinner menu, provided by Mama Felice, will consist of rotini pasta, chicken and eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, vegetable medley, salad and Saint Joseph pastry, plus BYOB. Coffee will be provided by the club. Our DJ will be Dino. The cost for this event will be \$25 for members and \$28 for non-members.

Our final event of the season will be

our Farewell Ice Cream Social on April 13. It will be held in the East Activity Center and we will let you know how much the event will cost as soon as it is determined by the board.

Tickets for this event and all future events will be sold on Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. You can also renew your membership or join the club at the time for \$5 for the year.

Remember you don't have to be Italian to become a member. However, you must have a valid On Top of the World Activity Card.

Volunteers to help with each event are always welcome.

## Organizational meeting taking place for new social group for residents 55-65

Everyone knows On Top of the World has a Baby Boomers Club, but what club do you join if you are not old enough to be a Boomer?

An organizational meeting will be taking place 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Pavilion for a new group not quite old enough to be a Boomer.

We'll call this group "The Forgotten Boomers Group."

The meeting is being organized by OTOW resident Gary Zimmerman and is an opportunity for 55-65 year olds to get together to socialize. This is not a group for just singles. This group is open to anyone. At the initial get-together, discussions will take place on different activities everyone would be interested in doing together. This could be as simple as happy hours or a day at the beach. There are no bad ideas.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, contact Gary at (862) 329-9218.

## Philosophy Club is back

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



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# Computer Club volunteers enjoy assisting residents with basic concerns

By Joe Wisinski

Many On Top of the World residents know that the Computer Club provides free technical assistance to anyone who needs it.

Several club members are available to assist residents each Wednesday morning in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center.

Services include teaching computer skills, resolving issues and computer repair if feasible. Assistance is available for computers, tablets and smartphones.

The club members who provide assistance say they find satisfaction in helping other OTOW residents.

"Whether you're a Computer Club member or not, we really enjoy helping you resolve your laptop, phone or tablet issues," said Scott Mascitelli, one of the help session regulars. "We're looking forward to seeing you there."

Some of the issues the club



## Computer Club

has dealt with in recent weeks were:

- Removing malware
- Updating applications
- Installing a laptop battery
- General cleaning for better performance

All services are free.

To receive assistance, come to the Learning Lab between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on Wednesday. The club encourages people to come as early as possible so they



Joe Wisinski, right, helps Computer Club member Andy McEvoy with an iPad issue.

have maximum time to help. Only OTOW residents are eligible.

### About the Computer Club

The On Top of the World Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 using the

Zoom virtual meeting platform.

Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers.

Time is also made available to ask questions. Email the club at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

For residents who have in-home computers that require service, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service.

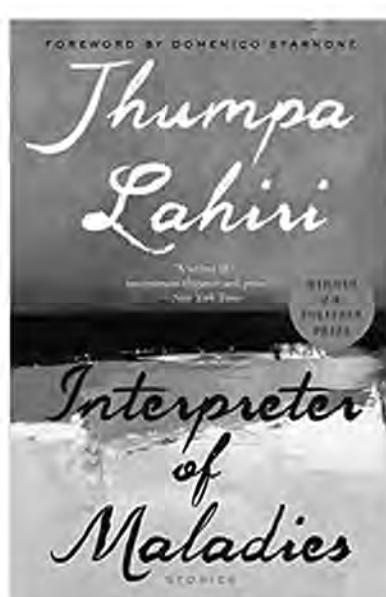
However, the club can offer assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions may also be sent to the Computer Club at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com).

You can also email the club for more information at that address or click on the link in the OTOW box office, [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

## Good Karma Book Club

Masks  
are still  
required  
in rooms.



10 a.m., Thursday, February 17

"Eliza Hamilton: The Extraordinary Life and Times"  
By Tilor J. Mazzeo

10 a.m., Thursday, March 17  
"The Underground Railroad"  
By Colson Whitehead

Space in the Crystal Beach Room will be limited and safety guidelines will be in place.

For more information, see our Webpage on the Box Office:  
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#### Sprouts

Fridays 8:15 a.m.

#### Aldi

Fridays 10:30 a.m.

This is a temporary change to our normal bus schedule.

The locations and times above are subject to change.  
Watch OTOW-TV, The Box Office and Nancy's Bulletin Board  
to learn when the normal bus schedule has returned.

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# AROUND THE BAY

Entertainment by Laurie Fischer

By Laurie Fischer

Well, here we are... February, the month of love!

With Valentine's Day on the 14th, this is a wonderful time to take a loved one or a friend to see some of the great entertainment in our area.

The Musical "Dear Evan Hansen" will be presented at the Straz Centre in Tampa from Feb. 1-6 with music and lyrics by Benj Pasek.

The musical has its origin based on an incident that took place during Pasek's high school years at Friends' Central School. The story follows Evan Hansen, who invents an important role for himself, in a tragedy that he did not earn.

"Dear Evan Hansen" has struck a chord with audiences and critics alike.

On Feb. 5, A Gala Evening with Josh Groban takes place at the Mahaffrey Theater in St Petersburg.

Josh is one of the best known American singers, songwriters and performers. His first four solo albums have been certified multi-platinum and he was charted in 2007 as the number-one best selling artist

in the United States with over 22.3 million records.

Hot Tuna Acoustic makes an appearance in St Petersburg at the Capitol Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 6. Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady are living legends of American music having been inducted to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for their time with Jefferson Airplane.

For the past five decades, Hot Tuna has played, toured and recorded some of the best and most memorable acoustic and electric music ever. Hit songs include "Death Don't Have No Mercy," "Keep On Truckin," "Hesitation Blues" and "True Religion."

Alice Cooper will be performing at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Monday, Feb. 7. An American rock band formed in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1964, Alice Cooper was notorious for their elaborate, theatrical shock rock stage shows. In 2011, the original Alice Cooper band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Known as the architect of shock rock, they have rattled the cages and undermined the authority of generations of guardians of the status quo, continuing to

surprise fans and exude danger at every turn like a great horror movie.

To this day, Alice Cooper concerts remain a "not-to-be-missed" attraction.

Deep Purple takes to the stage on Feb. 12 at the Mahaffrey. They are an English rock band which formed in London in 1968. They are considered to be among the pioneers of heavy metal and modern hard rock, but their musical approach has changed over the years.

Originally formed as a psychedelic rock and progressive rock band, they shifted to a heavier sound with their 1970 album Deep Purple in Rock.

Together with Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath, Deep Purple has been referred to as the "unholy trinity of British hard rock and heavy metal in the early to mid- seventies.

"The Prom" plays at the Straz Center from Feb. 15-20. This joyous Broadway hit was called "smart and big-hearted" by New York Magazine while The New York Times declared it "makes you believe in musical comedy again!"

"The Prom" is a new musical comedy about big Broadway stars on a mission to change the world and the love they discover that unites them all.

Tapestry: A Tribute to Carole King is at the Mahaffrey in St Petersburg on Feb. 17 featuring music created by one of the musical geniuses of our time. If you like Carole King's music, this is sure to be a great evening out

Then the following evening, for Elton John fans, "The Rocket Man Show" takes to the stage at the Mahaffrey on Feb. 18.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, Arielle will make her Clearwater debut at Ruth Eckerd Hall in support of her latest Album, "Analog Girl in a Digital World."

She has made a name for herself opening and playing with well-known artists and groups like Heart, Graham Nash,

Guns N' Roses, Gregg Allman, and Keith Urban.

Opening on Feb. 24 and running until March 13 is the well-known and much-loved Musical "Cabaret" which will take place at Francis Willson Playhouse in Clearwater as part of its 92nd season.

The winner of seven Tony Awards and four Oscars, "Cabaret" is a fascinating look at Berlin in the late 1920s.

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Brett Michaels is bringing his "Concert With A Purpose" featuring special guests Warrant and U.S. Army Veteran and "Dancing With The Stars" alumni Noah Galloway.

Brett is an American songwriter, singer, and musician and became well-known when he was the lead singer of the glam metal band Poison. This is a band that sold more than 15 million records across the U.S. and 40 million records globally.

This performance is part of Brett Michaels' lifelong commitment to philanthropy and proceeds from the concert will benefit the local Florida chapter of the 50 Legs Foundation.

Brett is a lifelong diabetic first diagnosed at the age of 6. This is Michael's first public Florida appearance in two years!

An advance "Heads Up" for my readers that the world-famous American rock band, Bon Jovi, is coming to Tampa's Amalie Arena on Friday, April 15.

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# There is more behind the scenes than just line dancing and cardio workouts



By Hope Tera

If you peek in at one of our Moving 'n Grooving Club classes, it all looks so seamless.

Or glimpse at one of our parties and it just seems to flow so naturally.

But behind the scenes, there's plenty of effort that goes into the final product. There are lots of little elves working their magic.

Take Barbara Wong, for instance. Barbara is our club's designated interior designer. She gladly obliges to decorate the auditorium for our club's parties. Regardless of the holiday, Barbara has a treasure trove of decorations, which she assembles in such a beautiful way. We are very grateful!

And to capture the joy on film, we've got Cheryl Friesen, our incredibly gifted photographer. The photos tell the story of each celebration.

I could go on and on, but there are too many elves to name.

There are helpers who ... guide the students as they dance, set up the audio equipment, create the highlight reels from our parties, manage the paperwork, suggest new dances, etc.

The list goes on and on.

Included in our list of talented volunteers are The Star Shine Singers, our cho-



Pictured above are The Star Shine Singers choral group which entertains at Moving 'n Grooving sessions during breaks. From left to right on top are Debbie Mayo, Howard Wolff, Valerie Martin, Kathy Murray, Bella Houser, Gina Burke, Laurie LeClaire, Barbara Wong, Abby Doronizio. In front are Betsy Johnston and Linda Callison. Absent was Sheila Bonomo.

ral group. When they take a break from dancing, they entertain us with their melodic tones. And their musical accompaniments (triangles, bells, maracas, etc.) add just the right pizazz to their performances.

Our club is comprised of a remarkable group of residents who have come together to share our joy of dancing ... line dancing and/or cardio dancing.

If you'd like to check out an inclusive line and cardio dance club that

teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun, and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope Tera at 914-217-9206, email her through [movingandgroovingtow.com](http://movingandgroovingtow.com), or come to any one of our classes to try it out!

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). Look for our logo.

Our schedule of classes for 2022 is as follows:

#### Line Dancing in the Auditorium

Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m., Level 1, Easy 1 Wall.

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Levels 2/3,

Beginner/Advanced Beginner.

Fridays, 1-2 p.m., Level 1, Easy, 1 Wall.

Fridays, 2-3:30 p.m., Levels 2/3,

Beginner/Advanced Beginner.

#### Cardio Dancing in the Exercise Room

Mondays, 1 - 2 p.m.

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 11:30 - 12:30

Saturdays, 11 - 12 (Auditorium)

Saturdays, 12:30 - 1:30, Cardio Dance Lite

# New York-New Jersey Club hosts first party in auditorium since pandemic period

By William Peterson

We are happy to say that our Southwest Night was a big success with 53 members in attendance thanks to Denise, our DJ, and the delicious food provided by Mama Felice.

It was the first event in the reopened East Activity Center auditorium.

Our next event, Sports Night, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m., in the EAC. Wear something to represent your favorite team if you can, but it is not required. Feast on meatballs and chicken parmesan provided by Mama Felice and enjoy entertainment by the KP Duo. Price for the event will be \$23 per person.

Don't forget that Saturday, March 3, we are participating in the OTOW Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are in need of members to come out and walk

with us in the parade. So wear some St. Patrick's Day green and come out and join all of us for a fun day. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Other activities will be posted as they are put together by your board. Tickets for all activities and membership will be available every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Remember that you must have a valid Activity Card to join any club here at On Top of the World.

The New York/New Jersey Club is for anyone who lives at On Top of the World and not just those residents from New York or New Jersey. Our board looks forward to seeing everyone at our events and of course in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays.



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# A lot takes place before the first left foot moves at Snowbirds Line Dancing

By Dale Stackhouse

Between 8:15-8:30 a.m. on most Wednesday mornings, people start to arrive at the East Activity Center eager to meet and greet friends and get ready to line dance.

What you may not be as aware of is the preparation that goes on ahead of time, as well as during class, by a number of great volunteers.

Sue Pall and Debbie Mayo are always on site by 8 a.m. to help with whatever needs doing, whether that be setting up a table and chairs for the music equipment, or laying out flyers for upcoming events, as well as free OTOW maps for newcomers to our community.

Sue is usually in charge of taking attendance by periodically checking the floor and writing down names.

At 8:30, dancers are summoned to the floor by the opening strains of "Hula Hands," and instructor Jan Springer takes her place in front of the stage to guide everyone through what Ed Foland calls the "Hawaiian sign language" associated with the song.

It is always a fun start to the class and we applaud Jan for being such a faithful leader.



When beginners instructor, Ed, greets the class, Debbie goes up on the stage, where she clearly demonstrates each step and touch as explained by Ed. We can also rely on Debbie to count us in to the starting point of the dance.

Sue remains on the dance floor to provide an extra pair of feet to watch, while other volunteers position themselves at the back and sides of the room, so that in dances with turns there is always someone to watch.

It is this "well-oiled machine" that enables class to run smoothly and we are grateful for each and every helper. (The pay scale is not great!)

Classes are now open to all who would like to come and check us out, every Wednesday morning at the East Ac-



Debbie Mayo, left, and Sue Pall are a couple of the excellent volunteers for the Snowbirds line dance classes.

(Photo by Ed Foland)

tivity Center. We promise a fun time, and good exercise, for the brain as well as the body.

Beginners class is from 8:30-9:30 a.m., with Ed Foland. Advanced Beginners is from 9:30-10:30 with Dolly Foland teaching.

Improver dances are from 10:30-11:30.

We are not charging any of the usual club dues for this season, but we do respectfully ask that you be fully vaccinated before attending Snowbirds classes, and preferably wear a mask.

## Candidate for Congress speaks at Republican Club meeting



At the Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting in January, residents listened to guest speaker Christine Quinn, who is running for Congress.

Christine is a Pinellas County businesswoman and civic leader, according to her website.

Christine graduated from California State University, Fullerton, with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Child Development with a minor in Biological Science.

She was inspired by her parents to be civically active, volunteering for Catholic Charities and Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign.

Also at the meeting were Debbie Buschmann, who is running for Pinellas County Commission, and Jim Vricos, who is running for Florida House.

Christine Quinn

Jim Bjorgo, also a member of the Irish Club, spoke about the upcoming parade on March 5. The Feb. 8 meeting will be the last chance to discuss the parade before the actual event. Jim is asking for marchers and convertibles.

Club elections will take place in March.

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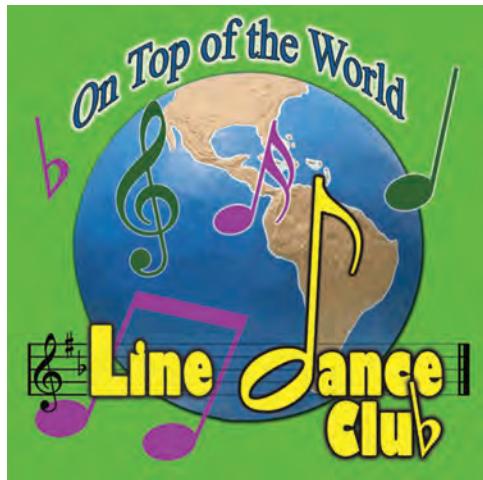
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# Come to Line Dance class and meet our instructors



By Leila Walker

Let's introduce the On Top of the World Line Dance Club instructors.

These ladies can be seen on Tuesdays and Saturdays up on the stage teaching the dances.

Ute Scheibe started line dancing in August 2013. She felt she had two left feet and would never be able to know the steps by heart or to even remember how to start a dance!

Six months later she volunteered to help Sheila Bolster teach the beginner class by dancing in the back of the room so when dancers turned they would see her demonstrating the steps.

By this time, Ute had joined the 7 a.m. class taught by Carol Babini. That was the beginning of her love affair with line dancing. Carol's way of teaching was so effective that Ute found her passion for line dancing.

Ute's goal in teaching line dancing is to transfer her enthusiasm and passion for the music and dancing to her students. She feels that line dancing is an excellent way to exercise your mind and body. It enhances memory, balance, and coordination.

Dale Stackhouse has been line dancing about eight years and has been teaching line dancing for three years. Her philosophy of teaching line dancing is the



The driving force behind the On Top of the World Line Dance Club are the ladies above. From left to right are Ute Scheibe, Dale Stackhouse, Dolly Foland and Leila Walker.

same as when she was in the classroom. She wants to be as clear as possible and be sure everyone understands each step. The challenge, she says, is in finding the right balance between going too fast or too slow. She looks for feedback from students to see how they are doing.

Dale loves the challenge of learning new dances as well as enjoying the dances she already knows. Starting line dancing was a lucky accident for her. She learned from a friend in Dancercise about the Snowbirds Line Dance Club. She joined and was hooked! Then she learned there was an OTOW Line Dance Club so she joined that group, too.

Dolly Foland has been line dancing for 28 years and has been teaching line dancing for 27 years. Line dancing was so much fun for Dolly that she wanted others to join her and experience the fun.

When teaching a dance, Dolly goes over the steps several times to make sure everyone is comfortable. When the music starts, she watches the students to see if they have the steps. If she notices students are struggling, she has DJ Ed stop

the music and she goes over the steps again. She often teaches the same dance twice. Many of her students have indicated they like having the opportunity to do the dances twice. She wants to make her students feel comfortable and enjoy what they are doing.

Dolly says she truly enjoys line dancing and loves seeing the smiles on her student's faces when they can do the dances.

Leila Walker has been line dancing for six years and has taught line dancing for 5.5 years. When she moved to OTOW, she was looking for activities that she would enjoy. She joined the OTOW Line Dance Club, attended the beginner classes, taught at that time by Sheila Bolster, and would stay for the more advanced classes and attempt to follow. She learned there was a 7 a.m. practice class taught at that time by Carol Babini. Carol encouraged her to learn to cue the dances!

Leila's philosophy of teaching is the same as when she taught high school. You introduce new subject matter in small increments and practice until every student gets it. In dancing it is repeat, repeat and

repeat!

Attend OTOW Line Dancing classes yourself and meet these instructors, who will guide through learning the steps for line dancing. You will soon be as passionate about it as these gals are!

The OTOW Line Dance Club offers regular classes on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

From 1-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, an Advanced Beginner session is being offered. From 2-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, an Improver session is offered for more experienced line dancers.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 1-3 p.m., there will be a Valentines Party! We will dance to romantic music. You are encouraged to wear red and experience the love of dancing. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at [Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com](mailto:Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com) or text/call 443-845-7842.

## Social Games and Blackout unite as single activity

By Connie Stanley

Canadian Club Social Games and the Blackout Club have united to form a single activity under the Canadian Club umbrella.

Social Games/Blackout will function for a full 12-month period, annually, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

The coordinator for the Social Games/Blackout activity is Tom Jamrozy with Edie Ryczek serving as assistant coordinator.

The Canadian Club Executive Committee is reviewing the circumstances regarding the pandemic on a month to month basis and activities will be posted accordingly on OTOW TV channel 732, Canadian Club Facebook page [www.facebook.com/otowcc](http://www.facebook.com/otowcc), club webpage on the OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)) and email blasts to members.

The Canadian Club will participate



in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 5 honoring Mike Cooper - please sign up with Coordinator Jackie Cornett Small at [jcornettsmall@gmail.com](mailto:jcornettsmall@gmail.com) if you'd like to



Pictured above is a scene from Social Games/Blackout in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. We moved indoors again in January. Enjoy!

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# This month's party is red - next month green

By Bruce Lovett

Lambda has been celebrating "Winter in Florida" every January for close to 10 years.

The members wear crazy winter hats and wool scarves while gently poking fun at our northern neighbors who are braving ice and snow.

This year there were a couple of changes. One being that instead of the second Friday of the month we celebrated on a Thursday due to availability of the Pavilion.

The second being that we celebrated outside in the Pavilion.

So instead of the hats and scarves being just fashion accessories, this year they were actually needed!

That Thursday turned out to be one of the coldest days of the week with the temperature dipping into the 50s before the festivities ended.

A new found respect was found for those who deal with anything colder on a regular basis.

Fortunately there were some hardy dishes such as chili and a spiked punch to chase the chills



Lambda needs very little to create a celebration. In this case, President Dave Beaven turned 70 and it was reason for a party. (Photo by longtime Lambda Historian Bob Groves)

away. Here's hoping that next year we are inside and the winter clothing is back to being purely ornamental.

February's social will also be on the second Thursday of the month, Feb. 10, at the Pavilion. Time has yet to be determined.

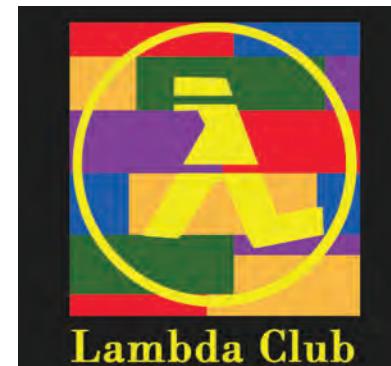
It's our annual "Red Party."

Please don't be fooled. The title has absolutely nothing to do

with politics.

It doesn't matter if you had relatives that were enemies of Joseph McCarthy, or if you're Canadian, had ancestors in The Red Party (Parti Rouge for our Francophile readers) that opposed confederation. Heck it doesn't even matter if you're from a red or blue state.

Lambda is a completely bi-



want to get the weekly shout-out that fills you in on upcoming activities.

It also lets you know if there are any birthdays coming up that week. The month and day of your birth is the only other thing you can voluntarily offer upon joining. It is assumed you are over 55, but at Lambda you are allowed to be as young as you feel.

And we love to celebrate, so knowing someone's birthday gives you a chance to celebrate with new friends or at the very least offer them warm wishes.

One member willing to share his actual age is our fearless leader Dave Beaven who recently turned 70. The cake, alone, a sinful chocolate affair with white icing, made the whole affair especially memorable.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends. Should you wish further information go to our Web page at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

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# Guest speaker is all for improving Clearwater

By Donna Lukas

February is the month for valentine gestures. So, share the love and kindness by getting your vaccines and booster shots and wearing your masks in public spaces.

I am sending a thank you to On Top of the World Democratic Club members who have renewed their membership by paying their \$12 dues for 2022. Also, thanks and welcome to all the new members who have recently joined our club.

We started the year with the return of monthly meetings at our usual time of 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. We are currently meeting in the Clearwater Room/Kitchen on the lower level of the East Activity Center.

Our guest speaker at the January meeting was a young, energetic and informative Maranda Douglas. She is a candidate for Clearwater City Council seat 4 in the upcoming March 15 election, which uses city-wide voting rather than specific districts. She is a Pinellas County native and University of South Florida business graduate who is proud to extend her commitment to community service.

Maranda has been a leader for several nonprofits and a champion for local businesses in Clearwater for over a decade. These experiences have inspired her to lead as an advocate for those who feel unheard.

On an economic issue, Maranda expressed support of the marina development, but was concerned about the use of



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an outside developer with less regard for local jobs.

"Small businesses are what drive our local economy. Let's work together to find innovative solutions that create an economic environment that works for everyone," she said.

Maranda commented, "Tourists see Clearwater as paradise. But Clearwater also needs to be a home where locals can thrive."

Maranda thanked us for inviting her to speak. She said, "I'm from the neighborhood and for the neighborhood. Clearwater is fortunate to have communities like OTOW that model what an empowered community looks like. A safe neighborhood with equitable access to resources for our 'seasoned' residents. I want to ensure Clearwater has more self-sustaining communities and more affordable housing to ensure a future for our growing popula-



Maranda Douglas speaks at the Democratic Club meeting in January.

tion of families. I look forward to helping plan for those resources as a member on Clearwater City Council seat 4."

For more information and to contribute to Maranda's campaign, visit [www.maranda4clearwater.com](http://www.maranda4clearwater.com).

Eric Lynn, candidate for U.S. Representative in the 13th Congressional District, will be a guest speaker at our next club meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 10. We will also be nominating new club officers at that meeting.

## Texas Card Game Club holds last outdoor tournament

The Texas Card Game Club held its second card tournament on Friday, Jan. 14, at the pavilion.

There were 14 players, who braved the outdoors and mid- to low-50 temperatures.

Dues were collected in the amount of \$5 per member for expenses and four new players joined to bring the total to 25 club members.

After four hours of poker, the final four decided to divide the prize pool. They were Joe DeChiaro (back left), Bill Whipps (back right), Patrick Delcore (front left) and Russ Bolin.

The club decided to host monthly tournaments which should take place on the third Friday of each month. The next tournament will be on Friday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. inside the East Activity Center. New members are always welcome to join before each tournament.

For more information, please contact Joe DeChiaro at [joegdechiaro@yahoo.com](mailto:joegdechiaro@yahoo.com).



In back, left to right, are Joe DeChiaro and Bill Whipps. Up front are Patrick Delcore and Russ Bolin.

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# Not too late to join the March 5 parade

By Barbara Rice

Irish eyes are smiling – because plans for the 26th St. Patrick's Day parade are well underway.

On Top of the World Irish Club members will once again treat residents and their guests to this longtime tradition on Saturday morning, March 5.

Step off is at 10 a.m.

The 2022 parade has been christened, "Mike's Legacy," in memory of Mike Cooper.

Mike coordinated the parade and follow-up party for 13 years.

Commemorative buttons with Mike's photo are being sold by the committee for \$2 each. Proceeds will help pay parade expenses.

Festivities will follow the parade at the East Activity Center back parking lot. Music and dancing will be at the top of the morning. Free beer and pretzels will be provided by the club. Hot dog and bratwurst lunches will be sold outdoors by the Good Karma Café.

The parade line up continues to grow.

The parade will begin when the smart stepping Dunedin High School JROTC soldiers snap into formation.

The iconic St. Andrews Pipes and Drums of Tampa Bay will again take command of the streets for the grand finale.

Many units will come in between.



**Mike Cooper buttons are on sale.**

The Countryside High School Band of Pride has accepted its invitation. A mermaid will swim in from Weeki Wachee. Classic cars are coming.

OTOW Baby Boomers Club and line dancers will entertain. The Night Riders bicycle club will make a daytime appearance. Flags will fly and veterans will be honored.

Many OTOW clubs will showcase their members on the parade route.

There is still time to create a parade entry if you, or someone you know, would like to join the lineup.

The committee is seeking convertibles to transport special guests in the parade. Do you have a spiffy vehicle you would drive in the parade?

The committee is also recruiting clowns for the parade. No experience necessary – just like to have fun.

Green is the color of the day. Invite the grandchildren. Scout out a spot for your chairs.

The parade marches from the upper end of World Parkway Boulevard by the golf course to the East Activity Center. Units feed into the main parade route

from the side streets located toward the very end of the World Parkway Boulevard. Therefore, you will want to sit south of Irish Lane to be sure to see all entries.

Contact committee chairpersons to participate in the parade or volunteer to help. Jim Bjorgo can be reached at 727-725-4048 and Tom O'Riordan at 845-664-0504.

Parade planning meetings are scheduled for Feb. 11, Feb. 25 and March 4 in the EAC Largo Room. All begin at 3 p.m. Representatives from local entries are asked to attend.

You can also help fund the parade and have fun at the same time. Irish Club is selling tickets for a lively evening of Irish dancing and music performed by the well known Byrne's Brothers on Feb. 24 at the EAC beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers.

The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance will be on March 3 in the EAC auditorium beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$28 each.

The Irish Club invites residents to join their club. Being Irish is not a requirement. Yearly dues are \$5.

Tickets and dues are sold on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the EAC. Ticket sales are used to pay parade expenses.

# Painting releases your emotions and stress

By Sue Naylor

"Art is what saves you."

This is what Art Guild speaker, Anna Sandoval, a registered Art Therapist, told a rapt group of budding artists at our club meeting on Friday, Jan. 14.

Anna pointed out that each of us is coping with various degrees of stress, anxiety and other challenges; it's called life.

Art offers an outlet for self-expression - a desire we all have within us. The expression of this creative dimension helps us take care of our emotional well-being. When painting, we release emotions which the image we create represents.

When we talk about our painting, we are thinking about our choice of motif, what the colors mean to us, and why we chose this subject and style.

In doing this, we create something which is uniquely personal and helps us get satisfaction, a sense of accomplishment and inner peace.

Art offers a healthy outlet which is safe and natural in a "no pressure" setting and allows us to discover things about ourselves.

Besides it's fun!

So, come to an Art Guild meeting on the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Largo Room and bring in one of your artistic creations. Guild members vote on the painting or photograph they prefer and an Artist-of-the Month is chosen.



**Art Guild**

Our next meeting is Feb. 11.

January's Artist of the Month is Ewa Pilarska with her "Lilacs in a Vase" painting. It is on display in the auditorium on the wall closest to the office. I can almost smell the lilacs.

Future speakers at the meetings will present works of Mayan arts and another will show you how to paint your pet. She will be using pastels but stresses that what she will discuss can be applied to any other medium, oil, acrylics or water color.

Our big art show will be on Sunday, March 6, the day after the Irish Parade. What a fun-filled weekend. Make sure you mark it on your calendars. The show will run from 1-4 p.m. and refreshments will be served at no charge.

A professional judge will award first, second and third places. Join the Art Guild and participate. You are good enough.

And art will save you.



**Artist of the Month Ewa Pilarska - "Lilacs in a Vase"**

# Do you have a buddy to check on you?

By David Beaven

Who's watching out for you?

We are thankful to all of our residents who do their part to make this a safe and enjoyable place where we live.

But let's not forget about ourselves.

We live in a retirement community for 55-plus people and most of us are definitely in the plus category.

Do you have someone who you can count on, who checks in with you and helps you out regularly and vice versa?

Then you're doing the right thing both for yourself and for your buddy.

Many of us have family living quite a distance away. Family members are the people who we are supposed to be able to count on. But sometimes we need help that can't wait.

Especially if you live alone, it's a good idea to open your life up to having a local friend or two. It's not that difficult. To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson: "In order to have a friend, you must be a friend."

There are many clubs and activities here that are available for you to join and meet people. The folks in these groups are there for that reason, too.

Closer to home, you have people in your own building who you see on a regular basis. Take some time to chat with them. Invite someone in for coffee. When you put out a hand, most people will put out theirs in friendship, too. It can change both your lives.

Neighborhood Watch consists of a group of residents here who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect.

To find out more, go to our official website: areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



# Press Association needs at least 10 staffers to march in parade

We need parade marchers!

The On Top of the World Press Association will be at the 2022 Irish Club parade on March 5 and staff will be needed to carry our banner down World Parkway Boulevard and pass out monthly newspapers.

Marchers need to be able to walk about one mile. At least 10 people are needed so the same individuals don't have to carry the banner the entire distance.

If you know you are going to participate with our club in the parade, send Doug Kates an email or attend the next Press Association meeting on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

At the last meeting in January, Doug went over several changes at the newspaper.



## Press Association

Assistant Editor Dave Hart has retired from the newspaper business after 15 years with OTOW News. Dave was

responsible for section 3 of the newspaper, plus he handled most of the financial duties.

Dave will continue to write the "25 Years Ago" column, but his presence in the office will be missed.

Entertainment Columnist Walter Balderson has announced he is retiring his column from our newspaper.

Walter, perhaps the only Academy Award winner in our community's history, started his column nearly 15 years ago. He wrote more than 180 columns on famous celebrities and Hollywood events.

Thank you Walter for sharing with us.

Proofreader Anne Younger, who was an employee at On Top of the World, always had the final say in making corrections to our newspaper. She helped keep the mistakes and typos out of the paper.

Anne has left OTOW and headed west. However, she has requested to remain a proofreader despite now being thousands of miles away. She will proof online. Thank you Anne for keeping your red pen!

Lastly, January marked the first newspaper produced by a new company. Suncoast Press is now creating our newspaper at their printing press near Sarasota. We welcome Suncoast Press to our family.

Reporters are reminded that the time to turn in stories starts with the first of each month. The very last day is the 15th.

Now, with Doug working solo for a while, it is crucial to have a steady flow of stories coming into the newsroom. If everyone turns in their stories on the 15th, it is going to create quite a problem. Thank you for turning your stories in early.

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women both welcome.

**Bonesavers**

## Explore metaphysics

Metaphysics is the study of the ultimate cause in the universe.

Metaphysics includes all religions, but transcends them all.

Basically metaphysics is religion without dogma.

A new club has been started at On Top of the World to teach, play, meditate, organize outings, invite in experts and just remember to Be Children Of God in joy and play!

Please consider joining our new club. Contact Laurie LeClaire at 727-265-1671 or email her at [otowoowoo@gmail.com](mailto:otowoowoo@gmail.com)

Meetings will take place in the kitchen (Clearwater Room) at the East Activity Center from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.



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# SPORTS

# Three teams now bat in one game

By Bob Rittner

Overheard in the dugout, "It's January and I'm in Florida playing senior softball. Life is good."

**2nd Time Sports 15**  
**West Siders 15**

With two outs and down two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, George Webb lashed a double into the gap to plate two runs for the tie.

The defensive stalwart of the game was second baseman Karen French who stole numerous hits away from batters.

**2nd Time Sports 13**  
**East Siders 9**  
**West Siders 2**

The hitting stars for the winners were Eddie Ramirez, Henry Zussman and Roger Martel each with perfect four-hit days. Henry clubbed two doubles.

For the East Siders, Roger Hebeler and Bill Holland were each 3-for-3. Bill smashed two doubles. In his first game back from the north, Terry Murphy drove in a run with a single.

The West Siders were stifled by Bill Lepping's excellent pitching, but Rick Champ starred with hits in both of his at bats.

## Softball

**East Siders 11**  
**West Siders 6**  
**2nd Time Sports 1**

Brilliant pitching by Guy Bertuzzi and Joe Maley, using all their veteran guile, held the powerful bats of 2nd Time Sports quiet while each contributed to the barrage of hits that led to scores in every inning.

The play of the game was Roger Hebeler's shoe-top grab of a deep fly ball, his glove cradling the ball with the fingers on the grass.

**2nd Time Sports 14**  
**West Siders 12**  
**East Siders 8**

Every game produces new heroes.

With two outs, Vicki French lashed a double down the left field line driving in two runs to bring her team within striking distance of the lead.

George Morgan raced to track down a long drive to center field to keep the tying run off base.

Guy Bertuzzi's perfect four-hit game drove in three runs and scored two in his team's two run victory.

**2nd Time Sports 14**

**West Siders 7**  
**East Siders 7**

Sometimes the key to victory is the bat, sometimes the glove and sometimes the arm. All three were exhibited in this game.

Great throws from third basemen Jim Kemp and Eddie Ramirez nabbed runners at first base by whiskers, critical to keeping runs off the board.

That does not overlook the great plays by second baseman Bob O'Donohue who short hopped a tricky line drive to set up one out and later snagged a sizzling ground ball to get another out.

Nor should we ignore running catches in the outfield by Bob Dembinski and Jim Costello, or a great throw from shortstop Mike Allen to Jim Tiano nabbing a runner at home.

The biggest blows of the game were Rich Strickrodt's five hits that included a double and triple, and George Morgan's two-run homer which helped the winning team to a comfortable lead.

**2nd Time Sports 11**  
**West Siders 5**

Rich Strickrodt made shortstop play seem effortless with perfect throws across the diamond that look casual. His remarkable defense, along with that of third baseman Jim Kemp and first baseman Wayne

Pall made the difference in the victory.

Each also had three hits that, together with Jim Tiano's four hits, offset Mike Allen's homer, Terry Murphy's run-scoring triple and Jim Costello's running catch of a sinking liner to left.

**2nd Time Sports 14**  
**West Siders 8**

No team had more than a three run lead until the bottom of the eighth inning when singles by Phil Goodwin and Jim Costello, followed by Jack Wright's two-run double and Bob Rittner's RBI single, expanded the lead to six.

**West Siders 13**  
**2nd Time Sports 10**

Hitting star Jim Costello's four hits drove in six of his team's 10 runs, but two doubles apiece from Reggie Phelan and Ron Childress, plus Eddie Ramirez's homer, and four hits by Bob Dembinski proved too much to overcome.

Wayne Pall also had a perfect four-hit day for 2nd Time Sports.

For information about our softball/stickball league, contact Bob Rittner at (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

# Tennis club elects officers for 2022

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club held their annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Pavilion.

There were 33 members in attendance as the club utilized both grills to cook hamburgers and hot dogs.

There was also potato salad, chips and cookies, as well as dressings for the meat.

President Joe DeChiaro started the meeting with opening remarks which were followed by the invocation by Vice President Bruce McMasters and then an updated financial report by Treasurer Bill Carey.

Other topics that were discussed at the meeting were safety protocol while playing tennis; the elimination of the competitive court; Christmas party planning for 2022; February tournaments and the planning of future club activities.

Finally, there were re-elections of board members. Each current board member was re-elected to a two-year term with the exception of the treasurer, Karen French, who was nominated and appointed.



The dues remained the same at the low cost of \$15 per member, which pays for the purchase of tennis balls and food for our meetings.

President Joe DeChiaro ended the meeting by thanking all new and current members for attending and continuing their membership in the club.



Tennis President Joe DeChiaro grills up burgers during a recent club meeting.

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President Dave Cox

Treasurer Lester Whynot

Trustee Jay Schwallie

Trustee Joe Dowe

Trustee Marc Schell

Missing is Vice President Ken Nield

## Four Flight A winners in four weeks

By Barney Hanrahan

Welcome to 2022.

Pictured above are the newly elected officers for the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association effective January 1, 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of them should you have any questions.

As we leave 2021, we can all reflect on the many things that happened and look forward to a productive year in 2022.

In wrapping up 2021, the following scores were presented in December. We look forward to 2022 and wish everyone much success.

### December 1, 2021

#### Flight A

First place was Gary Sandine 64, followed by Lester Whynot 65, Jim Anzalone, 66, Bill Higgins, 67.

#### Flight B

First place was Tom Petit, 61, followed by Buddy Sayer, 63, Dave Combs, 64, Tim Finan, 65.

#### Flight C

First place was Guy Bertuzzi, 63, followed by Ed Fox, 65, Alex Miller, 66, Dan O'Sullivan, 66.

#### Flight D

First place was Joe Ventimiglia, 55,

## Men's Golf

followed by Phil Perez, 63, Tim Palmquist, 64 Patrick Mahoney, 66.

### December 8, 2021

#### Flight A

First place was Jeff West, 62, followed by Daniel Morey, 63, Gary Sandine, 63, Mike Walker, 66.

#### Flight B

First place was Dave Combs, 61, followed by Mike Smith, 62, Doug Silver, 63, Roy Monteith, 64

#### Flight C

First place was Jim Mutscher, 55, followed by Ronald Murray, 61, Tom Sullivan, 64, Paul Farrell, 65.

#### Flight D

First place was Tim Palmquist, 56, followed by Joe Iacobaccio, 58, Joe Ventimiglia 60, Patrick Mahoney, 62

### December 15, 2021

#### Flight A

First Place was John Lewis, 60, followed by Jeff West, 61, Mike Walker, 63, Daniel Morey, 65.

#### Flight B

First Place was Doug Silver, 62, followed by Tom Pettit, 64, Dave Combs, 64, Jack Sousa, 65

#### Flight C

First Place was Ronald Murray, 61, followed by Guy Bertuzzi, 63, Bob Ellis, 64, Ron Lafond, 64.

#### Flight D

First Place was Joe Iacobaccio, 62, followed by Patrick Mahoney, 63, Tim Palmquist, 63, Darrel Collings, 66.

### December 22, 2021

#### Flight A

First place was Mike Schuyler, 62, followed by Jim Anzalone, 64, Daniel Morey, 65, John Taylor, 67.

#### Flight B

First place was Dave Combs, 58, Doug Silver, 61, Tom Pettit, 66, Jack Gow, 66.

#### Flight C

First place was Ronald Murray, 60, Gerald Morrisette, 61, Ron Lafond, 61, Harry Crawford, 62.

#### Flight D

First place was Joe Iacobaccio, 57, Joe Ventimiglia, 63, Phil Perez, 63, Tim Palmquist, 65.

December 29, 2021

#### Flight A

First place was David Saccone, 63, followed by Jeff West, 63, Jerry Fugatt, 63, Stanley Doran, 65.

#### Flight B

First place was Marc Schell, 60, followed by Dave Combs, 62, Jay Schwallie, 66, Ken Kield, 66.

#### Flight C

First place was Ronald Murray, 60, followed by Paul Farrell, 64, Tom Sullivan, 64, Jim Mutschler, 65.

#### Flight D

First place was Joe Iacobaccio, 59, followed by Phil Perez, 61, Tim Palmquist, 62, Roger Hebler, 70.

As indicated, all scores shown are net. If you want to see gross scores included next print let us know.

Enjoy the game.

In future publications we want to highlight more of your golf prowess and include many of the improvements made to the course by Todd Six and his people.

Also if anyone has photos they want to present while playing on the course please let us know.

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# Ladies 18-Hole Golf League schedules spring luncheon for March 23

By Gloria Sayer

I know this is only February, however, we are thinking spring time and there is nothing better than ladies attending a luncheon - cocktails and lunch anyone!

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Spring Luncheon is scheduled on March 23 at the beautiful Dunedin Country Club.

Arlene Hanson and Ursula Taylor, co-chairwomen, will be accepting reservations at the golf course prior to golf on Tuesdays Feb. 22, March 3 and March 8 from 7:15-8:15 a.m.

More information regarding the spring luncheon was posted on the bulletin board at the On Top of the World Golf Course on Feb. 1.

If you have any questions regarding the spring luncheon, you may contact Arleen Hanson at 763-516-8972 or Ursula Taylor at 716-510-2798.

I love the sound of spring and luncheons, don't you?

Our new slate of officers were presented and voted on at the previous general meeting held Jan. 25. The new offi-

## Ladies 18 Golf

cers for 2022-2023 are President Sherry Ivey; Vice-President Joy Walker; Secretary Donna Osborne and Treasurer Verna Lundgren. The new officers for 2022-2023 will be sworn in at the spring luncheon, March 23.

I would like to share the following Ladies 18-Hole golf net-score winners. Congratulations to everyone.

### December 14

Flight A: Becky West 41, Gloria Sayer 41, Ursula Taylor 43, Joy Walker 43, Kim Norried 45, Nancy Lo 45. Flight B: Rosemary Sabatino 43, Robin Goralczyk 44, Sherry Ivey 46. Flight C: Suellen Dowe 45, Linda Rice 46, Jackie Dolan 46, Rose Mulhall 48. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 was Rosemary Sabatino.

### December 28

Flight A: Ursula Taylor 59, Glo-

ria Sayer 63, Kim Norried 65. Flight B: Verna Lundgren 64, Sherry Ivey 66, Debbie Figaski 67. Flight C: Linda Rice 59, Suellen Dowe 66, Arlene Hanson 66, Joan Yorkery 68. Chip-in winners were Ursula Taylor No.2, Joan Yorkery No. 8, Gina Yoon No. 18. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 was Gloria Sayer. December 50/50 winner was Jill Orchard.

### January 11

Flight A: Ursula Taylor 62, Mary Bernard 65, Becky West 67, Gloria Sayer 67. Flight B: Verna Lundgren 63, Nancy Lo 66, Sherry Ivey 66, Rosemary Sabatino 70. Flight C: Arlene Hanson 67, Billie Pineau 69, Joan Yorkery 70. Chip-in winners Debbie Figaski No. 1 and Gloria Sayer No. 13. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 Rosemary Sabatino.

### January 4

Flight A: Dot Graham 66, Gloria Sayer 67, Joy Walker 67, Sharon Hackenmiller 68. Flight B: Rosemary Sabatino 63, Nancy Lo 63, Sherry Ivey 65, Suellen Dowe 70, Donna Osborne 70. Flight C: Rose Mulhall 63, Arlene Hanson 65, Billie Pineau 70. Chip-in winners were Rosemary Sabatino No. 2, Terry Kuplen No. 2, Sherry Ivey No. 10, Arlene Hanson No. 13. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 was Sherry Ivey. Rosemary Sabatino, 88 yards out on No. 2 holed an eagle, great shot Rosemary, congratulations.

We would love to have you join our league. If you are interested, please contact Membership Chairwomen Becky West at 727-301-8854.

Our February Chairwoman is Linda Rice 727-669-7853. Please call Linda to sign up for golf or to cancel golf play. You must have an updated activity card to join.

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League looks forward to participating in the On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Think about your outfit and go green ladies. See you on the links.

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WAC Belleair Room

See calendar on page 10 for Ruth's classes.

All classes are \$2



# SPORTS

**Scott Rogers ends year with a 56**

## Fred Schick wins extended 2020 golf title

By Ken Smith

Fred Schick is the 2020 Friday Mixed League Golf Champion.

Len Howell and Fred were tied going into the final week of the 2020 season that was extended due to the Covid-19 shutdown.

With a second place finish, Fred was declared the champion. Congratulations to both for a well-played season.

On Dec. 31, 2021, in Friday Mixed League play, Scott Rogers, playing from the Blue Tees, made nine birdies and nine pars for a score of 56. Congratulations Scott on a great round. Is this a new course record?

The Friday Mixed Golf League Committee met to set the calendar for 2022. Tournaments will be held on the second Friday of every month with the schedule as follows:

Feb 11: Two Person Shamble, pick your own partner or we will pick one for you.

March 11: Four Person Scramble - the committee will pick the teams.

April 8: Two Person 6-6-6 - pick your own partner or we will pick one for you.

The Match Play Tournament started on Jan 21 and will end on March 18.

Results from Friday, Jan. 7: First place was Ken Oatsvall with a plus 5. Second

## Friday Golf

place was Pat Mahony with a plus 4. Third place was Jahn Lawson with a plus 3. Fourth place was Dave Saccone with a plus 3. Fifth place was John Maloof with a plus 3. There was a match of cards to break the ties at plus 3. Closest to the pin on hole No. 3, was Don Campbell, on hole No.5 was Jahn Lawson, on hole No.6 was Bill Higgins, on hole No.9 was Dave Saccone, on hole No. 13 was Sam Baichoo, on hole No.15 was Joyce Majewski and on hole No 16 was Bill Lucci. Skins were recorded by Don Campbell on hole Nos. 2, 4 and 16, Don Hill on hole No. 9, Don Hahs on hole No. 10 and Dan Hyden on hole No. 13. Low Gross was Bill Higgins with 65.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide OTOW men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format, which 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 di-



**Fred Schick wins delayed 2020 golf title**

rectly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

Volunteers are needed to help run the

league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email [harrybarbin1@gmail.com](mailto:harrybarbin1@gmail.com).

## Golfers get a brand new table for meetings

By Kathy Ahrens

Thanks to Duane Anderson, Joe Miranda and Bob Patrick, the ladies 9-Hole Golf League has their new table!

This project was approved three years ago and finally got completed. Because of the pandemic, construction was put on hold.

Our carpenters, pictured at right, are members of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club here at On Top of the World.

Duane is from Greensboro, Pa. He's lived here for about eight years and is a retired carpenter.

Joe is from Tampa and is a retired postal worker. He's lived here for 20 years.

Bob is from Bolland, Ohio. He's a retired iron worker and has lived here for 10 years.

The ladies have been wanting a table for their outside meetings and social gatherings. They contacted these men three years ago and within one month of planning the men built this wonderful table.

Now we can fit all of our lady golfers and enjoy our beautiful table!

## 9 Hole Ladies



# Valentine's Day dinner for two



Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on Feb. 14.

It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to Feb. 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century.

According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have related it to the theme of love: an 18th century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution. Another addition is that he performed weddings for Christians soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

Here are a few romantic dinners for Valentine's Day

## Stuffed Pork Chops with Bacon-Maple Reduction

### Ingredients

Stuffed Pork Chops  
Two 2 inch bone-in pork chops  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup diced onion  
1 tablespoon oil  
2 pears, diced  
2 tablespoons seasoned salt  
1 tablespoon Rosemary  
Bacon-Maple Reduction  
3 slices thick bacon  
1 pear diced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup apple juice  
1/2 cup pure maple syrup  
1/2 cup dried cranberries

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rinse and pat pork chops dry.

Using a paring knife, slice pork chops lengthwise to make a pocket. In a medium saucepan, melt butter and add pears and onion; stir and cook 5 minutes. Add rose-



**Stuffed Pork Chops with Bacon-Maple Reduction**

mary and cook for 2 minutes.

Remove from heat, divide evenly between chops and stuff in pockets. Place chops in a baking dish, drizzle oil, and sprinkle with seasoning.

Bake for 40 minutes, or until chops reach 145 degrees. Allow to rest for 3 minutes before serving.

### Bacon-Maple Reduction

In a sauté pan, cook bacon slices, until crispy.

Remove from pan and let drain on paper towels. Crumble when cooled and set aside. Discard grease.

In the same sauté pan, add pear and garlic until golden brown, about 1 minute.

Deglaze the pan with the apple juice then add the maple syrup and cranberries.

Cook to reduce the liquid by half. Remember it will thicken as it sits.

Remove from heat, add the bacon to the sauce and drizzle over the pork chops.

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## Herb Goat Cheese Stuffed Chicken

### Ingredients

4 boneless skinless chicken breast  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
4 oz. herb goat cheese  
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella  
4 slices prosciutto ham

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Using a meat tenderizer, pound the chicken until 1/4 inch thick. Pat dry and liberally season it with salt and pepper on both sides. Place a spoonful or two of herb goat cheese on one end of each piece, top with a sprinkle of mozzarella cheese, and roll the chicken up, starting at the cheese-topped end. Wrap chicken with a slice of prosciutto and place in a baking dish seam-side down, so the prosciutto doesn't unravel.
3. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear when pierced with a knife.

### The Perfect Beverage

**Pinot Gris/Grigio:** It creates light, zippy, food-friendly white wines that do not clobber the palate with oak and alcohol.

### Cooking Tip

In the unlikely event I have any leftover wine, I like to pour it into ice cube trays. When I want a chilled spritzer, I put the wine cubes in a glass and pour club soda or sparkling water to create a wine spritzer that develops as the ice cubes melt.

## Steak with Creamy Mushrooms and Spinach

### Ingredients

12 ounce strip steak (1 1/2 inches thick each)  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
3 tablespoons olive oil divided  
4 cloves skin-on garlic, plus 2 cloves finely chopped, divided  
1 sprig rosemary, plus 1 teaspoon rosemary, divided  
12 ounces assorted mushrooms (oyster, shiitake, cremini), quartered  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1/2 cup white wine  
1 bunch spinach, thick stems discarded and leaves chopped  
1/2 cup sour cream

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Season steaks with salt and pepper. Heat a medium-size skillet over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon oil. Add steak, skin-on garlic, rosemary. Cook, turning once, until brown, 4 to 8 minutes.

2. Transfer skillet to oven, and roast the steaks to desired doneness, 3 to 6 minutes for medium, transfer steaks to a cutting board, loosely tent with foil, and let it rest at least 8 minutes before slicing.

3. Return skillet to medium heat. Add mushrooms and remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Season with salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and starting to brown, 6 to 8 minutes. Add chopped garlic and chopped rosemary until fragrant about 1 minutes.

4. Add mustard and wine. Cook, stirring, until thickened, 30 seconds. Transfer mushrooms to a plate. Add spinach to skillet and cook, tossing, until beginning to wilt, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in sour cream and mushrooms. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with sliced steak.

### The Perfect Beverage

**Zinfandel:** Rich and dense with intense fruit flavors and ample tannins.



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## Choice Steaks

The price of bone-in ribeye steak has increased nearly 44 percent in a year, according to the US Department of Agriculture's Retail Price Report that was released on Dec. 31, 2021. (i)

The same report indicates a boneless New York strip steak price increased 19 percent nationally over the same time period.

Many people consider the best cuts of beef to be those that come from the loin section, such as New York Strip, Porterhouse and Filet Mignon Steaks. The New York strip steak is the best-priced steak among this group.

The typical weight of a New York strip is around one pound. If you are one person, or a couple that likes smaller servings, it works well to cut the steak in half before cooking. Smaller servings are also a good way to compensate for the increasing price of meat.

The strip steak is from the short loin of a cow. (ii) It's a muscle (longissimus) that does little work, making the steak particularly tender. New York strip steak becomes a T-bone or a porterhouse steak when still attached to the bone and with a piece of the tenderloin also included. Strip steaks may be substituted for most recipes calling for the more expensive T-bone and porterhouse steaks.

Flatiron steak from the top blade chuck cut is a less-expensive alternative to New York strip steak. It is approximately 43 percent less expensive, according to the above referenced USDA report. Just be sure to avoid over-cooking it ... reverse sear helps achieve this.

Slice it thin and serve in steak recipes like stir-frys or steak fajitas. It is a cut of meat developed by research teams of University of Nebraska and the University of Florida. (iii) The flat iron steak gained popularity with restaurants across the United States in 1998.

### 6-ounce Serving

Steak calories	Total fat (grams)
NY strip	230
Filet Mignon	260
Rib-Eye	274

## Disclaimer

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.



# Reverse Searing

A talented chef has the secret to a man's heart — great food. A superb steak could be just the ticket for supper on Valentine's Day.

Have you heard about reverse searing?

Many of the best steak houses use it.

This features a low-and-slow time in the oven to ensure even cooking. You then create an appealing browned crust quickly on the stove top over very high heat — without overcooking the steak.

Reverse searing delivers tender and juicy steak, reliably cooked to perfection. But it is appropriate only if the steak (or pork chop) is at least 1 1/2 inches thick. A thinner steak will be over-cooked.

## Instructions

- Set steaks on a rack set in a rimmed baking sheet. Lightly salt each side. Leave it uncovered in the fridge overnight.
- Bring steaks to room temperature an hour before cooking to ensure the center of the steak is completely thawed. Generously season.
- Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Roast steaks until center of steak reaches 10 - 15 degrees below the desired serving temperature. For example:
  - About 25 to 30 minutes to 115 degrees for medium-rare steak or 25 to 30 minutes to 125 degrees for medium steak.
  - Don't be alarmed when the steak looks like a hunk of dead flesh when it comes out of the oven. This is where the next step comes in — searing! Heat a tablespoon of oil to a sizzle in cast iron skillet. Sear on all sides until deeply colored. For a smaller steak, this can take a minute or two. Larger cuts require five to eight minutes. Use tongs to turn the steak to avoid puncturing the meat with a fork.

## The Science

Meat cooked at a lower temperature will produce the most uniform doneness. It also gives you a large margin of error. This is why it is a fail-safe technique.

In the past, it was believed searing sealed in juices. No. Searing adds flavor because of the Maillard reaction. This is a chemical reaction between amino acids and sugars that gives browned food its distinctive flavor. Maillard effect becomes more pronounced at higher temperatures.

Moisture is the biggest enemy of a good sear. Any process that reduces surface moisture on a steak improves browning and creates a crispy surface. The cool, circulating air of the refrigerator will get it nice and dry overnight. The oven finishes drying the surface of the meat.

Then, with high heat on the stove top, the surface browns and crisps rather than steams. Searing at the end yields the best results.

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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Nearly 400 Shirley Temple dolls need to go to good homes where they will be cherished

By Cecile Sangiamo

Shirley Temple has taken up residence at On Top of the World!

Sort of.

New neighbor, Evelyn Edick, has brought hundreds of beautiful Shirley Temple dolls with her to our community.

The collection is part of a long love affair with the famous silver screen queen - many which Evelyn gathered with her husband, Sweeney.

This doll collection did not begin when Evelyn was a child!

Only after they brought up their family and moved from New York to Florida did the craze catch both of them at a Bradenton doll show.

Over the years they trav-

eled to doll shows all over Europe and the United States.

Since Evelyn and Sweeney both enjoyed Shirley Temple films, they couldn't help observing that Shirley dolls were everywhere. Slowly their collection began to grow - to almost 900 dolls.

Evelyn moved into the Victorian Building at OTOW a few months ago and no longer has the room for so many memories of Shirley Temple.

Evelyn has focused on downsizing and only has about 300 to 400 dolls remaining, along with videos, books, paper doll cutouts, all about Shirley Temple.

They all need new homes.

Shirley would like items in

her collection to go where they will be treasured and cherished.

If you are interested, see the classified section in this newspaper on page 61.

For Sweeney and Evelyn, life wasn't always about Shirley Temple.

They raised five children, including three boys and two girls, in Binghamton, N.Y. Presently there are seven adult grandchildren, nine great-grand kids and a new baby in the family, only 6 weeks old.

The Edick couple shared many business interests during their years in New York and Florida. Over their lives together, they partnered in a wide variety of businesses, sharing in both the administration of re-

tail establishments and hands-on day-to-day commerce such as sporting goods, growing and raising plants and pets.

Sweeney was able to build stores and counters with his carpentry skills. During the pet store period, they were given a most unusual creature: a penguin. This bird was quite large and became a popular member of the community.

Townspeople would come in the store just to visit him.

Their many businesses were so successful that they were able to donate generously to Hospice and Lighthouse Ministries.

Now Evelyn is settling down with us.





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Ken Roberts

## Who's the patriarch of your building?

Looking for a story for our Viking building, I thought I would investigate our oldest resident.

That is how I met Ken Roberts, who this June will be 101 years young.

Last July, in the On Top of the World newspaper, there was a lovely article for Ken's 100th birthday written by his daughter, Diana, who wrote of her father's interesting life.

So my article's angle will be on Ken's longevity.

I asked Ken how he thinks he has lived over 100 years now. His answer was "just lucky." But I think it is more than just luck. Ken was born in a coal mining town in Wales and served in the British Army as a machinist in WWII.

He met his wife in Egypt, where they were both stationed in the war. Ken still describes his "Mary" as a "good girl" and she passed away in 2009 after 64 years of marriage.

Ken's parents both lived into their 80s so good genetics may have had influence on his longevity, but there is more. Ken spoke fondly of his father being community-minded, involved in many clubs and Ken followed his example in his own life.

Exercise is a focus of Ken's life too.

Ken loved playing soccer. Mary and Ken were square dancers and lawn bowlers, too.



Today Ken is a Bucs fan and enjoys watching their games.

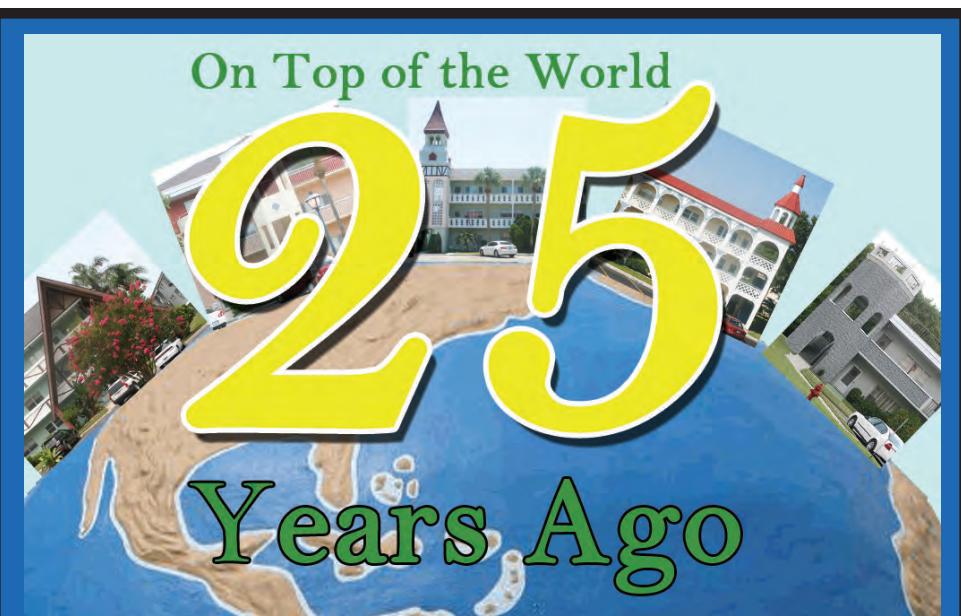
What about diet?

Ken said his favorite meal would be roast beef with potatoes and peas. His sweet tooth gets satisfied with M&Ms and KitKats.

As for alcohol, that is in moderation as in a little bit daily.

My feeling in spending this time getting to know Ken is that he is a likeable, friendly and easy to get along with man and maybe that is part of the secret to his long life, too?

I challenge other OTOW building reporters to find out their oldest resident and ask them about their secrets to longevity.



By Dave Hart

### February, 1997

- Columbia Association: On Feb. 16, 1997, we will have a Valentine Dance, the first given by this club. Bobby Rodriguez and Company will play for us. The price will be \$3.50 per person. Music from 7 to 10 p.m. It's BYOB – ice provided. On Feb. 6, 1997, at 11 a.m., our club will enjoy a meal at the Oldsmar race track. Celia Magro has done a great job again this year setting up A Day at the Races. For \$11.95 we will get free parking, a program, entrance into the Club House, and be served either roast pork with a light gravy or chicken Cordon Bleu.

- Great Lakes Club: The Musicana Dinner Theater's production of "The 1940s : When Radio was King," will be Friday, March 14, 1997. Their program covers nostalgic commercials, jingles, and music made popular by performers like Glen Miller, the Andrew Sisters and the Mills Brothers. Not only does Musicana offer outstanding entertainment, but there are dinner selections to tempt any palate.

- Thursday Mixed League: Team No. 7 is still hanging onto first place with Alice Markus, Marshal Biber, Dorothy Churchill and Joe Cassidy. Team No. 15 is in second place this week with Elizabeth Staneszewski, Rafala Klimecki, John Beres and Newton True. Team No. 6 is in third place with Betty Leiby, Elsie Gerhardt, Earl Biggs and Jim Harris. In the 500 or over series, Carl Leiby led the way with a big 574 including a nice 224, plus bowling 60 pins over his average.

- OTOW Horseshoe Club: The competition is getting tough with the standings constantly changing. The tough shoe award this week goes to Jim Schray. He keeps improving, but the won/loss column remains the same. The competitive Tuesdays are getting crowded, but everyone plays at least twice. We may need to extend competition to Thursdays. That's an issue for the next meeting.

- Chalet Building: You may have noticed that, with the financial support of our residents, we added two lighted reindeer to our Christmas display this year. Next Christmas we will try to purchase a third. The Lewis' once again headed to Ohio for a family Christmas, but just before they left, they had a visit from their son Darrell, and his new wife, Francoise, from Paris, France. We have a one-month visitor in the apartment owned by the late Freda Patterson. He is Bernie Rowe, from North Adams, Mass.

- Williamsburg Building: Birthdays this month of February are Marion Oliva and Katie Nodine. Happy birthdays, ladies! The Christmas lights are down and packed away for another year. The work went very smooth. We had many compliments on our building this year. Our first dinner at Kissin' Cousins was very successful. We all enjoyed sitting down after dinner and just talking about everything that came to mind with no actual business discussions. If anyone has any news, please let me know or write it on a piece of paper and I will be happy to pick it up.

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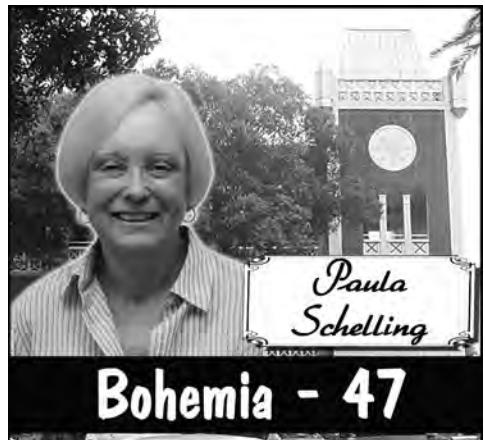
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*Len and Joan Picone move in and their son moves here too*

# Social events to be announced soon and it looks like a fun year ahead



The new year started with 11 hearty volunteers, coffee in hand, joining together to remove our beautiful building decorations.

Time was taken to organize and label boxes for each wing in an effort to make decorating easier 10 months from now.

January was election time for new building officers, as per our building by-laws. We wish our new officers' success as they take on the challenges they are likely to encounter.

Within a two week period following elections, our social committee meets to establish the social calendar for the year.

From what I am hearing, it will be an

active, fun and engaging year.

January is the time when the girls' day out group establishes its calendar for the year. Reviewing the agenda, it appears the girls will be traveling from Tarpon, to St. Pete and beyond.

Their first adventure for the year was close to home as they visited the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. They were impressed with the museum, having not realized we had such a fine facility so close to home.

Of course, the girls always conclude the day with lunch.

We give a belated introduction to our building to Len and Joan Picone. They

come to us from Buffalo. They, as so many of us, were Snowbirds before deciding to make a permanent move.

Len is a veteran of the auto industry while Joan was, and still is, involved as an insurance agent.

They have two sons, one residing in Rochester, N.Y., and the other was a resident of San Diego until visiting his parents here. Spending time vacationing with them, he decided to uproot and move here, much to his parents' delight.

Len and Joan are delighted to be here and enjoy the friendliness of the On Top of the World community.

## For this building, pizza arrives on Valentine's Day

It's been a while since we had a Pizza Party and what better day than Valentine's Day!

The event, organized by our building's Social Committee, will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, on the second floor south lobby.

Signs and sign-up sheets are on both bulletin boards. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we know how many pizzas to order.

If you'd like to bring salads or desserts to share, that would be great.

Like our previous pizza parties, bring your own chairs and beverages. We'll provide ice and bottled water.

The pizzas will be paid for from the building fund of previous years' dues. Speaking of dues ... the Committee will be collecting dues for 2022, \$10 per unit. If you'd like to pay for the year, this is your



chance to get it off your to-do list.

In the past, our pizza parties have been well attended. This is a terrific time to catch up with your neighbors and meet new residents. So grab a chair and enjoy some pizza!

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## Building dues under reconsideration to help pay for future fun events

What a treat to have our Canadian and Northern States Snowbirds back!

Our low-key Christmas decorations belied the cheer they and our beautiful wreaths brought to our Scottish castle.

Thanks go out to our stalwart Linda Stepanik and her Wreath Team: Bobby and Dave Lind, Seamus Gallagher, and Dave and Estelle Manetti.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Audrey Hamilton, and special belated December birthday wishes to Mary Ann Sinnenberg and Lucille Greenhalgh. We're going to post the birthday list for an update.

Along with our Snowbird residents, we have a few new neighbors. Stay tuned for introductions in the March issue.

Hopes are high for the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. New residents should know that we have prime seating right on World Parkway, so be prepared to set up your viewing station.

Don your green and enjoy a cup of cheer, or green beer, and share the fun.

Finally, we have a bit of building business. Several residents have raised the issue of reinstating building dues to cover several necessary expenses. Our Christmas wreaths, for example, need perking up, and several volunteers have already replaced ribbons and aglets at their own expense. Reinstating the resident dues system requires a treasurer, and fortunately



we have a very capable volunteer.

Watch for details on the bulletin board or by the mailboxes.

Also, please remember not to place large unwanted items, such as furniture, near or in the newspaper bin.

Small items such as books, magazines, and small household items are fine, but large items such as bags of old clothes, shoes, broken appliances or furniture look unsightly.

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February has so many holidays, from donuts to dogcatchers, so we will just wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 and Presidents' Day on Feb. 21.

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# This dinner included soaking up the sun



This year's January meeting for Modernage was thoroughly enjoyed outdoors in the sun!

We had a great turnout as you can see by our picture.

Our pizza was provided by Verrazano's New York Pizza on the corner of Keene and Sunset Point Road, Clearwater.

Side dishes and desserts were provided by residents and enjoyed by all!

Many topics were discussed for the new year, including the increase of our annual dues for building parties, decorations and other needs.

We also discussed the bicycle storage room issues, as it has come to our attention that there are unmarked bicycles with uninflated tires that should be identified or removed from storage.

All in all, this was a very successful, pleasant gathering for a surprisingly sunny January day!



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# An act of kindness never forgotten

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We were riding along the highway in my powder blue Volkswagen Bug, when I suddenly got a flat tire. This was before the days of cell phones and AAA.

I pulled over and we stood by the side of the road, not knowing what to do, when along came this white-paneled truck.

A man stepped out dressed all in white. Above his heart was some kind of green emblem which I couldn't make out.

He went to work immediately fixing the tire, not talking at all.

When he finished, he refused payment, got in his truck and rode off.

I never could make out the sign on his truck or his uniform. I remember thinking, whoever does his laundry is certainly doing a good job. There wasn't a spot of dirt anywhere. It looked brand new.

We got back in the car and continued on to the mall, but this incident has stuck with me to this day. I always had a feeling he was an angel."

I believe that this incident impacted Judy in a very positive way. She is one of the kindest people I know and pays it forward at every opportunity.

Judy is a loyal friend and an asset to our building. Her enthusiasm and positive attitude accompany everything she does.



Kudos to you, Judy!

In other Emerald Isle news: Welcome back Snowbirds Catherine and Bud Goeke, and new neighbors Patty and Mike Harrison, and permanent new neighbor, Robert Mcquillen.

Robert is the son of Eileen and Jim Mcquillen who were residents here years ago.

An Emerald Isle happy February birthday to Lorraine Rejman and George Hotaling.

Our annual building meeting took place on the Sumatran Way side on Jan. 25. Look for a report in the March newspaper.

Also, our Monday game club continues to have fun. So far, it's been ladies only. All neighbors are invited.

Happy Valentine's Day.



Judy Hetrick recalls the 'stranger' who fixed her flat tire and didn't ask for anything in return.

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## Residents treated to a magic show

Hello my fellow Polynesians.  
Cooler air is upon us and I, for one, am enjoying it.

Spring will be here before we know it. I don't know about y'all but the days seem to be flying by quicker and quicker. I can't believe February is already upon us.

In the meantime, the holidays were made a bit more magical by a show on Dec. 27 put on by Gerald Sloane from Lexington, Ky. Gerald is the son-in-law of our own Susan Miller.

He amazed more than 20 residents and grandchildren with his mystifying ways. Between card tricks and sleight of hand, folks were enthralled by his skills and had a great time.

Refreshments and fellowship followed the show and a good time was had by all.

A great big thank you to Susan for planning the event and to Gerald for such a delightful performance.

As always, keep your eyes on the bulletin board in the core for upcoming events. Now that the majority of our resi-



dents are in house, many get togethers will be upcoming and certainly there will be something of interest for everyone.

Don't forget the rally around the flagpole every Friday from 3:30 until 5ish on the Brasilia side of the building. Bring a chair and a beverage of choice and enjoy the camaraderie.

Until next time, be happy and stay safe!

## Class in session



Gemma Cima (left) and Abby Doronizio explain the significance of an Italian folklore figure, La Befana, a good witch who brings children sweets on Jan. 6, the Epiphany. The demonstration is part of a free class on Italian language and culture on Fridays from 10:30 to noon in the Dunedin Room at the East Activity Center.

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# Captain Kirk now leads our building

Our Villa has a new captain.

Carroll Harris and Howard Roche have been co-captains of our building for a number of years. Now that Howard has moved to the west side, Carroll decided to wear just one hat -- treasurer.

The baton has been passed, but we all owe Howard and Carroll a well deserved thank you for a job well done.

Taking the helm is Kirk Saffee. It's a big job. Captains are the "go to" persons for answers.

Somehow that has a rather familiar ring, "Captain Kirk."

Our building also has a new dues amount, held a meeting about storage rooms and we bid a friend adieu.

When your wing captain knocks on your door for dues, have Mr. Jefferson (\$10) and Mr. Lincoln (\$5) in hand as dues are now \$15 - still a most reasonable amount.

Dues cover our various functions with the Christmas party being the largest.

I have been asked to address the condition of the storage rooms in this report.

With many putting away decorations, it became apparent the rooms are in dire



need of a clearout. Some of our new neighbors have absolutely no space because of the the accumulation of "stuff."

A photo album was found that belonged to a resident who moved eight years ago! Would be a very good idea to put your unit number on your things and be respectful of crowding others space unless its been offered to you.

The rooms are not for storing furniture.

Chris Tuttle swept the rooms on the second floor after our mouse issue. Con-



Kirk Saffee

nie McDonald has been numbering storage shelving as well. Thanks gals.

If you need a key made for the rooms, ACE hardware has the blanks. Lowe's does not.

Look for postings on our bulletin board about a date for a cleanout. Thank

you in advance for your cooperation.

Our On Top of the World newspaper has lost its Hart. After some 15 years of of "printers ink," Dave Hart has retired to do some traveling and enjoy life minus deadlines.

Dave was the unsung guy at the newspaper. He wore ever so many hats too numerous to mention. His shoes will be difficult to fill.

Doug Kates, our editor, will certainly feel Dave's absence. OTOW lost a good man in Dave. We thank him and wish him and his family happy trails in their new adventures.

Personally, I shall miss Dave. I always sent my scribble to him to make sense of and he always managed to make me look good. Thanks pal.

Don't forget February is Valentine's Day. Remember, candy and flowers.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Until we meet again, stay safe, wear a mask and let me know if you have any any news fit to print. Email me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

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# Pray for America starts year with luncheon



By David Valchine

The Pray for America Club invited a sister prayer club to a special outing to welcome the New Year 2022 in January.

We gathered in a private room at Paradise restaurant on a sunny morning for an uplifting time of sharing and renewal of fond friendships.

Our club is a group that meets weekly at On Top of the World to pray for America and its people. We have gathered out of love and concern for our country for five years. We are not a religious study group, but a prayer group.

We normally meet at 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in the Crystal Beach Room of the East Activity Center. All are welcome. Bring a valid Activity Card and a



mask. We are able to meet in a socially distanced manner.

We do not collect dues, but we do ask that all be treated with respect, courtesy and goodwill.

Members of the Pray for America group and a sister prayer group met at the Paradise restaurant in January.

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# Pup is in training for his future job



I would like to introduce you to a new guest at On Top of the World.

My husband, Scott, and I joined Puppy Starters for Southeastern Guide Dogs in Palmetto, Fla.

This baby, named "Pup" for now, will be with us for about 12 weeks to start his well planned journey to becoming a guide dog.

We hope you get a chance to meet and greet Pup sometime.

He has a big future ahead of him and it will take a village to get him there.

As a host family, our main responsibility is to introduce Pup to the world and new experiences. And, to meet lots of people.

(We also train once a week with him at the SGD campus.)

My husband and I will be out and



about in OTOW with Pup often. If you see us, we hope you have time to interact with him.

We will bring Pup to outdoor meetings for short spells. We will be sitting by

the tennis courts, lawn bowling and golf courses to take in the activity. We will take walks and visit with ducks.

A home inspection was done before we were approved. The visiting SGD

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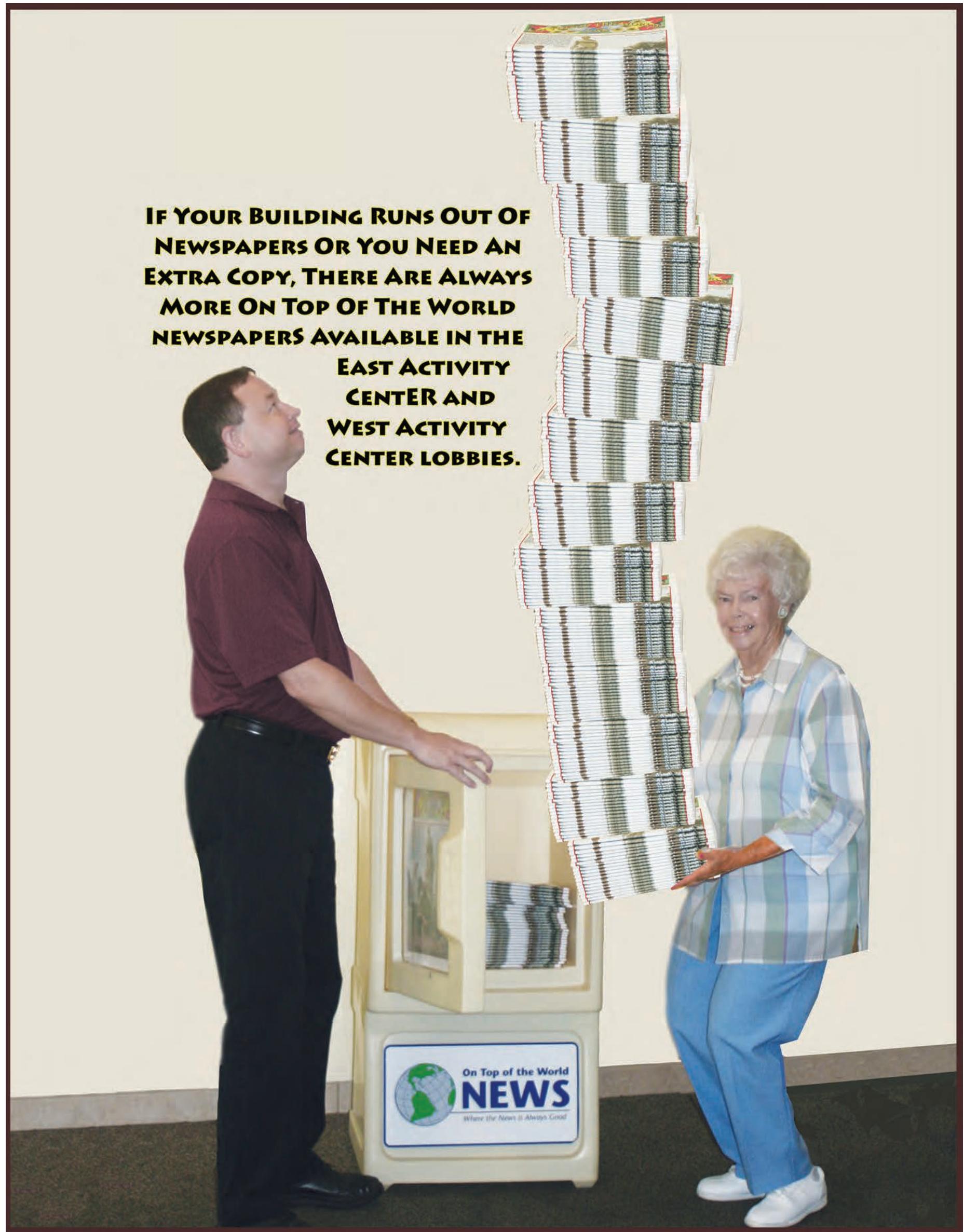
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This On Top of the World News ad was created in 2008. The ad features Editor Doug Kates and reporter Cele Radeloff. Doug had just started at OTOW when this picture was taken. One day he got a few phone calls from residents saying their buildings were out of newspapers. He turned to Cele, who was a very young 84 at the time, and said "Here. Hold some newspapers." And the ad has been running in our community newspaper ever since - 13 years.

Cele moved to OTOW in 1986 and was here more than 30 years. She was an OTOW News reporter for a majority of that time, including building writer for Siboney, 'Who Am I' columnist, proofreader and newspaper Mom. This ad runs today in color as a tribute to our Cele.

We will miss you Cele.