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(File photos by Barbara Rice)

It's almost parade time

By Barbara Rice

Pick out your comfiest lawn chairs to view the Irish Club's 28th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.

The parade lineup is growing and a party gets into swing in the East Activity Center back parking lot following the march.

If you have not yet invited family, friends and grandchildren, please put this not-to-be-missed day on your calendars. Tell new neighbors about the fun parade and party.

At newspaper press time, Irish Club members were still busy following up on leads and extending invitations to join the On Top of the World parade.

Many OTOW clubs were making their plans to showcase their members. There is still time for your club to take part.

Individuals are welcome to create parade entries, too.

All parade entries need to complete a registration form, which helps plan the lineup and provides information about your group to share from the reviewing stand. The parade committee is also encouraging each OTOW entry to have a representative at our parade planning meetings 4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. Upcoming meetings are Feb. 8, Feb. 20 and March 1.

This parade is as much fun for the entries as the watchers. Several from last year said they are returning because they had a wonderful time in OTOW last year. Please be a hospitable crowd again this year. Please line World Parkway Boulevard East and give another resounding OTOW reception.

At this time, the Irish Club is pleased to share with you who has committed to this year's parade.

We will welcome the Sunshine City Dancers and the Scariff School of Irish Dancers, who both are stepping in from Tampa for their first time. They will dance the parade route along with OTOW's own talented dancers in the Moving 'N Grooving Club and the OTOW Line Dancers and Snowbirds Club.

The decked-out procession of Pinellas

OTOW-TV channel 901 does plan on broadcasting the parade live on March 2. The broadcast may be taking place from near the golf course. If you cannot make it to the parade route, you should be able to watch it from your living room. The parade will also be replayed at later dates so if you are in the parade, you will get to see the entire parade later. The parade will air all day on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

County Jeeps, daredevil Egypt Shriners, jolly Santa Claus Drill Team and sword-toting Dunedin Celts were crowd pleasers last year. All say they will be back.

Honoring Old Glory and military veterans is tradition. We will proudly welcome cadets from the Civil Air Patrol's Clearwater Composite Squadron, who will be marching in OTOW for their first time. When not learning disaster relief and lifesaving, the cadets are known to be opening Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game and Major League Baseball games.

Patriotism continues from the Northeast High School Army Junior ROTC, Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, VFW Post 1067 from Holiday, Fla., Pinellas County Honor Flight, Camp Flamingo military vehicles and jeeps, and the OTOW Irish Club flag bearers.

Toe tapping will be certain thanks to the marching musicians in the Countryside High School Tornado Marching Band, St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums of Tampa, Suncoast United Pipes and Drums, the Dunedin Ukles (starring several OTOW residents), and snappy violinists/fiddlers in the Violins for Joy.

Have your camera ready for a 1923 Ford, better known as the Mockingbird Lane Munster car.

Greg Roe, an OTOW resident, will treat us to his classic 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air driven by his daughter, Michelle Talbert, with Bev Roe.

Greg will be busy holding back laughs when he chauffeurs the funny Comedy Con-

nection Smile Team clowns in his Lexus convertible for the third year.

The Salvation Army will be in our parade for the first time and will give everyone an up-close look at their disaster rescue vehicle.

The parade lineup also will highlight eye-catching OTOW cyclists, Bob and Kim Stackpoole, Kaylee the scooter-riding dog, Pam Leonard Williams and State Farm Insurance friends, East Lake High School theater students, and representatives from St. Vincent de Paul.

The Chick-fil-A cow say it's coming to convince us to "Eat Mor Chiken."

Culver's Scoopee, a lifeseize ice cream cone, also plans to chill out.

On parade day, if you do not live along the parade route, don't panic about getting there in person. The Jolley Trolley, sponsored by Summit Broadband, will roll in on parade day to transport residents from the west side to the east side parade route. The trolley is scheduled to arrive around 9 a.m. Watch for the trolley. It will make trips along Americus Boulevard. It will not turn into each building parking lot. The Jolley Trolley also will stop at the West Activity Center

Return trips will be made to the west side after the parade.

Parade participants will begin to line up at the upper end of World Parkway Boulevard East.

For viewing the parade, sit below Irish Lane to be sure to see each entry. A parade route map is on page 20 of this newspaper.

The reviewing stand will be at the three-way intersection on World Parkway Boulevard East.

Note, there will be an alteration to the parade procession this year. When entries reach Brazilia Drive and World Parkway Boulevard East, some (not all) of the entries may choose to not turn left onto Brazilia Drive while others may choose to end their parade and exit to Sunset Point Road. If you plan on setting up your chair on Brazilia, you may not get to see the entire parade.

The Irish Club is honored to announce

that Tom O'Riordan has been chosen as the 2024 grand marshal, with his wife, Noreen, alongside. Tom has tirelessly led the Irish Club as president for two years. In addition to his presidential duties, he has also taken on being chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade for two years. Tom and Noreen are devoted to ensuring the Irish traditions continue in OTOW.

Please join the Irish Club and give Tom and Noreen a well-deserved hurrah when you see them.

The Irish Club is excited to sponsor the St. Patrick's Day Parade for the 28th year.

You may not know this fact, but members work year round to raise funds for the parade. As the parade and party grow, the costs grow, too. Donations from clubs, businesses and individuals are very helpful and very much appreciated.

Funding also comes from our annual dinner dances and concerts.

The club's next dinner dance is on Feb. 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the EAC. This is our traditional kick off to the parade. Tickets are \$35 each.

The event will be a green gala with dinner and dancing - it helps finance the parade.

Dance to the music of Ally Harron and Marian Curry, direct from Ireland. Performances by the Scariff School of Irish Dance in Tampa and the OTOW Moving and Grooving Club will be an added pleasure.

Need more information about the parade?

Tickets, parade entry forms and club memberships (\$5) are available on Monday and Thursday mornings in the EAC from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Irish Club President and Parade Chairman Tom O'Riordan may be contacted at 845-664-0504 or tj050659@gmail.com

Vice President Colman Weir may be contacted at 914-584-3370 or Colman.weir@yahoo.com.

Parade committee members are Tom, Colman, Martin Forde, Rose Mulhaal, Mary Lou Wall, and Barbara Rice.

Access to World Parkway Boulevard will be blocked at 9:30 AM, Saturday, March 2

On parade morning, Saturday, March 2, all community roads with access to World Parkway Boulevard East will be blocked to secure safety for participants in the event. Please plan ahead. Roads will be blocked and entry gates to the east side will be blocked at 9:30 a.m. There will be no entry or exiting until the parade ends at about 11 a.m. If you need to go to work Saturday morning ... if you plan on running errands, please be aware there are no exceptions. Please let the repairman know he/she will not have access to the east side between 9:30-11 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and enjoyable Irish Club parade.

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Board Meeting Feb. 20

The people have spoken, now it's time for the new Board to work together

**New Board Seated
Looking Forward**

With the election behind us, I paused to consider the character assassination, anxiety and conspiracy theories spinning on (un)social media that characterized this recent election.

Generally, the vitriol sounded a bit like the national and state elections, except this was local. I'm glad it is behind us. The residents have spoken.

I want to thank all residents for their resounding support by returning Guy Woolbright, Gail Sanders, Chuck McAllister, James O'Neil and myself to the Board.

To the newest Board members: Maria Avdelas, Katie Bajis, Nancy Burt and Stacy Rush, I am hopeful we will work together in a productive relationship that benefits all residents of this fine community.

I want to particularly recognize and thank Corby Ratliff for his many years of Board service to this community. Corby has a deep understanding of the construction means and methods used in building this community.

**Board Meeting
February 20, 2024**

Because the new budget year will be so consequential in many ways, as well as having new, inexperienced Board members, there will be a short Board meeting on Feb. 20, 2024, to consider awarding a contract for the Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SIRS).

This is the study that will serve as the basis for determining the amount of reserves the Association may (or may not) be required to establish to comply with changes in the law enacted in the last few years.

The Board has historically established budgets for funding current work projects, staying ahead on building component capital replacement and annual maintenance costs, and we hope this practice is reflected positively in the study.

Determining which company is best qualified to perform the SIRS studies and is selected by the Board, will influence the budget, thus it is imperative to have a timely decision on a selection.

That Board Meeting will immediately be followed by a Budget Workshop to present a draft budget for the Board's discussion and consideration. The Management Company will present a draft budget laying out the regular maintenance operation work needed to keep the community functioning on a daily basis as well as discussing proposed capital improvement projects planned in 2024-2025.

The Management Company will ask for Board Member input in whether or not to accelerate certain projects or stay to the current schedule of improvement work.

Community Updates

The East Activity Center swimming pool renovation started construction in late



January. The purpose of this work is to replace the DiamondBrite™ finish on the pool. This particular surface lasts longer than Marcite™, but any pool surface is still subject to degradation over time from pool chemicals used in disinfection. This work is on track to be completed by late February. For your safety and the safety of the workers, please stay clear of the jobsite.

While the EAC pool is under restoration, please consider using the West Activity Center (WAC) pool. This pool is heated and fully handicap accessible. Enjoy.

Save A Life

I recently read an interesting article about AED devices by Stephanie Kuzydym picked up by the USA Today Network.

In the article she makes the point that "The Good Samaritan Law is the main federal law concerning AEDs. It encourages people to use CPR or an AED to save a life by giving them legal protection for their efforts."

AED devices are deployed around this community in amenities so that any able-bodied individual could use one to revive someone in cardiac distress. The article made the argument that these devices should be as ubiquitous as fire extinguishers inasmuch as both can save lives.

SCA Amenities Pinellas, LLC (SCA) has been changing out the older AED units with the most current. Yes, the AEDs do have an expiration date as do their batteries. It is a regular task to track each AED unit and make sure they are available and ready for use.

To this end, in 2024, SCA hopes to sponsor first responder training in basic first aid and CPR training. Scheduling qualified instructors is a bit of a challenge inasmuch as they are in high demand. Stay tuned for further announcements on this topic.

Threshold Inspection Update

ESi, the company selected by the Board to undertake the Threshold Inspection

Study, submitted their findings in very late December. The reports are well organized and present a tabulation of their findings.

There is good news and bad news.

The good news is we have received the final reports and the bad news is we have not received the summary reports for distribution to the residents. If any Phase II inspections are required, they need to be done within 180 days of summary report submission. The Management Company is working with a vendor to create a secure website accessible only to residents for posting the complete studies.

Generally, any non-structural observations cited in the report are largely cosmetic and will be addressed by the Management Company in the normal course of maintenance work. Management is aware that there may be one or more buildings for which a Phase II inspection is recommended by the engineers. Within 180 days of submitting a Phase I inspection report, the Phase II inspector must submit a Phase II inspection progress report to the local permitting agency with a timeline for completion of the Phase II inspection(s).

Lease Extension Reminder

The Board recently received a few questions regarding lease extension and how residents can learn more about this.

As a reminder, 81 buildings at On Top of the World Clearwater have leasehold units. The leases were originally sold for a term of 99 years, but with OTOW now more than 50 years old, it is time for many residents to extend their lease to protect the value of their unit and to ensure that lenders would be comfortable with the remaining term of the lease.

When you sign the Amendment, your lease will be extended until June 30, 2119.

There is no additional payment required to extend your lease, no change in the way lease dues are currently being collected, no change in the amount of your lease dues, and it will have no impact on your property taxes or insurance.

Additionally, the lease extension includes annual increases limited at \$6 per year.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/leasehold-first-amendment-request/>.

In addition, you can send any questions to leaseFAQ@clw-info.net and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

**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 six 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 involved 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 then click "Community" and download the pdf document entitled "Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner."

Besides casualty insurance, other steps to protect 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.

The Community Service Office 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 coverage other than collision 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 stuck in the pipes.

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.

FireAvert

Smoke alarm makes noise

How it works

FireAvert Unit

Electric Stove

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<https://www.fireavert.com/>

**Election Statistics From The
Jan. 4 Reconvened Annual Meeting**

There were a total of 2,322 ballots received for this election. A total of 90 of the aforementioned ballots were determined invalid votes for one reason or another. The total votes received by your Board Members are as follows:

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| Maria Avdelas | 1,474 | James O'Neil | 1,550 |
| Katie Bajis | 1,362 | Stacy Rush | 1,147 |
| Nancy Burt | 1,513 | Gail Sanders | 1,218 |
| Kenneth D. Colen | 1,492 | C. Guy Woolbright | 1,288 |
| Charles McAllister | 1,442 | | |

Question and answer session with

Questions and Answers with Parkway

In my experience, most residents of the community enjoy living here (88 percent according to the last survey) and are generally pretty satisfied with the services they receive, but may have questions about those services.

To that end, Q & A sessions are an opportunity for interested residents to be heard without someone else trying to define the narrative when attempting to speak on behalf of others who may not be likeminded.

Parkway Maintenance and Management Pinellas will be holding a question and answer (Q&A) session for residents who want to know more related to topics of interest expressed by residents.

The second session is scheduled for Friday, March 8 from 9-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The two topics for discussion will be:

- Elevator Operations and Maintenance Standards
- Rodent control: Causes and Common-Sense Solutions

The Q&A session date and information will be placed on the official Clearwater community website (otowclearwaterinfo.com), posted on OTOW-TV channel 901, Nancy's Bulletin Board, in the Community Service Office (CSO) and at the Good Karma Café.

An OTOW Alert (powered by RAVE) also will be sent out noting the topics, date and time of the session.

Recognizing that answering one question may lead to other follow-up questions, please bring paper and pencil so that you may write down those questions. Follow-up questions will be read and then answered at the end of the session if time permits.

Should time run out before your question is answered, please write it down and drop it off at the Community Service Office. You should expect to receive either a written response or a phone call.

When leaving your question(s), please be sure to put your name, phone number and building/unit number on your questions so that a reply can be sent to you. As a reminder, questions from the sessions are posted on the website at otowclearwaterinfo.com/qa-with-parkway/.

Did You Know

East Activity Center Pool Closure

On Jan. 26, the East Activity Center pool closed for renovations. The pool will be drained, resurfaced, and the pav-



ers around the pool will be cleaned and sealed.

Due to the scope of this project, it will be necessary to shut the pool down for approximately 3-4 weeks. The West Activity Center pool is scheduled to be open and is now heated for your enjoyment. This information will be posted at the East and West Activity Centers, on OTOW-TV channel 901, on the community website, on the Box Office, on Nancy's Bulletin Board, and in this edition of the community newspaper.

Building Condensation

As a reminder, buildings in the community experience condensation issues throughout substantial temperature swings and high humidity (similar to when you take a cold drink from the refrigerator to a warmer room). When this occurs, the buildings may have these condensation conditions occur multiple times. Please be aware of the conditions and watch your step-in areas where condensation is occurring.

When the condensation is particularly extreme, these conditions may have an adverse impact on your building's elevator components, which can result in the elevator being out of service.

Elevator service cannot be restored until conditions improve and the elevator can be inspected for a return to service. The Management Company continues to work to mitigate the conditions as quickly as possible.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only. Please do not leave health-related emergency information.

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

After Hours Emergency Information

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your condo. For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-Alerts (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page to the "Sign Up Now" box 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.

Signing up for RAVE 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 the OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

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 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because the 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 once. 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 condo and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue with improvements on the west side of the community in February with the front facades of Buildings 67 and 74 next on the schedule.

The contractor will be utilizing pressure washing and aerial lift equipment in the main parking areas and surrounding secondary lots which will require residents to relocate their personal vehicles as necessary.

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

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

Construction, Roofing and Annual Community Maintenance Projects

The December 2023 work update article regarding roofing system improvements had stated that the start of the replacement cycle would begin at Building 40 in early February, but due to logistical and roofing supply delivery schedules, the work will begin at Building 83 instead.

The contractor will begin the staging of materials and performing of preliminary roof replacement activities at Building 83 just days before this newspaper reaches you.

Being it has been a rather unseasonably cool winter, with above average rainfall so far, the project may take longer than the typical three weeks to complete.

Buildings 60 and 59 are also scheduled for the month of February so residents in those buildings should also be prepared for when the contractor arrives at their respective locations

The vendor uses low volatile organic compound (VOC) adhesives during the installation of these roofing systems. Low VOC means they have a reduced amount of volatile organic compounds, therefore giving off a reduced amount of odor. With that said, residents may experience some elevated moments of chemical odors dependent on relative humidity levels. This is a temporary occurrence and opening windows along with the use of household fans may help to alleviate this inconvenience.

As with each year's improvements, the staged closure of the building's parking lots, either partially or in their entirety

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Know Your Water Heater



Water heaters traditionally
last 10-15 years.

If your water heater is leaking around the base unit,
is not producing normal amounts of hot water
or has become noisy, it's time to consider replacing
your current unit with a new one.

If your water heater fails, it could not
only flood your unit, but units below you.
You may be financially responsible if it
causes damage to your neighbors' units.

Available In The Community Service Office



Parkway scheduled for March 8

to allow for the safe and efficient operations by the contractor, is necessary at all roofing project sites.

Bulletins with work start dates will be posted in the respective building in advance of the contractor's arrival. As always, in the interest of safety, please observe all cordoned off areas and watch your step.

February will also see the return of a vendor, under contract to the association, who will install code-compliant walkway guardrail and stairwell components to Building 91. The vendor will be focusing their work on the Paradise section of the community in early 2024 before the work transitions back to the East side of property in the next fiscal year.

This state licensed and insured 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. First floor residents may need to temporarily relocate items on their patios and all residents should be prepared for elevated noise and dust levels as a by-product of the work. Notices will be posted in advance of work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

The community's annual fire extinguisher inspections are another project scheduled for February, though the exact date is still being finalized with the vendor. 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 location on property is serviced according to the National Fire Protection standard.

Building walkway repairs will continue through winter and into spring as construction crews perform maintenance to the second and third floor walking surfaces. These small-scale repairs require the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work areas they may encounter for their safety.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across the property in the winter and spring. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete and then an application of a quality, slip-resistant barrier coating. The 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 the affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas and exercise care when near these improvement locations.

Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents

On March 1, 2023, the Management Company recommended its enforcement efforts by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etc., as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces. As has been referenced in the newspaper, on the community TV channel, and the bulletins posted in all building center core lobbies, these items will be removed and disposed of without further notice.

These ongoing efforts help keep the areas safe for first responders as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in. We ask that residents help keep the community's common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company. We appreciate the community's cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

The Management Company would also like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from the common area.

The community's response to compliance was astounding, as was the feedback regarding these efforts.

Once again, thank you for your support in this undertaking. Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company will continue the ongoing compliance enforcement of these common ar-

reas where the mats were once located, as well as repainting areas that could not be cleaned to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents, and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification. Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Division, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle. This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you are not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coating's vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

First floor unit owners will continue receiving notifications from the Inspection Services Department as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. The Management

Company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

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

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

Inspection efforts continue to be focused on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, defined as violating life-safety and fire codes in any building common areas or kindled in proximity to the structure as they pose a fire risk to the building and residents. Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patios of first floor units. If you're a first-floor unit owner and not sure if your grill complies, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff. We're always happy to educate or assist the community as much as possible.

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the community service office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Due to original conveyance, not all units are able to add a softening system. Please check with the Management Company's Inspection Services division for more information.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the Management Company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

On Top of the World
Clearwater Florida

(727) 799-1115

**Emergency Services
Phone Number**

This 24-hour On Top of the World phone service fields calls for the following emergency situations only:

- **Water Intrusion/Leaks**
- **Sewer Backups**
- **No Potable Water Service to Unit**
- **Building Fire Alarm System Issues**
- **Elevator Outages or Entrapments**
- **Unit Related Electrical Loss Of Power – Full or Partial**

FIRE or MEDICAL emergencies require that residents dial 9-1-1

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR, CRIMINAL, or CIVIL issues should be directed accordingly to either 9-1-1, or the Pinellas County Sheriff's non-emergency number at 727-582-6200.

All other service request situations should be directed to the Community Service Office at 727-683-6981 between the hours of 8am-3pm, Monday – Friday.

**Sign up for RAVE
and get the latest community updates
visit: otowclearwaterinfo.com**



Food Truck Night Returns

It was a little chilly for Food Truck Night in January, but On Top of the World residents still attended.

It wasn't too cold for a lobster sandwich, a hot dog, a margarita or even an ice cream sundae.

There was a wide variety as the winter season tradition returned to the East Activity Center back parking lot.

Table seating was available. Some people took advantage of the Pavilion Park and had dinner near our beautiful pond.

Food Truck Night returns on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 3-7 p.m. There will be even more of a variety.

Scheduled to attend are Charm City, Asian Mix, Baton Roux, Barbeque Queen, Sea Dog Cantina and Dave's Deli Wagon.



**Wednesday
February 7
3-7 pm
EAC**

**Asian Mix
BBQ Queen
Baton Roux
Charm City
Dave's Deli Wagon
Sea Dog Cantina**

Survey shows at least 1 of 3 newspaper readers is checking out everything in this publication

On Top of the World residents apparently enjoy all the contents in this monthly newspaper, which is great news to all the volunteer writers who contribute.

Back in November, OTOW News staff conducted a survey during the 2023 Senior Expo outside the East Activity Center. Staffers asked people walking by to take our simple survey and 183 people from 75 different buildings agreed.

The most-read stories each month, according to the survey, were the club stories. More than 88 percent of those surveyed stated they read the club stories.

Second most popular was the community calendar (77 percent) and third most popular was Kenneth Colen's column (68 percent).

Also extremely popular were building stories, travel stories, Nancy Roger's community column, Pet of the Month, Around the Bay and Gerald Colen's "Is It Legal."

And those were just the favorites. Every category and every columnist was read by at least 1 out of every 3 people who took the survey.

"These were very positive results," said Editor Doug Kates. We had 16 different regular features listed in the survey and all 16 were widely read. This was very positive feedback for our newspaper."

One resident stated, "I don't see how you can add anything else (to the newspaper). It is great."

Another resident stated, "Overall, the newspaper includes all aspects on On Top of the World life. I enjoy reading it very much."

And a third person commented, "I like the comprehensive articles and feel I know what is happening in On Top of the World by reading our publication."

Some people asked for a comic section, restaurant reviews, crime reports inside the community, obituaries, more pet articles, more updates on community improvement



projects, more puzzles, more recycling information, more coupons, more stories on how to live longer and happier, and photographs with the classified ads.

There were several requests for story writers to please list contact information at the end of their stories so people with questions can contact a club or building associate.

A common request was a list of important phone numbers. This already exists on the same page as the table of contents, and usually at the end of the third section.

One person asked for someone to start a Latino Club. Go talk to Nancy Rogers in the Activities Office if you would like to be the founder. Then your new club will be included in future editions.

The survey also asked residents if there are too many newspapers left over in their building bin at the end of the month. More than 38 percent of those taking the survey stated no newspapers were left over and 45 percent said very few newspapers were left over, so it sound like just enough newspapers are being produced without little paper getting wasted.

The Press Association did not get much

Newspaper Content Survey

From Nov. 4, 2023

183 residents from 75 different buildings filled out the survey, which represents about 2% of the community population.

The survey asked, what do you read in OTOW News? Below are the top responses.

| Story Content | # Who Read | % |
|--------------------|------------|-----|
| Club stories | 161 | 88% |
| Community Calendar | 141 | 77% |
| Building stories | 126 | 69% |
| Kenneth Colen | 124 | 68% |
| Is It Legal | 106 | 58% |
| Travel stories | 102 | 56% |
| Pet of the Month | 98 | 54% |
| Nancy Rogers | 95 | 52% |
| Around The Bay | 95 | 52% |

of a chance to discuss the survey results at its last meeting in January. The meeting coincided with board election votes taking place at the same time.

The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 8, not Feb. 1. Staffers should note this is the second Thursday of the month. Originally the time was set for 11 a.m., but this has been moved back to 1:30 p.m.

Secretary Joanne Cordes has announced that 16 staffers have already qualified for the annual Appreciation Dinner in April.

They are: David Beaven, Patti Branch, Tom Butcher, Joe DeChiaro, Fran Fairfield, Karen French, Tara Still, Donna Gagnon, Maryanne Nargi, Pat O'Beirne, Irene Piper, Betty Spoerl, Julie Awot, Jim LeBlanc, Maryann O'Neil, Mary Lou Wall, Joanne Cordes and Cecile Sangiamo.

Anyone contributing to three newspapers and attending three meetings as of May 1, 2023, qualifies. If you feel your name is missing from the list, please see Joanne at the next meeting.

Food Truck Night

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 3-7 pm, EAC Back Parking Lot



Baton Roux,
Asian Mix,
Dave's Deli Wagon
Sea Dog Cantina,
Charm City Eats,
BBQ Queen



Happy Valentine's Day on Feb. 14

Shredding, fresh fruit, safety exams and driving classes all coming in February

Happy Valentine's Day on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Consumer Protection

A Pinellas County Consumer Protection tax identity theft and shredding event will join the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Operation Medicine Cabinet on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center front parking lot.

This is a drive-through event only. No walk-ups.

Participants must stay in their vehicles at all times.

You are limited to five boxes of documents per vehicle.

Operation Medicine Cabinet will accept all of your unused medication for safe disposal.

This is a free event and is open to the public.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will be back on Wednesday, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28.

Turner Produce will have fresh produce for the one you love this Valentine's Day and don't forget yourself.

Andrew is scheduled to be here from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but he always arrives early and often stays until 6 p.m. or later.

The monthly schedule is posted at the activity centers, on the official Clearwater website (otowclearwaterinfo.com), on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) and on OTOW-TV channel 901.

Turner Produce will be here March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24 and May 18.

Food Truck Night

Food Truck Night returns on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 3-7 p.m. at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

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

What is new for our next Food Truck Night? Charm City Seafood will be here, along with Asian Mix, Baton Roux, Dave's Deli Wagon, BBQ Queen and Sea Dog Cantina.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board located on the official Clearwater website (otowclearwaterinfo.com).

3D Mobile Mammography

3D Mobile Mammography will be here on Friday, Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Friday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3D Mobile Mammography will be on site parked at the East Activity Center front parking lot off of World Parkway Boulevard East.

A few facts about breast cancer that you may not be aware of:

- 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- A majority of breast cancers are diagnosed in women after age 50.
- 95 percent of breast cancers occur randomly and are not hereditary.
- 20 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over age 75.
- Routine mammography screening is the best tool for detecting cancer early.

3D Mobile Mammography boasts a very easy and comfortable experience: 10-minute appointments, no doctor's order needed, all insurances accepted, same day results, the latest imaging equipment, a welcoming staff, and a beautiful, state-of-the-art coach.

If you have any additional questions or would like to register for an appointment, you can do so at their website: www.3dmobilemammography.com.

A link to the website will also be available at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

Skin Cancer Awareness

The OnSpot Dermatology Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be at On Top of the World on Friday, Feb. 9 and Friday, March 8 in the East Activity Center front parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Here are the facts:

- 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70.
- More than 2 people die of skin cancer in the US every hour.
- Having five or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma.

Here's the good news! When detected



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early, the five-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent.

To make an appointment, visit onspotdermatology.com/otow or click on the flyer/link posted on the official OTOW Clearwater website (otowclearwaterinfo.com). You can also call 941-444-0011.

AARP Free In-Person Tax Prep Nearby Locations

Dunedin Community Center 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin

No appointment Required.
Thursday 8-11:45 a.m.
Friday 8-11:45 a.m.

Clearwater-Countryside Library 2642 Sabal Springs Drive Clearwater

By Appointment only. Reserve an appointment online at www.aarp.org
Feb. 1-April 15

Largo Library

120 Central Park Drive, Largo
No appointment required.
Mondays, 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday limited dates: Feb. 11, March 11, March 25, April 8.
Closed on Feb. 17, Feb. 20 and Feb. 24.

Fletcher Music Keyboard Lessons

Fletcher Music Center will be back offering another series of six keyboard lessons on Mondays for the special price of only \$20.

The lessons will take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab each Monday from Feb. 19 through March 25, from 10 - 11 a.m. This discount rate is for OTOW residents only and registered students must bring their updated activity card and payment to the first day of class.

Residents may register by calling Art Bishop at 727-580-5937 or register in person at the next Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 8:30 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 15.

Important Note: Fletcher Music has offered to lend a keyboard to registered students to practice on when other activities are not scheduled in the Learning Lab. Fletcher Music owns the keyboard and only registered students are authorized to play it. Thank you for your cooperation.

AAA Safe Driving Course

The next AAA Safe Driving Courses will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, April 9. Note, there will be no classes in March.

The in-person, onsite course is for OTOW residents only at the rate of \$20. Residents are not required to be AAA members.

The February class is near full, but you can also sign up for the class on April 9.

The classes are held at the West Activity Center Learning Lab on the second Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour lunch break from noon - 1 p.m. (class size max 30, sorry, no exceptions).

Please bring your own bag lunch and refreshments.

Registration is easy! Call 727-431-8887 with your name, address, and credit card information or you may also stop by the AAA Clearwater branch at 2347 Gulf to Bay Boulevard to register.

Again, the course is for OTOW residents only and non-residents will be turned away.

Residents will receive a certificate of completion on the day of the course which earns you a discount on your car insurance. The instructor can also email you the certificate in PDF format if you or your insurance company would prefer. The discount will be good for three years from the day the course was completed.

Wishing you all happy and safe road travel!

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the official Clearwater website (otowclearwaterinfo.com) or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a \$20 Ecard, long-sleeved shirt and mini wellness check-up, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Take this opportunity to save lives!

OneBlood reports that our community generously donated 14 units on Jan 11. Thank you for saving lives! The Honor Roll is as follows:

Thomas Moran, Allan Hamilton, Ann Setkowitz, Ann Karnoutsos, Camile Godfrey, Debra Reppen-Lucas, Debra Walker, Diana Mutter, Eric Mead, George Maddox III, Herman Martin, Jeffrey Fiedler, Karin Goonan, Lance Randal, Lucas Lenzi, Michael Fleig, Patricia McCarren, Patricia Flynn, Paul Miller, Li Qiuxia and Ricky Roberts.

Embracing Self-Love at 55-Plus

A new year and Valentine's Day message: As we approach the season of love, it's the perfect time to reflect on the importance of self-love and acceptance, especially for those who are 55-plus.

In a world that often prioritizes youth and societal expectations, it becomes increasingly vital to acknowledge and celebrate our own individuality.

At this stage of life, we have accumulated a wealth of experiences, wisdom and personal growth. It's a time to appreciate ourselves for who we have become and fully embrace the unique qualities that make us who we are.

Valentine's Day is traditionally associated with romantic love, but let's broaden our perspective this year. Instead of solely focusing on external relationships, let's turn inward and celebrate our own journey of self-discovery and self-love.

Here are some ideas to inspire you:

1. Reflect on Your Journey. Take time to reflect on your life so far, the triumphs and challenges. Recognize the strength and resilience you have shown throughout the years. Celebrate your accomplishments, big or small, as they have shaped you into the amazing person you are today.
2. Practice Self-Care. Prioritize your well-being by engaging in activities that bring you joy and relaxation. Whether it's indulging in a spa day, taking long walks in nature, (all easy to do here at OTOW) or simply curling up with a good book, make time for yourself without guilt or hesitation.
3. Embrace New and Old Interests. Explore new hobbies or old passions that may have taken a backseat over the years.

(I have been amazed with the many residents who have shared their God-given talent lying dormant since high school or college.) Learn something you've never pursued before — a musical instrument, photography, dancing, painting, cooking, lap swimming — anything that ignites your curiosity and brings fulfillment into your life.

4. Surround Yourself with Positive Influences. Surround yourself with people who uplift you and appreciate your true self. Seek out friendships that are built on mutual respect and understanding. Engage in conversations that inspire personal growth and encourage self-acceptance.

Remember, love starts from within. By knowing and accepting ourselves fully, we radiate a sense of confidence and contentment that positively impacts all aspects of our lives.

This Valentine's Day let's celebrate the most important relationship we have — the one with ourselves. Embrace your true essence, cherish your journey, and revel in the beauty of self-love.

Wishing you a Valentine's Day filled with love, acceptance, and joy!

How do I make a reservation on the calendar?

The first step for making a reservation on the calendar is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event you are planning, and preferred date and location.

Send an email message to general_activity@scaclw.com or call 727-799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request form.

Visit otowclearwaterinfo.com click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. This form works better if you use Google as your browser.

Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of that busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

Activity Card Renewal

The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).

You must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card.

There is no fee for renewals, however, if your card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required, and the fee is \$3.

If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement.

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. Noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, Feb. 3, 9-11 am
EAC Front Parking Lot
Drive-Thru Only / No Walk-Ups

Five Box Limit • FREE

Operation Medicine Cabinet
also will be here!



OTOW Community Activities Calendar

February 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS

Jesters Spring Show, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 7:30 pm; Sunday, Feb. 4, 2 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 3D Mobile Mammography, Friday, Feb. 2, Friday, March 1, 8 am - 3 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
 Italian-American Club Cabaret Night, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6:30-10 pm
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 3-7 pm, EAC back parking lot
 Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, Thursday, Feb. 8, 8:30-11 am, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Onspot Dermatology, Friday, Feb. 9, 8 am - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
 Canadian Club Friendship Dinner Dance, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 AAA Driver Safety Course Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8 am - 4 pm WAC Learning Lab. You must pre-register
 New York-New Jersey Club Valentine's Day Dinner, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 5 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Farmers Market, Wednesday, Feb. 14, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10 am - 5 pm, EAC Front Parking Lot
 Laughter Yoga, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1:30 - 2:15 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Irish Club Dinner Dance, Thursday, Feb. 22, 5:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Good Neighbors Association Food and Clothing Drive, Friday, Feb. 23, 10 am - 2 pm, East Activity Center Back Parking Lot and Pavilion
 Irish Club Parade: Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. along World Parkway Boulevard East, Post-Parade Party at EAC Back Parking Lot

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Acrylic Painting, 1 - 4 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room
 Art Guild Board Meeting: 3 - 5 pm, Thursday, Feb. 1, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Art Guild Drawing Class: 2 - 5 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Art Guild Membership Meeting: 1 - 3 pm, Friday, Feb. 9, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Art Guild Coffee and Critique: 9:30 - 11:30 am, Monday, Feb. 19, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 7 and Thursday, Feb. 22, EAC Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Ballroom Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Bible Study: Fridays, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30 - 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30 - 10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1 - 3 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Billiards Room
 Bingo: Every Monday, 6 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Canadian Club Cabaret: Friday, Feb. 23, 4:30 - 7:00, West Activity Center Belleaire Room
 Caregivers Support Group: Please visit the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com)
 Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Ceramics: Thursdays, 10 am - 2 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater-Kitchen Room
 Chorus Spring Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7 - 9:30 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Coloring Book Group: 12 - 3 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30 - 10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Cornhole: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 8, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Democratic Club: Happy Hour, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, East Activity Center West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00-4:00 pm, Thursday, Feb. 22, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 English For Everyone: Thursdays, 11:45 am - 1:15 pm; Saturdays, 9:30-11 am, EAC Dunedin Room
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 12, 10:30 am - 12 pm, EAC Crystal Beach Room
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, Feb. 17, 7:30 - 11 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Show: Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Meet and Greet: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Fletchers Keyboard Lessons: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 French Language Society: 10:30 - 11:30 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Gentle Movement Exercises, Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m., Sundays, 11 - 12 a.m., East Activity Center Largo Room
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, Feb. 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 High Vibe Tribe: 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, Feb. 8, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Italian Language Classes: Fridays, 10:30 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Irish Club Parade Meetings: Feb. 8 and 20, and March 1, 4-5 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Jesters Cast Party: Sunday, Feb. 4, 5 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Jesters Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Keyboard Club, 10 am, Mondays and 9:45 am, Fridays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Kibbitz Corner (Coffee Corner), Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Knitting Group: 9 - 11 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Lambda Social: Friday, Feb. 9, 6 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Lambda Chat: Friday, Feb. 2, and Friday, Feb. 16, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room
 Line Dance Club: 1 - 3 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Tuesdays, 9 - 12 pm, 1-4 pm Fridays, EAC Auditorium
 Music Group: Tuesdays, 3 - 6 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Philosophy Club: 10 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Pickleball Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 5, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Plant-Based Living Club: 3 - 5 pm, Friday, Feb. 9, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Ping Pong: 10 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Press Association Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 8, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (note, second Thursday)
 Republican Club: Meeting, 6 - 8 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 13, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Resident4Residents Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6 - 8:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleaire Room
 Social Dance: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleaire Room
 Snowbirds Club Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 1, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Snowbirds Line Dancing: Wednesdays, 8 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Texas Card Game Club: Friday, Feb. 23, 3-10 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Theater Workshop Board Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6 - 7 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Theater Workshop General Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7-8:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Travel Club: Friday, Feb. 2, 2-4 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room
 TOPS: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Veterans Group Coffee: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 World Quilters: 8 am - 2 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Writer's Ink: 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

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Bid Euchre: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, WAC Belleair Room
 Casual Bridge: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, EAC Ozona Room
 Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Dominoes: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9 am - 12 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Euchre Club: Fridays, 4 - 6 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30 -10:30 Thursday, Feb. 13, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Mahjongg: 1 - 4 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1 - 5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 - 8 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Laura's Group): 6-9 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Tom's Group): 5 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Richie's Group): 5:30 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Rummikub: Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room
 Spades Night: Saturday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 24, 5:30 - 9 pm

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, Feb 26-29 East Activity Center Swimming Pool, Feb 1-25 West Activity Center
 Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Dance Fitness: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 - 10 am, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10:15-11:30 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair; 10:15-11:30 am, Thursdays, EAC Exercise Rm
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance: 11 am -12 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm
 Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 12:15-1:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR
 Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Sundays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-3 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Food Truck Night
Wednesday, Feb. 7
3-7 pm, EAC
Farmers Market
Wednesday, Feb. 14 and 28
10 am - 5 pm

Parade Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 8, 4-5, Largo Room
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4-5, Largo Room
Friday, March 1, 4-5, Largo Room
Parade - Saturday, March 2, 10 am

Get Acquainted Coffee
Good Neighbors Association
Feb. 8, 8:30-11 am, Aud

The East Activity Center
swimming pool will be closed
Feb. 1 - Feb. 23

PAVILION

Lawn Bowl Social
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 11 am - 3 pm

Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
Friday, Feb. 23, 10 am - 2 pm

BUILDING EVENTS

Brahman Social
Saturday, Feb. 24, 4-8 pm
West Activity Center Belleair Room

Mandalay Social
Saturday, Feb. 24, 12-4 pm
East Activity Center Clearwater/Kitchen Room

Information Tables
Mondays and Thursdays
8:30-10:30 am
EAC Auditorium

Pickleball
Monday through Friday
10 am - 12 pm
Sundays 9 am - 12 pm
Tue, Wed, Thu 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Shuffleboard
4 pm, Mon, Tue, Wed

Tennis Club
7:00 - 10 am,
Monday through Saturday.
4:30 - 6:30 pm, Sundays

Lawn Bowling
9:30 am
Monday through Saturday
Lawn Bowls Courts

FACILITIES

Library
 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays
 1-3pm, Wednesdays

Woodshop
 8 am-4 pm Monday-Friday (Sept-May)
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 9 am to 8 pm Sundays
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 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm

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 Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm



Above and below, singer Ralph Rogers entertains residents during Get Acquainted Coffee on Jan. 11. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Food and clothing drive set for Feb. 23

By Sue Trost

Good Neighbors Association is chock full of upcoming events this winter and spring.

In January we hosted Get Acquainted Coffee and brought back some traditional entertainment. Ralph Rogers has been singing at On Top of the World for years and he was brought back for the first time in four years.

Ralph enjoys singing in the crowd and residents didn't hesitate to line dance or slow dance. It was a fun way to start the new year.

The next Get Acquainted Coffee is Thursday, Feb. 8. The entertainer will be Chelle Fulk.

We will be having a volunteer meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, downstairs in the East Activity Center Ozona Room. We want to keep all of our volunteers, and potential volunteers, informed and updated on all that is happening. Signup sheets will be available.

On Friday, Feb. 23, our spring food and clothing drive will be in the East Activity Center back parking lot next to the Pavilion. Food and clothing can be dropped off from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Clothing should be new or slightly used and unsoiled.

Food items include non-perishable items (for example, pasta, canned goods, cereal, etc). Please, no expired items.

Drive up to the Pavilion. There will be volunteers available to take items out of your car.

On Sunday, March 10, Good Neighbors Association will be hosting our spring social featuring "Glimpses of the Philippines," which will include a bamboo orchestra, choral group and dance ensemble.

This is truly a spectacular and entertaining event.

Tickets are \$15 and will include snacks and soft drinks. The tickets are available on Mondays and Thursdays at the Good Neighbors Association information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, April 13, we will be hosting our annual spring flea market and craft show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Cost for each table is \$15 or two tables for \$25. Tables can be reserved, first come, first served, on Mondays and Thursdays at our information table in the EAC Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

A special shout out to all of you who attended the Open Mic Night on Thursday, Jan. 11. All proceeds are going to Bay Pines Veterans Administration located in St Petersburg to help support our veterans.

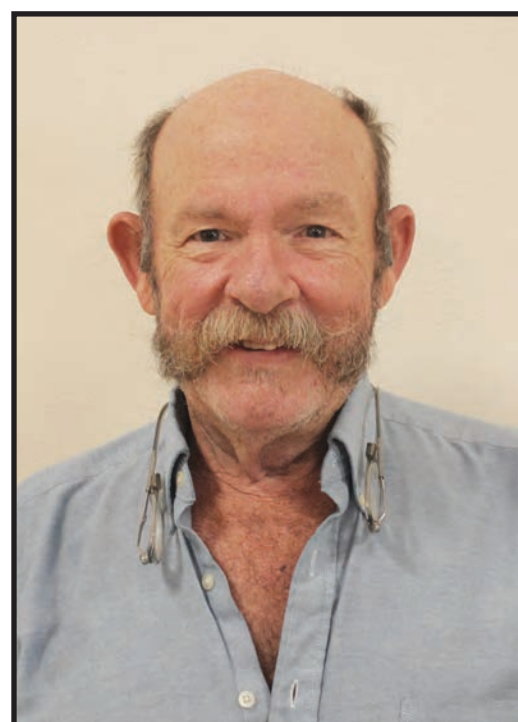
Looking forward to seeing everyone. Stay warm!



Welcome New Residents



Kathy and Mark Trotter of Ohio



Jim Cadwell of Alabama

(Photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Price Changes for Game Sheets

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6-On-A-Page Bingo Sheet \$6 (was \$5)
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One, 6-On-A-Page Sheet + One, 9-On-A-Page Sheet is now \$12 (was \$10)

Max attendance is 200 people, so get your tickets early

Bingo Marathon set for March 9

By Diane Like

On Top of the World Bingo has announced that its spring Bingo Marathon will be held on March 9 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Tickets are on sale at the East Activity Center on Mondays from 4–6 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30–10 a.m. at the club information tables in the Auditorium.

On Bingo Marathon morning, doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and bingo will begin at noon.

Our marathon event is exciting to our bingo players because of the prize money! Awards for each game are up to \$200 per game and there is a variety of 28 different games. This provides a change of pace.

One person was recently heard saying

“I’d love to go, but I don’t know if I can play bingo all day.”

While it’s called a “marathon,” it really only lasts approximately four hours and lunch is provided during the break. You are welcome to play as long as you want. You do not have to stay all four hours.

In addition to lunch, everyone will receive a complimentary donut when you arrive.

Goodie bags will also be provided.

We only have room for 200 players. If you’re interested, please stop by to get your tickets soon.

Tickets are \$30 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Each resident is allowed up to two guests, but the guests must enter the Auditorium at the same time as the resident.

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On Top of the World Bingo Marathon

Saturday, March 9, EAC Auditorium

- Advanced Ticket Sales Only
- Games start at noon
- No tickets will be sold at the door
- Lunch provided – Coffee all day
- \$30 per person – no refunds

Tickets can be purchased Monday 4-6 pm before regular bingo, or Thursday 8:30 – 10 am at our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Purchase of 6 or more tickets at the same time and you can reserve an entire table for your neighbors and friends to play together

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New Year's Eve 2023 was another sellout and the dance floor was always packed. Tickets are already on sale for New Year's Eve 2024. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Chicago tribute band will be here Feb. 15

By Mary Ann O'Neil

On Jan. 18, the Entertainment Committee started 2024 off with a show featuring Joe Hite, a veteran musician and accomplished pianist.

Joe entertained our community with a terrific show, Day Break – A Tribute to Barry Manilow, here at the East Activity Center.

If you missed this show, you missed a night of great entertainment listening to classics like “Mandy,” “Can’t Smile Without You” and the rhythm of “Copacabana.” This show was a sellout!

Our first dance of 2024 featured the South Shore Cruisers Band. This band entertained us with music from the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s which brought back memories.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, come catch our

show Chicago Rewired for a tribute to the band Chicago. You probably all know that Chicago is one of the longest running and most successful pop/rock groups.

The band is comprised of a unique blend of talented musicians joining forces to bring us replicated music of Chicago. Come join us for a fun evening of songs such as, If You Leave Me Now, Hard to Say I’m Sorry, and, of course, You’re the Inspiration. I’m sure everyone remembers these songs.

Last year all eight of our shows were sold out, so don’t wait to purchase your tickets. We would hate to see you miss out on great entertainment right here in your backyard.

Our next Sunday Meet & Greet will be Feb. 18, 2-4 p.m. here in the East Activity Center. We will have horse races so be sure

to bring your dollar bills to bet on your favorite jockey and horse. This is a free event and we provide light refreshments as well as raffles at the end. Be sure to stop by and join in the fun.

Get your neighbors together or why not make it a building outing for a Sunday afternoon.

Remember, our shows and dances are reserved table seating so if you want to have a great seat, purchase your tickets early.

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

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

Get your friends together and come out for an evening of fun! We provide ice and coffee throughout the evening. All events are

BYOB. Bring your own snacks as well.

Halloween and New Year’s Eve tickets are on sale now. These two dances are our biggest dances of the year and are always sold out. So don’t wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets.

Ticket sales for shows and dances are Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the EAC. Be sure to stop by and purchase your tickets.

Just a reminder, wearing of shorts is not allowed at our dances.

If you have any questions regarding shows or dances, please call (727) 449-9243 or (215) 431-4799.

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, it is our pleasure to bring affordable entertainment to our community.



Look for our information table banner where tickets are sold in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Find our banner and you will find ticket sales for all of our upcoming events, plus we will answer your questions. Our information table is open from 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday. We are also there for Get Acquainted Coffee.



Horse Races!

2 pm

Sunday, Feb. 18

EAC Auditorium

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Tickets on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium.
View our entire schedule online at otowboxoffice.com.



FEBRUARY

- 15 Chicago Rewired (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 17 Flashback Band (dance, 7:30, \$10)
- 18 Sunday Meet and Greet - Horse Races (free)

MARCH

- 21 Florida Bee Gees (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 23 TC & Sass (dance, 7:30, \$10)

APRIL

- 18 Yacht Rock (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 20 Over The Edge (dance, 7:30, \$10)

For more information about
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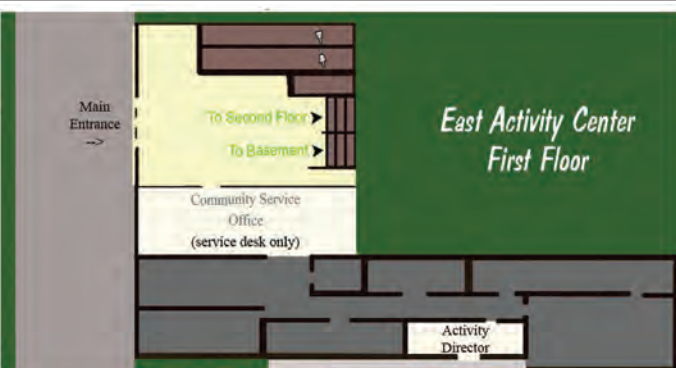
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East Activity Center Ground Floor



East Activity Center First Floor



East Activity Center Second Floor



West Activity Center

East and West Activity Centers Room Maps

EAC Pavilion Park Grill Map



Pavilion Park

Important Phone Numbers

Community Service Office

727-683-6981

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727-799-3417 Option 6

Activities Office

727-799-2734

Emergency After Hours/Weekends

727-799-1115

You've see the flashing signs - but do you know what to do?

By Tara Still

You've driven Sunset Point Road and have most likely seen the bright yellow flashing lights come on at the crosswalk signals pictured at right.

But do you know what you are supposed to do?

This type of signal is called a rectangular rapid flashing beacon. The main purpose is to alert drivers that someone is about to cross the road in a designated crosswalk along the Duke Energy Trail.

Trail users press a button to activate the signal and yellow lights flash.

The information below is provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and tells you what happens next:

Trail users

» Press the button to activate the signal and wait for the flashing lights to come on before stepping into the crosswalk.

» Stay on the trail, do not enter the crosswalk, until any approaching vehicles have stopped.

» Some motorists may not be aware of the need to stop, so make sure all motorists see you before you cross the road

» Cross the road only after all vehicles have stopped.

Motorists

» When approaching these signals, look to the left and look to the right of the crossing for approaching trail users, even if the flashing lights are not activated.

» Slow down and be prepared to stop for trail users.

» Stop or yield according to the road signage.

» If you do stop your vehicle, **STOP BEFORE THE CROSSWALK** so



There are two pedestrian crossing signal beacons on Sunset Point Road at the Duke Energy Trail. If the lights are flashing and someone is moving in the crosswalk, you must stop and wait for the person to cross. It is illegal to pass a stopped vehicle. (OTOW News photo by Tara Still)

the trail user can cross comfortably.

» It is a violation to change lanes and

pass a vehicle that has stopped for trail users.

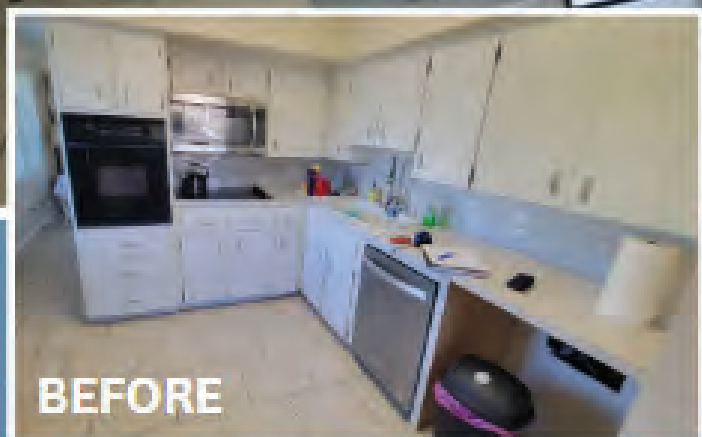
» Once the person has crossed your path

and is safely out of your lane of travel, you may continue slowly through the crosswalk.



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It's showtime! Your flight is leaving for Hawaii

By Connie Hillier

The Jesters are proud to announce the premier of their new show, "Aloha Hawaii" on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium with two performances to follow on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee on Feb. 4 starting at 2 p.m.

Did you notice? We are not performing Super Bowl weekend this year! You have no excuse not to attend!

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 or you can visit our information table in the EAC Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Come out for a wonderful time of entertainment, and plenty of fun and laughter. Everyone who is in the show is part of the On Top of the World community. You may see someone you know.

Last year we had more than 1,000 people see our show which was well received. This year we are anticipating an even larger audience.

Here is your opportunity to add a little zest to your usual weekend and take part in the great adventure to Hawaii. You do not have to pack your bags or go through TSA. We will take you there through the very friendly skies on "Hawaiian Airlines." Enjoy the sites, the sounds and the flavor of Hawaii on stage at OTOW.

I would like you to know that working



Jesters

on this show has brought the Jesters together. The cast may start out as individuals, but soon you find yourself working as a team. New friendships are formed. You feel the support from everyone. All of the cast has been working hard over the last four months and some longer to present the best show possible.

The cast and crew were amazing in preparing for this time and now we have a spectacular show for you.

Don't blink!

The show is this weekend only. Come and enjoy the Jesters show, "Aloha Hawaii."

As awlays, Jesters are "Just for Fun!"



2024 Jesters present

Aloha Hawaii!

live on stage

Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 pm

East Activity Center Auditorium - Tickets \$5

Tickets available Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am, at the Jesters information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium



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Showtime Dates

Feb. 2, 3 and 4

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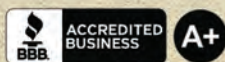
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Art Guild is bringing in talented artists to share their knowledge



Art Guild

By Julie Awot

Art Guild members and guests were treated to a wonderful lecture and demonstration by professor Kevin Grass at our January members meeting.

The lecture was informative and interactive. The painting demonstration was fascinating. The professor accomplished a full landscape in about 45 minutes, all the while patiently answering our questions.

The Art Guild Artist of the Month in February is Maggie Reinhart. She did a fantastic job painting a section of the Duke Energy Trail. Her husband is even included in the composition. This is a very complicated landscape. Kudos to Maggie.

The Feb. 9 Art Guild members meeting will be hosting artist Markissia Toulaiatos.

Markissia has been a commissioned portrait artist for 35 years. Her work includes full-size portraits and miniature portraits as well as other fine art.

Markissia has an amazing amount of awards and is an active member in many prestigious art societies. Presently, she is an instructor at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center.

Markissia painted the portrait on this page, "Lady with Magnolias," as a demonstration for her Wednesday morning portrait class.

You can find out more about artist Markissia Toulaiatos at Markissia.com.

Another amazing artist is sharing time and talent with On Top of the World, and once again the Art Guild would like to extend an invitation to any interested OTOW residents to attend. This event is Friday, Feb. 9, 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The Art Guild board wants to remind members that the EAC Largo room is reserved each Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. for Painting Pals.

Another event the Guild has scheduled is the annual Art Show and Sale. This year the event is Sunday, April 14 from 1-4 p.m. Those members who wish to show and sell need to sign up no later than the March members meeting. Don't delay. Space is limited.

Stop by our information table at the Feb. 8 Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee if you need more information or to sign up.

In the meantime beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish?



'Lady with Magnolias' is a painting by Markissia Toulaiatos, who will be at On Top of the World in February. This painting was reproduced in our newspaper with permission from Markissia.



Art Guild

Maggie Reinhart is the Art Guild Artist of the Month for February. This painting is a scene from the Duke Energy Trail and even has her husband in it. This painting will be displayed in the East Activity Center Auditorium for the month.



Bible Study Group



2 PM Fridays,
East Activity Center
Crystal Beach Room
Open to all residents



Missy Marie



Rascal

Portraits by Irene

Each month in 2024, OTOW artist Irene Piper will be providing each Pet of the Month winner with a pet portrait based on their submitted photograph.

The owner will be contacted when each portrait is finished.

If you would like to contact Irene and request your own pet portrait, she is receiving emails at loislane96@hotmail.com.

Irene does not take the initial photograph. You must submit a photo and she will create the painted portrait based on the picture.

Irene also can be reached at 617-921-3272

Hi. My name is Rascal. I'm 15 years old and my sister, well half sister, Missy Marie is 13 years old. We both are Bichon Frisé. Even though I'm 22 pounds and my sister is 10 pounds, she thinks she's the boss. We live with our mom, Patty Aden, in the Brahman building (74). We've lived here for about 9 years and really love it here. We love to watch people and their dogs that go by. We bark at them to come up to the porch and give us some attention. Some of them do. We both love to lay in the sun. It makes our old back and legs feel better. Missy loves to chase the geckos and sometimes we will almost catch one. My mom dresses us up for Christmas and when we go to the Halloween contest every year. I think she has fun dressing us up. One year she even put tennis shoes on us and I had to wear blue jeans! Boy was that hard to walk in.

Each month in 2024, OTOW News will be 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 two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner each month will receive a portrait from On Top of the World artist Irene Piper. If you are the winner this month, the newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. 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 Pet of the Year winner will receive a portrait and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

First Pet of the Month winner loves new award

Ginny McDowell walked into the On Top of the World newsroom and Editor Doug Kates said "I have a prize for you."

Ginny is the owner of Abby and Daisy, who were named Pets of the Month for January. Since Abby and Daisy were the first honorees in 2024, they were also the first to receive the new award. OTOW News is now giving away custom paintings of the photo submitted for the Pet of the Month contest.

Ginny, who resides in the Austrian Alpine building, saw the award and said, "There's Abby and Daisy!" The smile was priceless.

OTOW News staffer Irene Piper suggested the new award. She loves painting dogs and cats and volunteered to be the artist who creates the new awards. She created this painting solely based on the entry photo that appeared in OTOW News for January.

The winners in February, Missy Marie and Rascal, will be next in line for a portrait, as will our 2023 Pet of the Year, Gunter (see Section 3).

Irene is also available to do other pet portraits in the community. Her business information is in the story above.



Ginny McDowell, at right, holds the prize for her dogs being named Pets of the Month in January. This is the new monthly prize painted by OTOW News staffer Irene Piper.



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Italian American Club



By Sam Gonnella
 Everything must come to an end, they say.
 I always wondered, who are "they?"
 One thing that does end is a presidency and so it is for the Italian-American Club this year.

At our Happy Trails event on Jan. 17, the position of president was passed from Martha Gonnella to Barbara Walsh. It marked the first time that two consecutive presidents were not of Italian heritage.

But that's OK!
 You don't have to be Italian to be a member of our club and you don't have to be Italian to be president either.

Barbara and new Vice President Angela Profera were sworn in according to the by-laws of the club.

The outgoing officers will continue to be available to provide guidance.

New people bring new ideas so going forward, Barbara, with the help of volunteer members, will present theme events for all to enjoy.

Ready for some Italian trivia?
 What Italian food do most people say is their favorite to eat?

Pizza right?
 OK, OK.
 But what is next?
 Pasta - and that's what this trivia is about.



Cowboy hats, some blue jeans and even some boots were very common on Jan. 17 as the Italian-American Club held a Western Night in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Some say that pasta was first introduced in Italy by Marco Polo after he made expeditions to China in the 1200s.

The pasta they ate were just flat noodles. It wasn't until the 1600s when a pasta machine was invented in Italy that the different sizes and shapes appeared.

Some time in the 1700s, our Thomas Jefferson saw the machine while in Italy and was so fascinated with it, he purchased one, brought it to America and the rest is history.

So, in honor of Thomas Jefferson, let's eat some pasta.

Italian-American Club's remaining events for the winter/spring season are:

On Feb. 6, we will feature a cabaret style event at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

There will be a jazz concert featuring en-

tertainers Wayne and Pete.

You may come to dance or listen as they perform jazz renditions of popular songs. This kind of lively music will have toes tapping and bodies swaying. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks.

Cost for members is \$12 and for non-members is \$15.

On Feb. 23 at 11 a.m., our club will host a Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs.

Ticket purchase includes admission, a buffet lunch and a racing program. Cost is \$33 for members or non-members.

Pick up a flyer at our information table. It has details for parking and entrance to the track.

On March 20, we will have our featured event of the year - our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. The event will be 5 p.m. in the EAC

Auditorium with catering by Felice's Italian Deli. Italian dinner entrees will be available and a special St. Joseph's zeppole dessert. Festival and dancing music will be by DJ Dino. This is lots of fun every year. Cost is \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members.

On April 10, our traditional season-ending event will be an ice cream social with fruit toppings and famous layer cakes.

Make a sundae, enjoy the layer cakes or have both. Bon Appetito.

The club will provide coffee and water at all of the events.

Tickets for our events can be purchased at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.

You can look for future club postings on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) or OTOW-TV channel 901.

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Hydro-jetting project continues in Buildings 31-47

By Dessa Barabba

If you live in Buildings 31-47, please note a hydro-jetting project is currently in progress.

As a reminder, this was discussed during the June 11, 2021, General Meeting. Access to your unit may be required. The impacted units will be contained to first floor units 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 On Top of the World RAVE Alert. Be sure you are signed up to receive alerts prior to the 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 Clearwater website at <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/hydro-jetting-project/>.

If you will not be home, we will still need access to your unit. Please find a representative for your unit, fill out the form above and mail it in or drop it off at the Community Service Office.

OTOW Hydro-Jetting Project

| <u>BUILDING</u> | <u>SCHEDULE DATES</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 31 | February 2 - February 7 |
| 45 | February 8 - February 12 |
| 44 | February 13 - February 16 |
| 43 | February 18 - February 21 |
| 42 | February 22 - March 4 |
| 41 | March 5 - March 8 |
| 40 | March 11 - March 14 |
| 39 | March 15 - March 20 |
| 38 | March 20 - March 22 |
| 36 | March 25 - March 28 |
| 37 | March 29 - April 3 |
| 46 | April 4 - April 5 |
| 47 | April 5 - April 11 |

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(Hydro Jetting is the process of cleaning out debris and clog build-ups in wall pipes with a stream of high pressure water jets)

If you are a first floor resident and you will not be home during your scheduled hydro-jetting dates, please let On Top of the World know by cutting out this form and bringing it to the Community Service Office or mail form to:

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REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

Irish Club Parade Route Map



This map shows the basic parade route, the extended parade route and the four staging areas for participants.

The parade ends at the EAC, where the post-parade party begins.

The gate at Belcher Road will close at 9:30 a.m. The gate will reopen after the parade is finished.

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Please note - this schedule replaces the schedule in your February newspaper. No service Feb. 19.

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Only dates and locations offered at this time.

Important Notice East Activity Center Pool Closure



The East Activity Center swimming pool will be **CLOSED** Friday, Jan. 26 - Friday, Feb. 23 and will be drained and resurfaced. The pavers will be cleaned and sealed.*

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Computer Club adding something new - basic classes for people new to using computers



Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club introduced its 2024 board members at a luncheon in January.

The board members are Lisa Pompeo, president, Joe Wisinski, vice president, Diane Like, secretary, Cheryl Lindback, treasurer, Mike Wood, immediate past president, and Terry Mikszenas, Charlene Wood and Scott Mascitelli, board members at large.

“The Computer Club is looking forward to a productive year,” Lisa said. “We’re excited about continuing our long history of serving our club members and the OTOW community at large.”

In January, the club started a new service for residents of OTOW by offering classes in basic computer skills. These classes were for those who aren’t currently using a computer or are almost new to using them.

In February, the club is offering classes about spreadsheets, such as Microsoft Excel. These classes, which club member Joe Wisinski will teach, are for those who are new to spreadsheets as well as for those with experience using them.

The spreadsheet classes start on Wednes-



New board members for the On Top of the World Computer Club are, left to right, Terry Mikszenas, member at large, Diane Like, secretary, Charlene Wood, member at large, Cheryl Lindback, treasurer, Lisa Pompeo, president, Scott Mascitelli, member at large, Joe Wisinski, vice president, and Mike Wood, immediate past president. (Photo courtesy of Rowland Hetrick)

day, Feb. 7, and are limited to five people per class. They’ll take place every Wednesday in February in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The class is free, but advance signup is necessary. To sign up, email otowcc@gmail.com. The first five people to email will attend the first week’s class. Anyone emailing after that will be put on a waiting list for next week’s class.

Be sure to bring your activity card to the class. Also bring a laptop computer if you have one, along with a power cord and any password you might need to access the com-

puter.

Future classes will be held on other topics. Look for those topics every month in this column.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meetings take place both in person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and 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.

Any OTOW resident is welcome to come to the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. for more help with computer issues.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com, or click our link in the OTOW Box Office website, otowboxoffice.com.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Above, members of the Moving 'n Grooving Club dine together in one of the beautiful dining rooms aboard Radiance of the Sea. Below, we filled a dance floor with our own club members wearing our own T-shirts.

Moving 'n Grooving line dance class went on a field trip - to Mexico!



By Margaret LeTourneau

If you looked for Moving 'n Grooving Club line dancers in the East Activity Center Auditorium during the first week of December - we weren't there.

We relocated for a week!

In fact, we weren't even in Clearwater, the state of Florida or even on dry land.

Our club was line dancing at sea!

More than 50 members of Moving 'n Grooving boarded Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas.

We proudly wore our blue Moving 'n Grooving T-shirts everywhere on the ship and we showed off our line dancing skills to



everyone at the Starquest Nightclub, which offers a panoramic view of the Gulf of Mexico.

We danced together, dined together and even went swimming together.

Some of us rested from line dancing and tried to win a belly flop contest at the swim-

ming pool!

We had so much fun.

Now we are back home and it is time to enjoy our own Auditorium once again.

How about trying some line dance classes with Margaret LeTourneau? She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed.

The schedule is listed at the end of this story.

You can refer to the community calendar for schedules for Cardio Dance/Cardio Dance Light, Broadway Bound, Cornhole, and Gentle Movement Exercise classes.

Members of our club receive monthly calendars showing dates, times and locations for our activities. If you would like to receive a copy of our monthly calendar for February, see the contact info below.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out our inclusive classes that teach all levels, guarantee great fun, and promote an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope Tera at 914-217-9206.

You can also email us at movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com, or come to any of our activities to try them out.

You can learn more about our club on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

As always, we hope to see you there.



Moving 'n Grooving members pose for a picture on a stairwell aboard Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas. Millie Cantone holds a copy of our famous On Top of the World newspaper, which is truly read all over the world - even in Mexico!

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Levels 3/4

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1:00 - 2:20
Level 1/2

2:30 - 4:00
Levels 3/4



Three clubs worked together on Jan. 11 to bring Open Mic Night to On Top of the World. More than 200 people attended. In the middle are some of the organizers. Against the wall is half of the crowd. They were also at tables on the other side of the room. The New York-New Jersey Club and Good Neighbors Association assisted the Veterans Group in pulling this off. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Valentine's Day is Feb. 14 - we have the perfect idea for making it a romantic night

By Patrick Hayes

Did you forget about Valentine's Day? Too lazy to buy chocolates or a dozen roses? Can't make reservations at your favorite restaurant? Well, guess what? The New York-New Jersey Club is going to get you out of trouble. Our annual Valentine's Day party will take place 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Tickets are affordable. We have plenty of room for you and your sweetie. You cannot say you forgot because I just reminded you! The menu for the evening will include eggplant rollatini, chicken marsala, penne in garlic sauce, vegetable medley, salad and bread. There will be "Desserts by Lou," a disc jockey and an open dance floor. Plus, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, ice and water - all for \$25. You still might want to bring a rose, but the New York-New Jersey Club will take care of the rest. Tickets are on sale Monday and Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. No excuses to get in trouble this Valen-



New York - New Jersey Club

tine's Day. OK. So let's say something goes wrong. You made plans for Valentine's Day that did not include the New York-New Jersey Club and it turned out to be a disaster. Now what do you do? How do you get out of trouble? New York-New Jersey will be hosting Dessert Night on Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Who doesn't like dessert?

Come listen and dance to the very popular Carla Hines of In Perspective Music. She will sing popular songs from the '60s and '70s. We will be serving sheet cake from Publix along with coffee, hot chocolate, water and ice. Cost is \$10. Sports Night is coming on Wednesday May 8 at 5 p.m. Your food choice is from the following subs from Felice Italian Catering: meatball, meatball parmigiana, sausage and peppers, Italian Godfather or tuna. Dinner includes a pasta salad, coffee, hot chocolate, water and ice. There will be a DJ and dancing. Cost is \$18. If you attend, please wear a jersey, shirt, T-shirt or cap representing your favorite sports team or where you are from. We even allow Red Sox and Patriots attire. New York Style Hot Dog Night will be taking place Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. We will provide all the fixings. Cost is \$10. Membership in the New York-New Jersey Club is still only \$5 and open to all residents of On Top of the World. We have members from all over the United States and Canada! We even let people join from Boston. Currently, membership is exceeding 350 residents and still growing. This is only January

and already more than half of our club members have paid their dues for 2024. We have maintained our proven track record for providing affordable evenings of quality food and entertainment. In addition, our club has continued to support community events. For example, Open Mic Night in January benefitted our veterans' community and our club was a part of it. A good time was had by all. Open Mic Night was a wonderful idea organized by our OTOW Veterans Club, the Good Neighbors Association and the New York-New Jersey Club. On March 2, our club will participate in the Irish Club Parade. This is a community-wide event. If you would like to march with us, please sign up at our information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m. any Monday or Thursday in the East Activity Center Auditorium. If you are not participating with any of the other clubs, you can join us. But please participate. It's a lot of fun! Tickets are available in the East Activity Center 8-10 a.m. on both Mondays and Thursday. If you would like to volunteer to help with our activities, please stop by the table and introduce yourself to the club. If you are new to the OTOW community, volunteering is the best way to meet new friends.

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200 attend first Open Mic Night sponsored by three local clubs



Oh what a night!

Three On Top of the World clubs combined efforts to create Open Mic Nite in January.

Any OTOW resident with talent was invited to participate and the entire community was invited to watch, listen and even dance.

Who took advantage?

There were singers, musicians, joke tellers and a magician.

People got together as a group and performed. They also went solo.

"Open Mic Night was a resounding success," said Pam Rosenblatt of the Veterans Group, which joined forces with Good Neighbors Association and the New York-New Jersey Club.

"If you missed it," Pam said, "you missed a night of exceptional talent and festivities."

Lenny Segal and Kathy Ahrens were the host karaoke disc jockeys. If you wanted to sing a song, they found it.

Lillian Foy and Jesse Tiamson were the emcees.

Ray Willis opened the night playing his bagpipes.

Not only was this an open talent night, it was also a fund-raiser. Each ticket sold was a donation to the Veterans Group, which in turn planned on distributing funds to local veterans in need, including the Bay Pines Veterans Administration.

Bay Pines has a program that assist veterans who try to live life on their own, but members of the Veterans Group heard that basic supplies given to those veterans were running low. They wanted to help.

"We exceeded our fund raising expectations," Pam said. "Thank you one and all who made the event a success."

Funds were also given to resident Fran Glaros, so she could continue mailing care packages to active service people overseas. Fran has been doing this on her own for 20 years and active service personal have been receiving Fran's goodie boxes.

The three clubs behind Open Mic Night were hoping for a crowd of 50-100 people. When the first music note was played, there were 235 people in the audience.

Pam said representatives of the three clubs will get together soon to see if this idea could become an annual event.

The next endeavor for the Veterans Group is attending and participating in the Snowbirds Club Vietnam remembrance day taking place on March 29.

"The Snowbirds Club does a fantastic job showing our veterans a night of gratitude with a bite to eat and a splendid show," Pam said.

See page 29 for details.

Our Veterans Group also will be in the annual Irish Club Parade on Saturday, March 2. So far we've got three confirmed convertibles.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, or simply observing, we encourage you sign up at our information table on Thursdays in the East Activity Center between 8:30-10:30 a.m. You may also contact us by sending an email to otowveteransgroup@gmail.com.



Pictured above are some of the group singers who performed karaoke during Open Mic Night in January. Some people sang solo, some as a duet and some as larger groups. Below is the Amazing Richie. He performed some magic tricks on stage and at least one when he was off stage. His wallet 'magically' caught fire and 'magically' extinguished.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou



During some karaoke moments, people took advantage and danced on the dance floor.



In late December, the Snowbirds Club had two guests teach new dances. One guest was resident Marina Davidovich and the other guest was her daughter, Marianna. Twenty-six people took part in the morning dances.

Marina Davidovich and daughter take over the Snowbirds Club for one special morning of instruction

By Dale Stackhouse

The Snowbirds Club line dancers were treated to something new in December.

One of our members, Marina Davidovich, is a trained dance and gymnastics teacher. Her daughter, Marianna, is also an experienced dancer and was visiting for the holidays.

Marina says she started teaching Marianna to dance when she was just 3 years old.

Together, Marina and Marianna did a demo dance for Snowbirds Club members. They taught the group the bachata with the song "Stand By Me" in the background.

Then we all did a fun dance number to "Santa Baby."

Everyone had a good time learning the new routines.

Marina was born in Ukraine and came to the United States as a political refugee in 1975. She had lived in Connecticut, Michigan and Georgia before settling here at On



Top of the World.

Along with all kinds of dancing, she enjoys pickleball and exercise classes.

Over the years, the Snowbirds Line Dance Club has hosted several workshops by professional line dancers. These have included Ira Weisburd, John Robinson, Cody Flowers and the ever-popular Rosie Multari.

We are looking forward to having Rosie

return in February. Details will be announced at classes.

With so many activities going on in our community, I have heard people expressing confusion over which line dance club meets when. The Snowbirds Line Dance Club meets on Wednesday mornings in the East Activity Center Auditorium. We start in mid-October and run until mid-April.

We have several classes. Starting at 8:30 a.m., Ed Foland conducts his 12-step beginners program designed to teach the very basics of line dancing in a fun and easy manner.

At about 9:15 a.m., Dolly Foland takes the stage and shows everyone how those basic lessons can be incorporated into many other dances. The class is progressive, with the dances becoming a little more challenging as the morning progresses.

As teachers, it is gratifying to watch people discover that yes, they can do this dance!

The next week they might stay longer and try a few more.

The final hour, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., is generally devoted to more difficult dances, to challenge those who are more experienced. But everyone is welcome to stay ... that is how we learn!

On Tuesday afternoons, from 1-3 p.m., some of the same teachers and dancers will be found practicing their skills and having fun with the OTOW Line Dance Club. The dances start at an Advanced Beginner level. There is no charge for this Tuesday afternoon class.

The Snowbirds Club fees are just \$10 a season and this includes access to the many opportunities and activities offered by the Snowbirds Travel and Entertainment division. We are happy to have you try us out for a few classes, before making a commitment.

Hope to see you on the dance floor!



Marina Davidovich

From Socialist regime to teaching fitness at On Top of the World

By Mary Marsden

Meet Marina Davidovich.

Marina and her husband moved to On Top of the World from Atlanta in December 2022.

Marina quickly became involved in many activities here, including the 8 a.m. ladies exercise class, line dancing and pickleball.

Once a month the exercise class is treated to a class with Marina sharing her expertise with us.

Marina is a flexibility expert with more than 30 years of experience working with all different types of athletes from all over the world, including gymnasts, dancers, cheerleaders, contortionists, ice skaters, sports acrobatics, aerobic fitness, divers and aerial artists.

She was an owner/head coach of United Gymnastics Academies in Jacksonville and Atlanta. She has trained gymnasts from novice to Olympic level and has traveled all over the world as an USA Team Coach.

Marina has taught numerous workshops, seminars and lectures. She says she is three quarters retired now, but still trains clients on-line and travels to gymnastic facilities in Tampa and Sarasota monthly to instruct classes.

She developed her techniques for teaching flexibility after seeing so many gymnasts have to quit the sport from injuries due to improper stretching, lack of stretching or

poor body alignment.

Marina created her program with a unique blend of non-invasive stretching techniques from studying Russian, Ukrainian and Bulgarian experts, sports physical therapists, Pilates instructors, sports doctors, flexibility studies, and working with thousands of athletes from various sports.

Marina was born in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. In 1975, Marina was a political refugee from the USSR. Days after her 22nd birthday, she took action on the most difficult decision of her life and left everything she knew behind for the chance to be in a place where her family would no longer struggle with constant fear, hunger, cold and decrepit living conditions.

She, her husband, mother-in-law and 16-month-old child were among the few lucky recipients who were granted exit visas, escaping the Soviet totalitarian system.

After eight months of displacement with no money and no grasp of the language, Marina's family arrived in this country, worked tirelessly, and thanks to our freedoms she earned the safety, security and happiness they never could have achieved under a socialist regime.

Happily married for more than 50 years, Marina has three beautiful daughters and four grandchildren.



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Abby Doronzio, Jean-Paul Reymont and Joseph Fleckenstein get ready to enjoy another French class.



French Culture Class restarts for 2024 - give your brain something new to think about in the new year

By Jean-Paul Reymont

After a two-week hiatus during the Christmas season and New Year's Eve celebrations, the French Language and Culture Society of On Top of the World reconvened on Jan. 2, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will continue every Wednesday.

As we start the new year, any resident of OTOW who wants to delve into the fascinating world of French culture, cuisine and fine arts, and learn basic French, is cordially welcome.

As we start our sessions, we always begin our class with a moment d'humour (or a humorous joke or skit) which any member can contribute and make us laugh. Then we add two wonderful activities: a French song followed by a 10 minute French film - either

with spoken French or French subtitles.

For example, we recently saw Maggie Smith speak superb French in the film, "Tea with Mussolini." Her French was impeccable because it was dubbed which was translated from the original English version.

Other past films in French were "Molière," "Le fantôme de l'Opéra" (version 1944), "Le comte de Monte-Cristo," etc.

Everyone also enjoyed singing old classic songs like "Sur le pont d'Avignon," "Frère Jacques," "Les parapluies de Cherbourg" and other songs by Jacques Brel, Charles Trenet, Gilbert Bécaud (What Now, My Love/ Eh, maintenant), etc.

After a petit goût or a little taste of French culture, we learned to speak conversational French. During that time we learned

about French wines and liqueurs and basic foods that French people love. However, there are certain regions in France where the cuisine varies and some people keep it secret, especially some personal age-old restaurant recipes which may even be locked in a hidden safe.

Besides additional and practical vocabulary, we use a text with English and French dialogues entitled French Made Simple (by Pamela Rose Haze and E. Jackson, 2006 Edition, Broadway Books) which can be purchased at Barnes & Noble.

An added note is that we ask for a \$5 donation a month to cover printing fees for outlines and handouts, and also gas costs to pick up films at a library.

From a psychological viewpoint, some

doctors recommend that senior citizens learn a foreign language since the brain needs to be active and charged just like the rest of the body. A constant learning activity, they say, can help prevent dementia and keep one's brain sharp by exercising the memory.

There is no entrance fee to the Duncin Room, which is located in the East Activity Center. However, there is a verbal fee to gain entrance into the society and that is to say "Bonjour" (hello) to everybody at the beginning of each session.

Every other month, we usually have a potluck or repas-partage. We usually bring something with a French taste to digest.

So we welcome you and hope you may want to give the sessions a try.

March 29

OTOW veterans invited to dinner

The flag is being displayed by Korean War Veteran Ted Soltys on the left and Vietnam Veteran Doug Springer on the right.

By Ed Foland

Final plans are now in place for a community-wide celebration of National Vietnam Veterans Day, which is celebrated annually on March 29. This year will be the 51st anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The Snowbirds Club held its first veterans tribute at a line dance party a few years ago. On March 29, all On Top of the World veterans will be invited to receive a free, light meal, plus great, live entertainment. On stage will be a USO-type show. Since this is a community-wide event, membership in the Snowbirds Club is not required. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning Feb 5 at the Snowbirds Club information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium. The ticket price for non-veterans is \$15. Attendance is limited to 350. No tickets will be sold at the door. The Snowbirds Club has other activities coming up this month, too. There will be three concerts at Ruth Eckerd Hall: Tribute to Olivia, Tribute to the Bee Gees and a Broadway production of Annie.

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By Mary Smith
 When I was young, I was asked the question, "what does friendship mean to me?"

At that age, I thought my best friend was my dog. OK, so some things do not change.

But over the years I have learned there is more to friendship than I could have ever imagined when I was young.

There are childhood friends, work friends and neighborhood friends, but more importantly there are best friends.

Like the friendship between Canada and the United States.

The Canadian Club would like to celebrate that friendship by holding a special dinner dance on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Cocktails will start at 5 p.m. Bring your own beverage. The club will provide the ice.

A buffet dinner will start at 6 p.m. and will be provided by our friends at Banquet Masters. The menu consists of chicken piccata, mashed potatoes and a vegetable mixture. The meal includes salad, rolls and desserts.

After dinner, we will dance the evening away with tunes from Les N'More.

Tickets will be on sale at the Canadian

Club information table in the EAC Auditorium until Feb. 8. Cost is \$25 per person and the buffet is open to all On Top of the World residents.

The Canadian Club hopes that you will join us to celebrate this very important friendship.

Other club happenings in February:

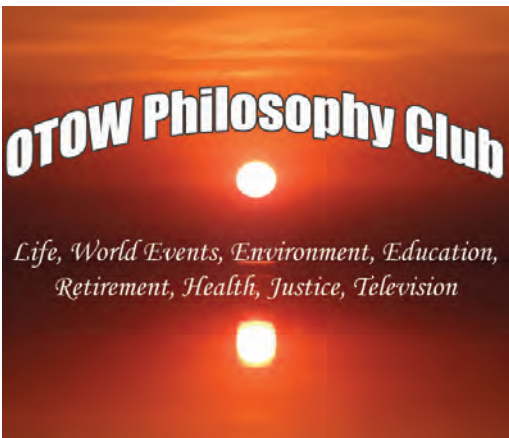
On Sunday, Feb. 18, our club will host its annual Golf Fun Day. This is always a fun event. You do not need to be any good at golf to play. You just have to want to have fun. Don't have a foursome? That's OK. We will match you up with someone. What better way to make new friends?

Come see us at the Canadian Club information table at the EAC Auditorium on a Monday or Thursday morning to sign up to join in the fun. The fee to play is \$12.

On Friday, Feb. 23, we are back at the West Activity Center in the Belleair Room for a happy hour cabaret. These evenings are a little bit of entertainment, a little bit of karaoke and the line dancers always leave happy. Start time is 4:30 p.m.

Our cabaret/karaoke nights and dance parties are open to all residents and always free to attend.

Lesson in gratitude



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Andy McEvoy, center, facing the group, was a guest speaker of the Philosophy Club in January. Andy spoke to a group of about 20 residents on the importance of giving gratitude. Philosophy Club meets 10-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the East Activity Center Auditorium. They have guest speakers and open floors. Any resident is allowed to attend and anyone can speak or share a comment. You are welcome to attend.

Independent political club may form at On Top of the World

A new club at On Top of the World is currently in the planning stages. If there is enough support, the new club will form.

The club under consideration is an Independent Club with a political background. Planners say the club will be friendly and feature a lot of dialogue.

If you are interested in supporting this proposed new club, please contact Rose Munoz at 818-687-3989.

Save your pull tabs!

By Connie Stanley

Everytime you pop open a can of soda or beer, you could be benefitting the Tampa Shriners Club.

The Shriners collect pull tabs and the results benefit 22 Shriners' hospital across the this county, Canada and Mexico.

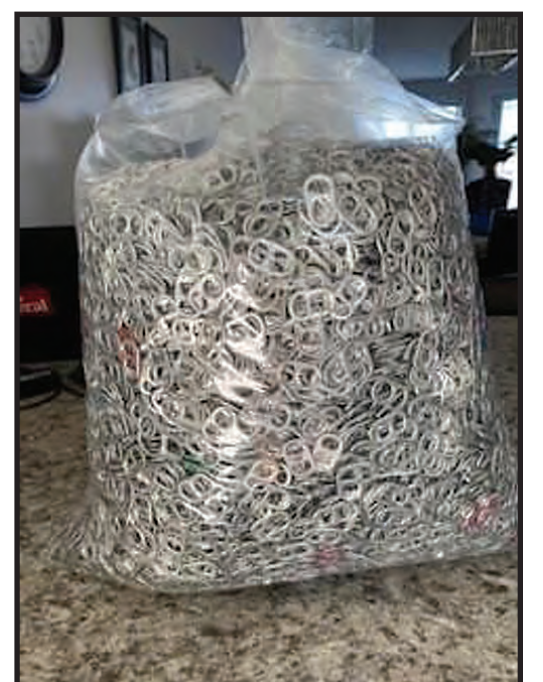
At On Top of the World, Connie Stanley is collecting pull tabs for the Shriners. If you have a bunch, you can contact Connie by calling 727-251-1516.

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Republican Club announces plan to add 100 volunteers for election season



By Deborah Russell and Carl Turner

On Jan. 8, Club President Carl Turner and three other members of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club went to the Pinellas County Republican Party monthly meeting at the Feather Sound Country Club to attend the Leadership Institute's media marketing training course.

On Jan. 9, the Ronald Reagan Republican Club started its Tuesday evening meeting with a call to action by President Carl Turner for all conservative voters. Carl said that rather than argue and complain about the way the political world is in the United States, you need to vote and volunteer to make a real difference. He said, you, as an individual voter, will determine if this happens.

Carl then explained what the Ronald Reagan Republican Club wanted to do to help implement political changes desired. There are two parts of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club agenda for 2024.

First, if you need help in voting, such as



Members of the Republican Club pledge allegiance to the United States during a monthly meeting in January. And so the election year kicks off. (OTOW News photo by Jesse Tiamson)

getting information or getting to the polls, you can call Carl and he will either help you himself or get one of the many volunteers to help you - no matter what the difficulty.

(Our new club website being developed will also have additional resources available when it is finished.)

Second, we expect to add more than 100 volunteers to the club this year. These volunteers will be working with a new website, better database management, building liaisons, meeting greeters, media marketing people and establishing friendships with fellow Republicans.

Carl further explained that this meeting on Jan. 9 was devoted to explaining what we want to do to make sure that we get the political changes desired.

The next Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13 and will be devoted to explaining what specifically the new 100-plus volunteers will be doing to implement the new changes. This work can involve different levels of support from significant hours, to as little as a couple of hours per month. We will have enough volunteers so that if you want to travel, you still work, or you have other activities we will be flexible to your specific needs.

After the Jan. 9 meeting opening, Tom Huffman led the Pledge of Allegiance and everyone sang God Bless America.

Our treasurer, Karen Tatge, read her notes on the bank balance for the club.

Under new business, we discussed that

we would need a new volunteer to be our interface with the Irish Club for our entry into the St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of our favorite endeavors of the year

We asked members for help organizing this event and their needs for the day of the parade. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

Carl will be sending out an email to the members on the 100-plus volunteer positions and these will be discussed at the next Tuesday, Feb. 13, meeting.

If you have any questions or input into the Ronald Reagan Republican Club, please contact Carl Turner at 443-624-9303 or email carlmarvinturner@gmail.com.

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Pictured at left is the On Top of the World Chorus holiday concert in 1970 and at right is the chorus holiday concert in 2023. For 53 years, the OTOW Chorus has been bringing residents a holiday concert in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

On Top of the World Chorus has been entertaining since 1970s and tradition continues in 2024



Chorus

By Patricia O'Beirne
The On Top of the World Chorus has provided timeless entertainment to the community for over a half century. Want to be a part of future-history? Come enjoy singing your songs with us. Your last opportunity to join us for the 2023-24 season is Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the East Activity Center's Oldsmar Room at 6:30 p.m. We rehearse

every Tuesday evening, same time and place until our annual spring concert on April 6 and April 7. Our contact chairperson is Marilyn Zylstra and you can email her at zyls@sbsglobal.net for more information, or just come to sing with us on Feb. 13. "Timeless Treasures" is the theme of our spring show. Yes, timeless. We are not going to show

any of the effects from aging. We are going to sing, move and learn without time. The OTOW Chorus is comprised of residents, who are also timeless. We'll be singing songs from the Baby Boomer era, and tunes from Britain to Broadway spanning four decades - all in this year's spring performance. You are all welcome to come join us on Tuesday evenings, but

remember, you must join by Feb. 13 and must attend all remaining rehearsals in order to be in the show. If you want tickets for our concert, come find our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Looking forward to singing along with you. Then you can fly north for the summer!

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Members of the On Top of the World Bowling League pose for a picture.

Start the new year by bowling on Wednesdays

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For more information, check out our Facebook and we are also on Nextdoor. You will see videos and pictures of

us in action every week.

If you have any questions, email Lisa Harris at restorationfitnezz@yahoo.com or send a message on Facebook

Everything you wanted to know about what the dragon brings to the Chinese New Year

By Laurie LeClaire

I am so excited to invite you all to come celebrate the Chinese New Year with a presentation by Mark Blair, who has a depth of knowledge about the year of the dragon.

This year the Chinese New Year will begin on Feb. 10 and runs until Jan. 28, 2025.

Each year in Chinese astrology, a new animal is selected covering a 12 year rotation cycle. The year of the water rabbit will have ended bringing in the year of the Wood Dragon.

Mark will discuss what this year brings according to Chinese lore in the areas of strengths, weaknesses, love compatibility, most compatible signs, career and health.

He will also share what other cultures believe the dragon means.

Dragons have been talked about for centuries and, of course, the oldest civilization

to honor the dragon is the Chinese.

This year is also called the year of the Emerald Dragon, which is green. This dragon looks after nature. They passionately love the natural world, so they understand and protect its secrets. They will only allow these to be revealed to you when you are ready.

In October, our galactic shaman, Waxela Sananda, was able to see the magic in Mark associated with his affinity to the dragon and unicorn. I am personally welcoming his discussion.

I was born in the year of the Golden Water Dragon and am interested in how different 12 year cycles interact with us.

Mark and I both have Dragon oracle cards and will give each person an opportunity to choose one to see what dragon energy will bring you for this year.

Mark will also bring a book called

“Dragons - Your Celestial Guardians” by Diana Cooper to pass around the circle. Come prepared to be amazed and delighted by what the dragons will bring you this coming year.

In February we changed our meeting date to Tuesday and the location back to our original place in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room in the East Activity Center. This will remain the location hopefully for the remainder of this year.

We meet every second Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m. I invite anyone interested in metaphysics to come explore and participate in our High Vibe Tribe.

If you have questions you may contact Laurie LeClaire by email at otowoowoo@gmail.com or call 727-265-1671.



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Resident4Residents proud to get four residents elected to Association board

By Hope Tera

The On Top of the World Association board election was completed on Jan. 4 and for months leading up to the vote, Resident4Residents has been focused on getting residents elected.

We are pleased to announce several new resident owners were elected. Congratulations to Maria Avdelas, Nancy Burt, Stacy Rush and Katie Bajis.

In mid-January, Hope Tera announced she has stepped down as club president. She



has assumed the role of vice president, previously held by Michael Payne, who stepped down as vice president.

Michael will remain a member of the club. He is very valuable to the club and has a talent for research.

Nancy Burt was our club treasurer, but will step down from our board as she is now a member of the Association board. We hope this will ensure no conflicts with either group.

Two members will now serve as co-presidents. Cynthia Cusani and Trish Lawrence have volunteered. Both gals have been actively involved with R4R from the start. They have extensive experience with condo boards and working in the corporate world.

They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. Please help us welcome them as co-presidents of R4R.

A new meeting schedule has been implemented for our club going forward. R4R will hold meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

On Jan. 16, we held our first meeting of the new year. We took time to celebrate the victory of our resident owners and discussed our strategy moving forward.

We encouraged residents to share their feelings about R4R and what the club can do better. We want to set goals for the entire community. We are listening carefully and as a result of the feedback we received, several

changes will be made in the coming weeks.

We are restructuring our mission a bit. Over the next few weeks, you should notice some changes to our Facebook group page. We want R4R to be a place where members can come for accurate information.

R4R's goal is to provide a sense of community for all residents. We hope to do this by supporting one another and improving communication and transparency.

On Jan. 16, we also discussed how we can get more residents involved and we would like more to attend our meetings and hear what we are all about.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

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Your hometown state is famous for something and Theater Workshop will showcase it in March



By Maxine Sutcliffe

So who is Theater Workshop?
A number of newer residents ask me just that – who are you?

So a little background:

Fifty-four years ago, On Top of the World was a new community and our early residents started to form clubs – Good Neighbors and Theater Workshop were among the very first.

The original concept for Theater Workshop was for actors, who mainly performed short, one act plays.

Over the years, Theater Workshop evolved and slowly embraced other forms of theatrical production, including dancing, singing and comedy.

Then, Theater Workshop retained the typical timing of their presentations - three consecutive days during the middle of March.

New concepts and different performances followed.

For those who saw the show “Ocean’s Away” in March 2023 - and especially if you enjoyed that show - the same director is preparing our 2024 show.

So you are in for another treat this year!

As you know, the OTOW Entertainment Committee provides professional shows for our entertainment throughout the spring. But it is our residents – your friends and neighbors – who take to the stage and put on our own residents’ shows. We have a lot of fun doing this and we hope to convey some of this amusement and pleasure to our community.

As you read this edition of our newspaper, our showtime is fast approaching so it is all systems go as our club members rehearse, prepare scenery, plan costumes and learn their music. It’s almost time to get ready for the 2024 presentation of this year’s OTOW Theater Workshop annual show “OTOW Talent Across the States.” It will highlight favorite, nostalgic and funny things from your hometown state and introduce some surprises you probably don’t know as we showcase the USA.



Pictured above and below are two scenes from our 2024 show ‘OTOW Talent Across America.’ There will be plenty of singing and dancing, a patriotic salute to our country, and beautiful costumes. Come see for yourself. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Theater Workshop shows have a reputation for great scenery and costumes, and an abundance of humor. This year will not be an exception.

So come see us and find out for yourselves just “who we are” and perhaps consider joining our club for next year!

Our performances will be Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, in the evening, and Sunday, March 17, in the afternoon.

Tickets are available now so please show your support. Come and get your tickets and make a donation. Tickets are available from cast members and at our information table on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

We hold a general meeting on the first Wednesday of each month in the West Activity Center Belleair Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will have tickets available.



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Nobody started off 2024 better than the Baby Boomers

By Diane Dvorak

Who could ask for a better start to 2024? It has been a Baby Boomer New Year's Day tradition to meet at Clearwater Beach near Palm Pavilion, the most gorgeous and glorious part of our beautiful shoreline!

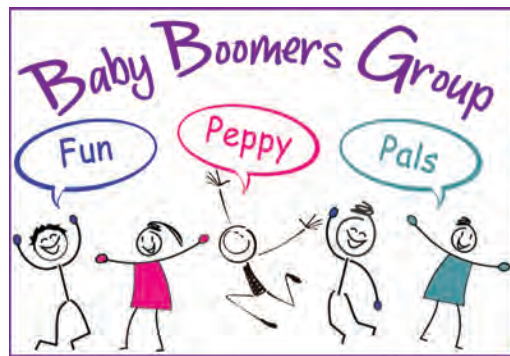
We followed tradition, met on the beach, had a great turnout and posed for a picture!

We celebrated our annual, magical, gratitude for life, took our friendship pilgrimage and walked the beach.

We must give appreciation for the great weather, which was perfect.

Special thank you to Penni Telleck, who organized this event through endless emails. We appreciate and thank her.

Visitors and friends are always welcome and some visitors joined us this year. They enjoyed the same warm welcome, the camaraderie and met many new friends in our group.



We also had new people join our group and for many this was their first event with us.

After gathering at the beach, we enjoyed lunch at the iconic and historical Palm Pavilion, which was built in 1926 and is the oldest operating beach pavilion in Florida.

In the 1960s, the Palm Pavilion was one of only a few buildings on Clearwater Beach.

If you can imagine back to 1964, Howard Hamilton bought the Palm Pavilion on Clearwater Beach when there was little else than a mobile home park.

Today, many of us enjoy the northern part of Clearwater Beach area as it has an "old Florida" vibe with less traffic and high rise hotels than the southern end. Some Boomers, who love to bike and make a day of it, take advantage of our wonderful, newest Duke Energy Trail (conveniently right in back of our community) south, past Gulf to Bay, to the Druid Trail and west to the beach.

The views are amazing, I have to say. Riding an e-bike, for older Boomers like myself, makes it more doable and fun, but for more exercise, a regular bike does the trick.

Either way, it's about getting out there!

Baby Boomers enjoy "show up when you want to" bowling and biking outings every week and special events at local live the-

ater and movies, dances, music outings and weekly music jams.

All fun times are open to planning or mentioning on our Google group site. In fact, our outings have always depended on ideas put forth by our members on our Google group email and/or discussions in our meetings twice a month.

We are casual and have no officers or dues, and rely on members to volunteer to officiate meetings once in a while and get involved.

If you are active and want to meet people, make new friends and are open to taking part in the unlimited fun activities inside and outside of OTOW, come join us.

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Guest speaker sets goal for more affordable housing in Clearwater

By David Beaven

"It's best not to talk about religion or politics." I'm sure you've heard that statement before. Probably a wise one, too.

People feel pretty strongly about their affiliations and that's understandable. But in the Democratic Club, we're on the same page and we do talk politics.

If you're liberal minded, you'll find that you fit right in with us. There are many opportunities to join us. For a start, every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m., our club has an information table set up in the Auditorium. You're welcome to come by and visit.

We also have a monthly club meeting and a separate happy hour where you can meet club members and hear guest speakers.

Many of us also do volunteer work on local and national campaigns.

At our January club meeting, we hosted guest speaker, Javante Scott. He is a candidate for Clearwater City Council in the upcoming March election. Javante is a young man at 22 and he has very practical visions for Clearwater. His goals include expanding housing availability, which is a burgeoning problem for many.

He also wants to attract businesses to the many areas of Clearwater for the convenience of local residents as well as prevent-

ing traffic congestion.

Other issues concern investment in infrastructure, youth activities and a cleaner environment.

All in all, Javante made a big impression on us as a young man who is working to make Clearwater's future a brighter one and we will help out with his campaign. To find out more about him, go to his website: www.preparedfornext.org

The Democratic Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the west side.

You can find out further information about our club by visiting our official website: worlddemclub.blogspot.com, or call me at 727-410-7566.



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David Beaven, right, introduces guest speaker Javante Scott at the Democratic Club meeting in January.

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Fixers announce new board for 2024

By Jesse Tiamson

The Fixers, Fiddlers & Fumblers Club, also known as the Woodshop, elected its set of officers for 2024.

The new Board consists of: President Jose Miranda, Vice President Ronald Cree, Treasurer Henry Santos, Secretary Judy Bosnyak, Assistant Secretary Constance McDonald, Three-year Trustee Jesse Tiamson, Two-year Trustee Loyd Cunningham, One-year Trustee James Calamas and Permanent Trustee Bob Patrick.

Jesse, the outgoing 2023 president, thanked members of the board for entrusting him the leadership position and also thanked shop representatives for volunteering to keep the shop running daily and safely.

He also reported to the general membership at their annual general meeting last Jan. 10 that the toyshop made a record-breaking number of toys (1514) for tots for the year



2023 that were distributed to the many outside organizations that support children of young age.

This breaks the record of 1,400 toys made during each of the previous years.

You can read about our Toy Shop in the December 2023 newspaper.

In addition, in his final remarks, Jesse also reported that the club garnered a record donation amount from residents for the

repair of their broken furniture and other wood fixtures and for the many projects that were made for different OTOW organizations and clubs such as the OTOW Chorus, Theater Workshop, the Press Association and the golf clubhouse.

Donations also came from items that were displayed at the Fall Festival, and both the spring and fall craft fairs hosted by the Good Neighbors Association. This enabled the club to purchase a new drum sander to replace the broken one.

Jesse also mentioned that for the first time in its history, the Fixers Club participated in the annual Irish Club Parade in 2023 in an effort to increase visibility of the club to the residents, especially the new residents who may not know there is a woodshop in the community.

He assured members that the club will continue to participate at this year's parade

hosted by the Irish Club and the Fall Festival in November.

He also mentioned that the new board will consider extending the abbreviated summer hours into the fall due to the extreme heat.

Additionally, fewer members use the shop when the Snowbirds leave for their home states during summer.

The general meeting also gave a chance for current members to renew their membership and new members to sign up at \$35 a year. Membership to the club is available to any resident who holds a valid Activity Card and is open to anyone at any experience level.

Coffee and doughnuts were provided for everyone, compliments of the new Vice President Ron Cree.

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Why do certain regions have longer life spans?

By Ronald A Baltrunas

The January meeting of the Plant-Based Living Club opened with a short mentioning of the worldwide Veganuary.

Since 2015, there has been a movement to encourage changing diets to more healthy plant-based diets and veganism based on New Year's resolutions. The idea is to try something different in January like meatless days and vegetable substitutes for meat and dairy. The goal is, maybe people will continue on that journey for the rest of the year and life.

Cynthia White read to us her notes on the Blue Zones of the world where people are very healthy and have the most centenarians.

Those healthy zones are: Ikaria, Greece – the Aegean Island; Barbagia region of Sardinia; Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica; Seventh Day Adventists; Loma Linda, Calif.; and Okinawa, Japan.

We spoke about the elements that these regions have in common, which are:

- Plant-based diets
- Close social bonds, family and community.
- Much natural physical activities like walking and gardening. These are not car-oriented cultures.
- Located closer to the equator for more sun. They are outdoors a lot and that would get them much sunshine and natural vitamin D.

We discussed getting Vitamin D from sunshine. It depends on location, season and time of day and that sunscreen blocks that. We brought up Vitamin D supplementa-



tion, but it was agreed that there are all kinds of recommendations for how much.

We closed the meeting with a little discussion on Omega-3 fatty acids that a vegan or plant-based diet must contain. Walnuts, soaked chia seeds and flax seeds ground into meal are easy and healthy sources.

For information on the many reasons for plant-based diets, please visit the website Vegansalvation.com.

For information on our club, please visit the Box Office at OTOWBoxOffice.com. Scroll down and click our Plant-Based Living Club logo.

Contact us through our email address at Vegans10@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting will be in the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center on Friday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. Our agenda will be sent through our email list and on our OTOW boxoffice page in early February.



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In past newspaper articles, the photo accompanying this article shows you the people who advanced to the final table. Well, here is something different. Here is what we look like as 27 people begin a full night of fun. Notice - everyone is smiling now!

Texas party ends year with biggest crowd

By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club ended 2023 with its largest turnout - 27 players.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and there were many desserts brought in by several of the ladies.

The final three players were Debbie Hall, Russ Bolin and Bryan Denniston.

Russ and Bryan reached the finals and they decided to split the first and second place prize.

Mike Baldetti finished the year as the number one player earning the most prize money.

Many of you may read this story every month, but not know what we play. We play a version of Texas Holdem, but not with high stakes tables. We mostly play for fun.

At the start of each hand, each player is given two cards only he/she can see. Then betting begins with a small blind and big blind, which is basically an ante for the first two players. They must decide whether to ante to be included in the round. Everyone else at the table has a choice to ante up, raise or fold.

Once everyone has acted, three cards from the deck are turned over in the middle of the table. Everyone acts by betting again, checking or folding their cards.

Then the next card from the deck is turned over which is "the turn card." Everyone acts again by betting, checking or folding their cards.

Then the final card is turned over from the deck which is "the river card." Everyone

acts again by betting, checking or folding their cards.

With two cards in your hand and three cards on the table, you now have your full-poker hand.

Whoever is still in the round, after all betting is complete, is eligible to win the pot. If there are still two or more players holding cards, the best poker hand wins.

Sound like fun?

Do you know how to bluff?

The next poker tournament will be on Friday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room. Come join us.

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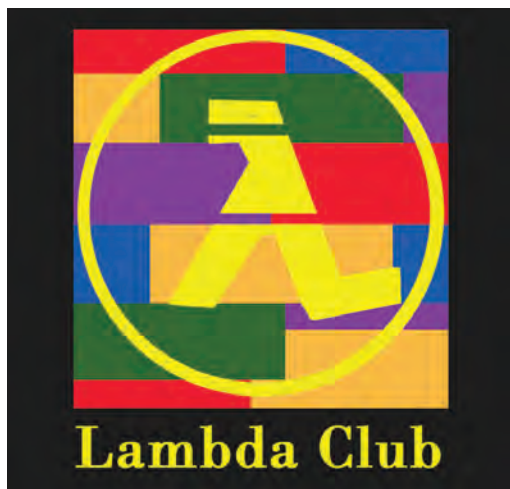
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By Jay English

Last month, many Lambda Club members went for a two-hour cruise and didn't have far to travel to "board" our boat.

Our social event in January was a cruise in the East Activity Center Oldsmar and Largo rooms. The highlight was a potluck dinner. Thankfully, none of us got too "shipwrecked" nor got lost at sea.

Someone did show up as the Skipper and another as a Mary Ann look-a-like, but that just made everything more realistic.

Tropical drinks and music were played and we had a blast.

Also in January, our club hosted its monthly book club meeting. The book was "The Berlin Stories" which was discussed at Joel Friedman's home.

"Daughters of a Coral Dawn" by Katherine V. Forrest is our book club read this month. An email of when and where that discussion will take place will be sent out to the book club members shortly.

Also this month, on Friday, Feb 9, at 6 p.m., the Lambda Club's monthly social will be held in the Oldsmar Room. The theme



OK. So this was our cruise ship. It did not have an ocean view, but it did have food, beverages and plenty of time to socialize.

will be "The Red Party!" in honor of Valentine's Day.

Dress code: Wear red!

FYI, a few weddings have happened from the results of some of our membership gatherings. Is there a new love connection or romance in bloom for this year?

Come and enjoy our sound system that will be putting out sexy beats. Step over to the bar for some Love Potion No. 9. Mix and mingle over the hors d'oeuvres with old friends and make new ones. And watch out for Cupid's arrows. You never know who will be struck next!

And please bring something yummy to

share for our potluck dinner.

Our upcoming Lambda Club social in March will be a party in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.

Irish music will be playing. Dress code: Wear green, or for those that have kilts, wear them.

Date and time of this event will be announced in one of our weekly group emails and next month's paper.

As usual, our regular, weekly, Monday 3 p.m. golf meet up is still swinging away.

Wednesdays is our mall walking group at noon, followed by lunch.

We hold Zoom calls with Howard on Fridays at 5 p.m. and our Lambda Chat is always

the first and third Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room.

Lambda is a club that serves the LG-BTQ population at On Top of the World as well as our friends and neighbors.

For further information about the club, go to our official web page at: <http://lambdclearwater.blogspot.com>.

If you want to participate in our monthly book club, please feel free to contact Kevin at kknotts2347@yahoo.com

You can also check us out on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), or call Lambda Club President Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.



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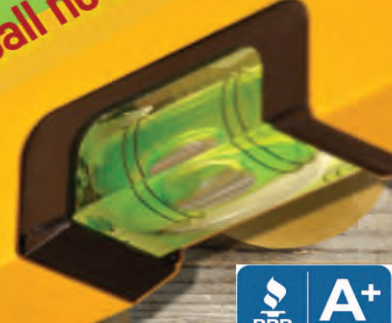
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New Travel Club president vows adventure will continue



By Tom Chalupka
I would like to thank all On Top of the World Travel Club members for your support.

I welcome the challenge of being your next club president.

I hope to see you at upcoming monthly Lunch Bunch and day trip events planned for the coming year.

Please remember that our club is designed for traveling to different places and seeking new adventures. We are always open to new ideas as we travel and explore in and around our wonderful state of Florida.

As with any club, the Travel Club depends on our member's support. We are a great group because we have great members.

Many thanks to Dave Berman for all his help and guidance as I take on the presidency. His outstanding example of leadership is admired by many. His new job as club treasurer will be just as demanding for him and we're sure he will do an excellent job.

Thanks to Linda Keebler for continuing as vice president. She has taken on numer-



Travel Club meetings normally include a guest speaker who tells us about upcoming trips and adventures. This is a great time to find out what is coming up next and ask questions about agendas. See you at the next meeting on Feb. 2.

ous jobs for the club and we could not do it without her.

Janice Berman did a wonderful job as our secretary and we are sure that Irene Pappas will do a great job in the coming year as well.

We are especially thankful for the many volunteers who work our information table on Mondays and Thursdays and sell tickets to our events. They are a blessing to us.

Remember, guests are always welcome on our adventures so please visit our information table and talk with us about our upcoming trips. If you have questions about the club, you may contact me at: tchalupka@yahoo.com.

Remember to watch for Linda's emails to get the latest club updates.

You can find us in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays

from 8:30-10 a.m. See flyers for lunch and trip details.

Our next general meeting is Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in the EAC Oldsmar Room. Mark your calendars for the first Friday of each month so you do not miss out!

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OTOW Cornhole

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If you have any questions please contact Margaret LeTourneau at movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com



What would you rather be doing?



Coloring Book Group



By Elsie Paulan
Can you tell what Carol Borrelli's favorite hobby is? Some of us wear what we love to do. Carol is a walking advertisement for all of us who love to color and Carol does such a great job of doing it, too.

Join the On Top of the World Coloring Book Group and, as they say, coloring is relaxing and fun.

We do have fun. We meet on Wednesdays in the Crystal Beach Room at the East Activity Center starting at noon until 3 p.m.

We come late and leave early or stay for the whole time. That is what our fun is all about - relaxing, talking, laughing and, of course, coloring.

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Carol Borrelli

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SPORTS

Defenses shined for yet another month

By Bob Rittner

Baseball aficionados recognize that the most exciting part of the game is not always the powerful offense or the brilliant pitching, but often the gold glove defense.

In every game, we see wonderful plays afield, running and short-hop catches, bullet throws to cutoffs, diving stops and heads-up plays.

White 13, Red 7, Blue 5

Going to the seventh inning during a game last month, the score between the White team, Red team and Blue team was 6-6-1 with a total of 11 shutout frames.

White then blew it open even though it was defense that dominated. White was led by third basemen Barry Yellets and Alex Scaranda, shortstop Ralph Scunziano, first baseman Wayne Pall and second basemen Mary Anne Benuzzi and Jack Wright.

The infielders routinely corralled hard hit balls headed for the outfield and turned them into outs.

But from the seventh inning on, Jack Wright, Rick Champ, Mark Margolis, Joe DeChairo, Ralph Scunziano and Jim Costello could not be contained, combining for 10 hits and six runs for the victory.



White 13, Blue 12, Red 9

The hitting star of the game was Charles Kovarik, whose perfect four-hit day, via RBIs or runs scored, accounted for five of the White team's winning tally.

Blue 10, Red 5, White 5

Leading off for Blue, Eddie Ramirez slapped four hits and was driven in three times by teammates Jim Kemp, Wayne Pall and Ralph Scunziano.

The biggest hit of the game was Ray Woolsey's three-run homer in the last inning

that iced the victory for Blue.

For White, Bill Holland had four hits including a double, and Bob Voigt had five hits, one a solo homer, a feat duplicated by Rob Bishop of Red whose solo-homer in the ninth inning helped his team tie for second place.

Blue 13, Red 11, White 7

In the last inning, down by seven runs, Barry Yellets led off the Red attack with a long homer to center field. Seven singles later, Red had five runs with the tying runs on second and third. But the rally ended there.

Blue was sparked by leadoff hitter Cindy Scaranda, who had four hits. Bill Holland and Lenny Segall each had perfect four-hit days that included a double. Lenny had two triples.

The catch of the day was a Barry Yellets special as he reached up to snare a twisting, rising liner in left field to stop a rally.

Blue 9, Red 8, White 3

Another game where sparkling defense raised oohs and ahs from the fans.

There were Gail Potter's running catches of line drives, John Ferraiolo's quick hands snaring a line drive and doubling a runner off first base and Cindy Scaranda's breathtaking grab of a low line drive at her ankles.

But the catch of the day was Jim Tiano's lunge for a foul tip behind home plate that he caught while using the backstop to keep himself upright. It proved a critical third out as the bases were loaded in a tie game, and given another opportunity, there was a good chance the Red Team would score the go-ahead runs.

The hit of the game was off the bat of Lindsay Mandeville, who split the outfielders on a deep fly ball far over their heads for a bases loaded triple that pulled her Red Team within one of Blue.

Blue 12, Red 5 (Field 1)

Blue 11, White 4 (Field 2)

We played on two fields to accommodate all of our players. Both games turned into routs, although on field two the score was 6-4 after seven innings.

The story of the field one game was Jim Tiano's initial use of the metal bat which netted him three hits, just one shy of the homer for a cycle. Players who turn 80 in the calendar year may use metal instead of wood bats.

The Blue victory on Field one was initiated by Gail Potter's two RBI double in the first inning and turned into a rout by Ralph Scunziano's five RBIs on two home runs in innings five and seven.

Cathy Stuart visited her children in Clearwater and decided not to go home

By Karen French

The Ping Pong Club is delighted to highlight a ping pong player each month to learn more about our club and members.

Cathy Stuart is our newest member and she comes from the small upstate village of Hilton, N.Y.

Cathy insists no one living at On Top of the World will know where Hilton is located. I'm betting we will!

Cathy worked in Human Relations with Eastman Kodak and then worked another 15 years in a school for handicapped children.

She has lived here since August, when she visited her daughter and son, and decided to stay. She is also loving the central location, while definitely not missing out on the New York winters.

Cathy feels we are inclusive, welcoming and encouraging in our community. She also feels the Ping Pong Club exemplifies that same spirit.



Please feel free to meet Cathy and our other ping pong members any Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Belleaire Room of the West Activity Center.



Cathy Stuart

Irish Club Parade
Saturday, March 2
10 am

Jack and Jill Golf Tournament

Feb. 13 (rain date Feb. 20)

Registration will be taking place during Ladies 18-Hole league play, 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6. Cost is \$10 per person.

Lunch is \$6 for guests and social members only.

This event is sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League.

The ladies in the league must find a 'Jack' for a partner.

Interested 'Jacks' can try to find a 'Jill' in the league who needs a partner.



Not too late to learn the game

18-hole golf league isn't just about taking shots - it's also about challenging yourself, learning and socializing, too



Becky West prepares to tee off on the 18 hole golf course.

By Karen French

Becky West has been a member of the On Top of the World Ladies's 18-Hole Golf League for many years.

She is a retired nurse who loves the game of golf.

Her husband, Jeff, was very persistent in thinking she would actually like hitting a small, white ball around a golf course! This was 34 years ago.

He bought Becky a set of used ladies' golf clubs and some golf lessons. She insists she wasn't any good and initially drilled balls into the ground. However, it was fun for her to be exercising outside and enjoying the sport of golf.

He continued to help her learn the different golf swing skills.

For Becky, golfing provided her with an escape from the everyday stresses of work and life. She helped set up a working women's golf league in Iowa and discovered a very different side to golf - the social side. Not only can a lady golf, but she can also carry on conversations about her family, job and life. We encourage each other, cheer for each other and just enjoy each other's company.

Golfing is such a great game in life. Becky would encourage any lady golfer to join our league and reap the same benefits. It's so fun.

The Ladies' 18- Hole Golf Association will again sponsor the Jack & Jill Tournament on Feb. 13.

Registration continues at the golf shack until Feb. 6. Cost is \$10 per person, or \$20 per team. Lunch will follow. If you wish to have a friend or spouse join us for lunch, the

18-Hole



Ladies Golf

cost will be \$6.

Please contact Terry Kuplen at 727- 725-3046 for more information. Join the fun!

Mark your calendar, as the Ladies' 18-Hole Golf Association is having a Spring Fling Luncheon on March 27 at the Bellaire Golf and Country Club. Gloria Sayer and her committee welcomes all present members, social members and past members to join us for another fun-filled afternoon.

Committee members will be available to take your reservation at the 18-hole green shack at 7:30 a.m. on March 4, 11 and 18.

This event is always a great time to have fun, great food and to spend special times together. Hope to see you there. If you have questions, please feel free to call Gloria at 315-209-8461 or email her at gloria.sayer@yahoo.com

Ladies prove they can play golf in rough weather and probably delivery the mail



By Paula Ergang

"Neither snow nor heat nor gloom of night..."

We've heard these words used in regards to the US mail, but members of the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League have been quoting them a lot, too, recently.

A small number of us played in the cold on Dec. 19, 2023, but cancelled our after-play holiday snacks.

The next week was a bit better and more came out to play.

On Jan. 2 we celebrated 2024 with party favors, snacks and holiday beverages. We also welcomed new member, Rose Mary Leping, who braved these weather conditions with us.

Then on a gloomy Jan. 9, we battled strong, gusty winds. Many of us chased down scorecards, blown off hats and even some carts that were rolling away!

As I wrote this, we were hoping for better weather for our Best Ball Tournament. I'll report on how that turned out in next month's article.



Members of the Nine-Hole Golf League ring in the new year rather noisily.

We'd welcome good weather for these February events, too.

Feb. 6 will be a Low Gross/Low Net Tournament.

Feb. 13 is our wear red Valentine's Day Tournament with Three Clubs and a Putter.

Feb. 20 is our annual Flight Tournament.

Feb. 27 is another Low Gross/Low Net Day and end-of-the-month snacks and 50/50 after play.

Remember: It's not too late to join our league. Call Carroll Harris at 425-528-8684 for information.

Now for low scorers' results

Dec. 12

Count Odd Holes Only - Top Three
Flight A: Anne Jarvis, Ann Stewart. Flight B: Sheryl Barbin, Wendy Colquhoun, Linda

Graff. Flight C: Joan Yorkery, Marge Sivek, Carroll Harris, Sheri Blaa. Flight D: Carol Murphy.

Birdies: None.

Dec. 19: Low Gross/LowNet

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon, Gilda Gambacurta. Flight B: Diana Anderson, Sheryl Barbin Flight C: Carroll Harris. Flight D: Carol Murphy.

Birdies: None.

Dec. 26: Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Anne Jarvis, Gilda Gambacurta. Flight B: Sheryl Barbin, Linda Graff. Flight C: Geri McIntosh, Joan Yorkery, Flight D: Carol Murphy, Ava Ciolli.

Birdies: Sheryl Barbin Hole No.7.

Jan. 2. Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon, Pat Holland. Flight B: Diana Anderson, Gilda Gambacurta. Flight C: Carroll Harris, Marge Sivek, Joan Yorkery. Flight D: Sarah Fergas, Carol Murphy.

Birdies : None.

Jan. 9: Closest to the Pin Hole No. 4

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon, Ann Stewart. Flight B: Gilda Gambacurta, Sue Beals. Flight C: Carroll Harris, Joan Yorkery, Sheri Blaa. Flight D: Mary Ann O'Neil, Theresa Gates.

Birdies: Paula Ergang Hole No.2, Marilyn Lisbon No. 3, Gilda Gambacurta No. 5
Chip Ins: Sheryl Barbin Hole No. 4
Closest to the Pin Hole No. 4: Anne Jarvis.



Mike Marsh and Warren Levene win Shambles Tournament

By Sheryl A. Barbin

The Friday Mixed Golf League had their second tournament of the championship season, a Two-Person Shamble, which was held on Friday, Dec. 15.

Fifty-three players participated in the contest on a very windy day.

First place was awarded to the team of Mike Marsh and Warren Levene with a plus-14. Second place went to the team of Scott Rogers and Fred McAndrews with a plus-13. Third place went to the team of Harry Barbin and Mike Dietterich with a plus-10.

Fourth place went to the team of John Taylor and Jahn Lawson with a plus-8. Fifth place went to the team of Bill Whipps and Ed Sixon with a plus-5. Sixth place went to the team of Harry Barbin and Sheryl Barbin with a plus-3. Seventh place went to the team of Joe Johnson and Andy Polselli with a plus-3. Eighth place went to the team of John Spencer and Sonny Morris with a plus-1. Ninth place went to the team of Len Picone and David Baldwin with an even score.

Closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 3 went to the team of John Spencer and Sonny Morris, No. 5 went to the team of Ed Sixon and Bill Whipps, hole No. 6 went to the team of Mike Marsh and Warren Levene, hole No. 9 went to the team of Lisa Muchler and Rick Muchler, hole No. 13 went to the team of John Taylor and John Lawson, hole No. 15 went to the team of Len Polselli and Joe Johnson, hole No. 16 went to the team of Ed Sixon and Bill Whipps.

Skins were awarded on holes No. 2 and 10 to the team of Scott Rogers and Fred McAndrews, holes No. 5 and 16 went to the team of Ed Sixon and Bill Whipps, hole No. 6 went to the team of Mike Marsh and Warren Levene and hole No. 13 went to Joe Johnson and Len Polselli.

Our next tournament was on Jan. 19, a Two-Person Scramble. Results will be published in the March newspaper.

In other news, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, one of our Friday Mixed Golf League members, Lisa Muchler, shot a hole-in-one on hole No. 13 using a 7-iron. I was lucky enough to be one of her witnesses along with fellow league players, Mary Bernard and Pat Holland. So exciting to watch!

Way to go Lisa!

For more information about our league, please contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email at HarryBarbin1@gmail.com



Lisa Muchler shot a hole-in-one on No. 13 using a seven iron.



Warren Levene and Mike Marsh teamed up to win a recent Shambles Tournament.



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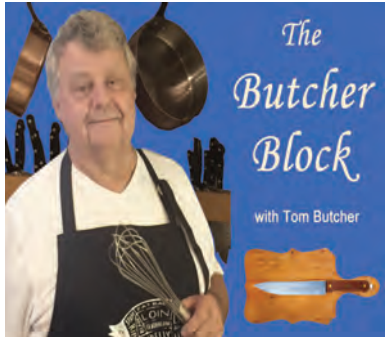
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Presentation, color, spices, desserts In the early days of French cuisine, everything was a science



In the 14th century, Guillaume Tirel, a court chef known as "Taillevent," wrote *Le Viandier*, one of the earliest recipe collections of medieval French.

In the 17th century, chefs Francois Pierre La Varenne and Marie-Antoine Carême spearheaded a movement that shifted French cooking away from its foreign influences and developed France's own indigenous style.

The two forms of cooking played different roles regionally, with many variations and appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) regulated appellation laws.

Cheese and wine are a major part of the French cuisine.

Knowledge of French cooking has contributed significantly to Western cuisine. Its criteria are used widely in Western cookery school boards.

The French medieval cuisine banquets were common among the aristocracy. Multiple courses would be prepared, but served in a style called *service en confusion*, or all at once. Food was generally eaten by hand, meats being sliced off in large pieces held between the thumb and two fingers. The sauces were highly seasoned and thick, and heavily flavored mustards were used.

Pies were a common banquet item with the crust serving primarily as a container rather than as food itself. It was not until the very end of the late Middle Ages that the shortcrust pie was developed.

Meals often ended with an *issue de table*, which later changed into the modern dessert, and typically consisted of *dragees* (in the Middle Ages, meaning spiced lumps of hardened sugar or honey).

Kitchen gardens provided herbs, including such as tansy, rue, pennyroyal, and hyssop, that are rarely used today. Spices were treasured and very expensive at the time, including pepper, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and mace.

Sweet-sour flavors were commonly added to dishes with vinegar and verjus combined with sugar (for the affluent) or honey.

A common form of food preparation was to thoroughly cook, pound and strain mixture into fine pastes and mashes - something believed to be beneficial to make use of nutrients.

Visual display was prized. Brilliant colors were obtained by the addition of, for example, juices from spinach and the green part of leeks. Yellow came from saffron or egg yolk, red came from sunflower and purple came from *Crotophora tinctoria* or *Heliotropium europaeum*.

Gold and silver leaves were placed on food surfaces and brushed with egg whites.

Culinary tourism and the Guide Michelin helped to acquaint commoners with the cuisine bourgeoisie of the urban elites and the peasant cuisine of the French countryside starting in the 20th century. Many dishes that were once regional have proliferated in variations across the country.

Parisian Potage



Parisian Potage (Potatoes & Leeks Soup)

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
1 large leek split, washed, and finely minced
1 pound potatoes Yukon Gold peeled and held in cold water
4 cups chicken stock
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup grated Gruyere cheese

Directions

Heat the oil and butter in a large saucepan. Add the leeks and cook over medium heat for three minutes, stirring occasionally.

Cut the potatoes into sticks about 3/4 inch thick and slice the sticks crosswise into 1/8 inch slivers. The potatoes should be kept in water after peeling, but they should not be washed after they are cut into slivers. This would wash away their starch, which helps to make the soup smooth.

Add the stock, water, salt and pepper to the leeks, then mix in the potato slivers. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and boil gently for 12 minutes.

Serve the soup with a grated cheese and sprinkling of the parsley on top.

Small Chuck Roast with Red Onion Sauce

Ingredients

2 pound boneless beef chuck roast
1 tablespoon hoisin sauce (optional)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon olive oil

Sauce

1/4 cup chopped red onion
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
1 teaspoon minced fresh sage
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Preheat the oven to 170 degrees.

Rub the roast on both sides with the hoisin sauce, and sprinkle with salt.

Heat the oil in a large ovenproof saucepan until very hot. Cook the roast over high heat for 2 1/2 minutes on each side for medium-rare. Transfer the roast to the oven and let it continue to cook for 30 minutes and rest for at least 15 minutes (the roast can be left in the low oven for as long as 30 minutes).

Meanwhile for the sauce: Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl.

Cut the roast on a diagonal into thin slices and serve with the red onion sauce.

Baked Rabbit with Mustard Crust

Ingredients

1 small rabbit 1 3/4 to 2 pounds
2 tablespoons olive-oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 large slice firm white bread cut into 1-inch pieces
1 large garlic clove, crushed
2 teaspoons olive-oil
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Put the rabbit open side down on a cutting board and, using your hands, press down on it to make it of a more equal thickness throughout.

Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet. Sprinkle the rabbit with the salt and pepper and place it open side up in the hot oil. Cover and cook over high heat for four minutes. Turn the rabbit over and cook it on the other side, covered, for another four minutes.

For the crust: Put the bread cubes and garlic in a food processor and process to coarse crumbs. Transfer to a small bowl and toss with the oil to moisten the bread.

Remove the rabbit from the heat, uncover the pan, and brush the top and sides with the mustard. Spread the crumbs on top of the mustard. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven let rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut the rabbit into pieces and serve.



Rice Pudding for your Sweetie

With cost of chocolate rising, consider rice pudding this Valentine's Day

Here is bad news for Valentine's Day, especially to those who love chocolate. During the past three to six months, the cocoa-producing West African region, which produces 70 percent of the world's cocoa supply, has experienced extreme rainfall due to El Niño. This poses a significant risk of crop losses.

Furthermore, high inflation in the region has created a cash crisis in which cocoa suppliers are unable to access affordable fertilizers and pesticides and cannot pay for laborers and farmers.

Cocoa prices have surged to a 46-year high. (i)

In America, the concentration of chocolate production among a few major companies has amplified the supply impact, leading to ever higher chocolate prices in 2024.

Reports have also described chocolate manufacturers replacing cocoa butter with palm oil or sunflower oil, causing chocolate lovers to complain about "waxy and artificial" texture.

Manufacturers are quietly modifying their recipes to save money and maintain their profit margins. The phenomenon, which has been called "skimpflation" and "flavorflation," is a way to hide the impact of inflation and avoid passing higher costs on to the consumer. (ii) But by replacing expensive ingredients with cheaper ones, companies are also making food less tasty, less healthy and less satisfying.

Here is the good news.

There is a Valentine's Day alternative.

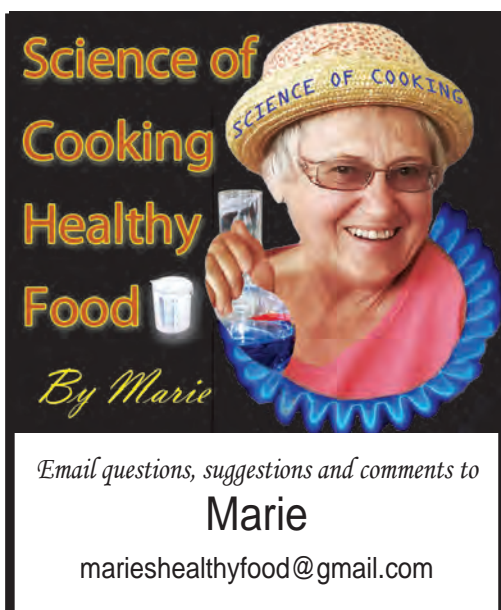
It's nostalgic and comforting.

Now, more than ever, people want foods that are familiar. Events in recent years have triggered fond memories and this has influenced movies to street fashion to food trends.

Rice pudding conveys such feelings and we are seeing a resurgence.

My dear chefs, you can jazz up rice pudding to be a decadent Valentine's Day dessert.

The fresher the rice pudding is, the tastier. Fortunately, it is an easy dessert to make fresh at home. There are many recipe variations out there. Some include sweetened condensed milk. Others use whole milk or evaporated milk. Some use a combination of all three!



Decadent Rice Pudding

Ingredients: ½ cup RICO® medium-grain white rice, ¾ cup water, ¾ cup whole milk, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1-2 cinnamon sticks, 2 butter pads, ½ cup sugar, 2 teaspoons vanilla, one 15-oz can evaporated milk, ¼ cup brandy-soaked golden raisins (optional).

Instructions

1. For Valentine's Day, my dear chefs, you want to get fancy. Pre-soak raisins in brandy overnight, drain and pat dry the next day.
2. Cook the rice in a large pot, following package directions. Mix water, milk, rice, cinnamon sticks and salt. Add a couple of pads of butter. Stirring often, bring to a boil. Continue at simmer covered for 15 minutes.
3. Stir in sugar, vanilla and raisins. Slowly add evaporated milk while stirring as the mixture is gradually brought to a boil again.
4. Remove from heat, uncovered, allow to sit five minutes.
5. Ladle into serving dishes. Dust with powdered cinnamon.
6. Let cool. Then refrigerator for minimally two hours to solidify. Keep refrigerated until served. Serves 4 – 6.

The Science

Opinions vary on which type of rice is best suited for this dish. Most feel medium-grain is best. (iii) Because this rice releases more starch, it creates a creamy consistency ideal for rice pudding. RICO® is a medium-grain rice grown in Puerto Rico. It is excellent in a rice pudding. Arborio is another, but it is expensive and hard to find. Long-grain rice like aromatic Basmati rice works well.

Notes

- Avoid rinsing rice if you're making pudding. American Test Kitchens found that rinsing washes away surface starch and compromises the desired creamy consistency.
- Stir often to ensure rice doesn't stick to the bottom of the pot and milk doesn't burn. With sufficient stirring, rice hydrates, gelatinizes and releases starch, thickening the mixture to a pudding-like consistency.
- If your rice pudding has ended up too thin, it is likely that it didn't cook long enough to thicken. If so, continuously stir in one beaten egg to thicken. If it thickens too much, stir in a splash of milk until it reaches desired consistency.
- If the rice is mushy, the problem is over-cooking which causes the rice to absorb too much water. Water over-absorption causes the rice grains to split open, ruining the texture and creating a mushy, gummy result.
- If your rice pudding is crunchy, then the heat was too high. Water evaporates before rice has a chance to fully cook. Plus, you risk an undesirable scorched taste. And if you don't cook the rice long enough, the center of the rice grain doesn't soften.

Nutritional Value

While this is a dessert, it does offer some nutritional benefits, such as protein and 15 percent of the daily recommendation for bone-building calcium per cup. When you're feeling nauseated, it can be one of the best things to help soothe the stomach.

Evaporated milk will add richness and creaminess to the pudding. It has about the same consistency as cream. It is not sweet, so granulated sugar must be used. The pudding will thicken as the evaporated milk cools.

A creamy rice pudding should not be runny, but not too solid. This is why I use evaporated milk. I find sweetened condensed milk is much too sweet and too thick for my preference. Plus, evaporated milk is less expensive than either condensed milk or cream.

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COMMUNITY REPORTS



With 470 of 696 votes, someone really wanted Gunter for Pet of the Year

By Doug Kates

It wasn't even close. Maybe it's the eyes? Maybe it's those ears? Maybe everyone was cheering for a rescue dog?

Gunter is the 2023 On Top of the World Pet of the Year based on world-wide voting.

Nearly 700 people voted online and Gunter received 470 votes (68 percent).

Rocky was second with 65 votes and Layla was third with 41 votes.

Gunter was crowned Pet of the Month back in August. He is a 5-year-old Manchester Terrier who lives with Frank and Karen Valenzisi in the Alsace Lorraine building (8).

Gunter was adopted from an animal shelter and On Top of the World became his new home. He now enjoys walking with mom, chasing squirrels and has a big appetite.

Gunter said in August, "I will eat any-

thing."

Gunter wins a portrait painting by Irene Piper and will now be invited to march with the Press Association in the annual Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.

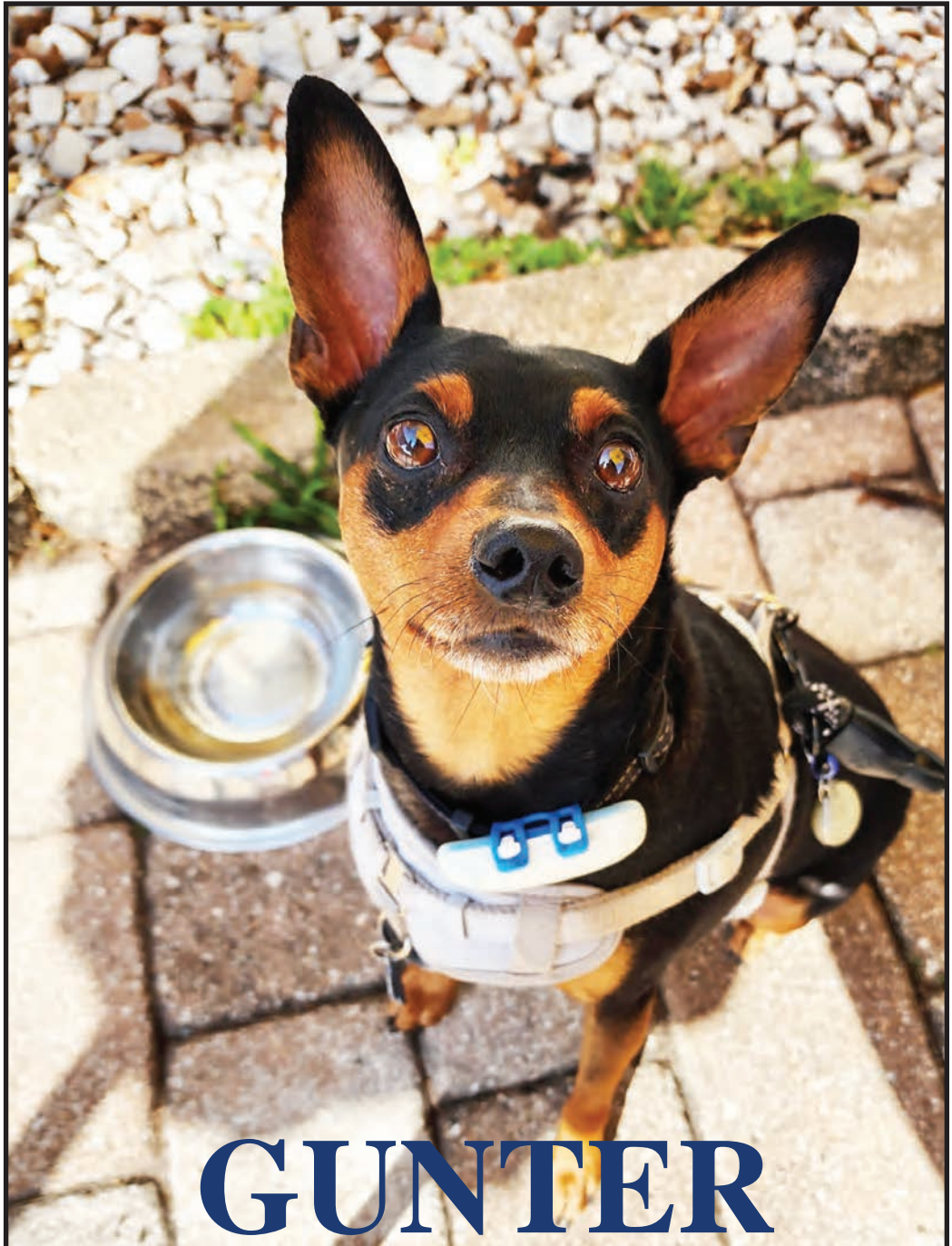
Rocky, 11, was the Pet of the Month for November. He is a Black Lab living in the South Seas building (86). He is owned by Theresa and Peter Neumer.

Layla, 12, is a Chihuahua/Boston Terrier living with Judy Bosynak and Ron Cree in the Ottoman building (27).

Alfie was the highest vote-getter for cats. She received 34 votes and was fourth overall.

Karly, another cat, received 33 votes and Sasha, a poodle, received 32 votes.

Voting was conducted online and only two votes were allowed per IP address. A review of the IP addresses showed there were no duplicates during the four-day voting process.



| On Top of the World Pet of the Year Votes | |
|---|-----------------|
| Gunter 470 | Alfie 34 |
| Rocky 65 | Karly 33 |
| Layla 41 | Sasha 32 |

Someone needs to tell our newlyweds to slow down and take it easy



Happy Valentine's Day! This is the "love" month, so let's not forget the flowers, candy and cards on Feb. 14.

This year is also a leap year, which brings us what is called Sadie Hawkins Day on Feb. 29. This has traditionally been a day on which women were allowed to propose to men. Sounds hopelessly outdated for the 21st century, but this is the way it has worked in many cultures for centuries. We'll see how it works its magic here at On Top of the World.

I am guessing there'll be a lot of casseroles in the oven this month!

Speaking of love, meet our newest neighbors and newest Englander newlyweds, Tim and Kelliann Convery, who moved here in the fall.

It wasn't easy catching up with them as they have been quite busy meeting all the neighbors, getting involved in the community and keeping up with all their major life changes.

After selling their home in Maine, and searching and closing on their Englander condo, they purchased a seasonal home in New Hampshire. Then they drove down to On Top of the World in their newly-acquired 34-foot motor home.

Within one month, they returned to New England to enjoy Thanksgiving with



family, came back to Florida and then went off to get married on Casey Key Beach.

By the time you read this column, they will have returned from their first cruise ever.

They are definitely living the life, but someone might need to explain the theory of rest and retirement to them when they return.

Don't forget, this is February - the month of affection. Be sure to let others know that you care about them. What you give, you get back!

Happy Valentine's Day to you all.

Seen here on their wedding day and living the good life of retirement, are new On Top of the World residents, Kelliann and Tim Convery.



(Our monthly 25 Years Ago column reflects world news from 25 years ago)

By Randae Van Denover

World Event

Feb 7 - Crown Prince Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein became the King of Jordan after the death of his father, King Hussein. Abdullah has remained king through to the current day. His royal family has ruled Jordan for a century since 1921.

U.S. News Event

Feb. 12 - The five-week impeachment trial of Bill Clinton for lying under oath and obstructing justice came to an end. The Senate voted to acquit the president on both articles of impeachment.

Local News Event

Feb. 27 - Rev. Henry J. Lyons served from 1981 to 1984 as president of the Florida General Baptist Convention, the largest black religious organization. He was found guilty in a Florida court of racketeering and stealing millions from a church arson recovery fund. He had been indicted by federal prosecutors the prior year for fraud, extortion, money laundering, conspiracy and tax evasion.

Movie Notes

The 30th annual NAACP Image Awards: "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" wins Outstanding Motion Picture. The romantic comedy-drama film featured Angela Bassett, who won NAACP Best Actress. Angela, at 4 years old, moved to St. Petersburg with her family. Angela's acting career started at the St. Petersburg Little Theater, which is now known as the St. Pete Theater. This is the longest continuously running theater in Florida. Over its 100-year history, it never closed its doors.

Major Sporting Event

Feb 15 - Wayne Gretzky records five assists in the New York Rangers' 7-4 win over the Nashville Predators. He takes a lead of 1,000 points over Gordie Howe in all time NHL scoring lead, setting an NHL record.

Tourist Event

The peak winter tourist season in the Tampa Bay area usually occurs in early February. Pinellas County Convention and Visitors Bureau wished for more bitter cold weather up north as Canadian tourist were fewer in number in the 1999 winter. But the county drew more visitors in the spring/summer season than in winter for the first time. Yet Pinellas County achieved the strongest growth in the state in 1999 due to smart advertising.

Computer Technology

RAM is memory that lets your computer work with data needed to run programs and open files. In the February 1999 edition of OTOW News, a Computer Club member talked about upgrading his computer to 64 megs (MG) of RAM from 32 megs in order to operate a game for his visiting grandson. He was amazed producers of computer games were so rapidly increasing demands for large chunks of memory. Fast-forward to today. The typical computer needs 32 gigabytes (32,000 megs) of RAM to operate the latest computer games. This is because developers have the technology today to create games cinematic in scope, filled with lush images with interactive options. This requires much greater memory compared to 25 years ago.

We have multi-talented people at the Villa



Viennese Villa welcomes Valentine's Day.

This month I'd like to introduce you to a new writer, a most versatile couple, and visitors who may become neighbors.

Randae Van Denover, who already writes a very interesting, informative food column in our newspaper, has taken over the "25 Years Ago" column.

Randae jogged my memory with January's piece with monthly news events of 25 years ago. Read and enjoy.

Pictured above this month's column are long-time residents and a most interesting, multi-talented couple, Pat Sprouse and Nolan Shade with their dog pal, Prinz.

This pooch-loving pair is very busy. They are both ballroom dancers and have danced across oceans on cruises from Hawaii, Panama, Europe and Alaska.

Nolan instructs ballroom dancing at On Top of the World. He also can be found in the Entertainment Committee sound and lighting booth when shows are presented at the East Activity Center.

He helps out in the Fiddlers and Fumblers workshop and is the Villa's official "dog whisperer" having adopted and trained many rescue pooches - Prinz being the latest.

Pat is very active on stage and behind



Pat Sprouse, Nolan Shade and Prinz.

the scenes with Theater Workshop and Jesters. This multi-talented gal dances, sings and has past experience as a director.

My son, Mike, and the inlaws recently visited. Enjoyed OTOW so much they are considering escaping the cold of Indiana to join our corner of paradise as "Snowbirds."

They flew to escape minus 4 temperatures and a foot of snow. That may be the deciding factor.

Hopefully our storage rooms will be address. Some have no space whatsoever.

Well, kids. That's it for now. Valentine month birthday and anniversary wishes to all. Remember any news fit to print send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Core party set for Feb. 25



Here at Siboney, we had a lovely holiday season and a party with 36 people in attendance.

We thank Tom and Linda Tarka for planning this lovely event.

What do you think about this Florida winter? I am very upset that this year temperatures are so cold, especially in the morning. My little rescue dog and I have to bundle up every morning to take our walk.

I am also a water aerobics instructor and I serious can't wait to get back to the heated pool to exercise. I am also grateful that they finally heated the west side pool.

Everyone is invited to come to the East Activity Center swimming pool at 9 a.m., Monday through Friday, to attend my class. But please wait until the current construction project at the pool ends.

If the air temperature is above 62, we will be at the pool.

I noticed a lot of new residence moving into our building, so please attend our core parties and our meetings. You could find out



Pictured above is Lillian Foy and her grandson visiting Largo Central Park in late December.

the times on our information board and in the elevators. I, personally, like going to our monthly luncheons. This is a time to meet your neighbors and try the food at local restaurants.

The Jesters will be having their show on Feb. 2, 3 and 4. The show title is "Aloha Hawaii." Please contact me if you need a ticket. Cost is a mere \$5. You will enjoy singing, dancing and comedy.

Our next core party will be held on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. Please look for the poster in the elevator and on the information board All are welcome, including renters and owners.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone. Don't forget your sweethearts.

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We hope to see you on the dance floor!

The Jolley Trolley will take west side residents to the parade on March 2.

For this reporter, a Georgia Tech win was the perfect ending



Name That Teen

Someone jested that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.

It seems like it was just last week when we were worrying what effect Y2K was going to have on our computers, but that was nearly a quarter of a century ago.

We are lucky that our Valencia building neighbors do not take time for granted. They really enjoy the social activities that bring us all together.

Nearly every month last year, we were celebrating something or having a cookout or visiting a local restaurant. Just keep checking our bulletin board in the core for the latest activity and then sign up. Let's have some more fun.

A little personal note. My son, Mark, visited over the holidays. He surprised me with tickets to the Georgia Tech (his alma mater) and University of Central Florida match-up in the Gasparilla Bowl college football game at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa.

The day even included a tailgate party where I met several of his fraternity brothers. Wow, I felt like a kid again.

Ultimately, Tech won and that ended a perfect day.

And now for the "Name That Teen" contest. This month's photo is of a gentleman who is 7 years old. He is the one on the right along with his younger brother. The letters of his name are included in the phrase "Oily Bike Mount."

The January teen of the month was Donna DiMeo and of course everyone correctly identified Dennis Hammling as our December teen.

Thank you all for participating.



Henry Santos and son, Mark, at the Gasparilla Bowl college football game in December.



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Building dues are being collected so we can have more fun in 2024



What happened to all of our Christmas and Hanukkah decorations?

With the holidays behind us, a good group of volunteers met in the core on Saturday, Jan. 6, to take down and pack it all away until next year.

We had so much help, it made for a quick job of this task.

Thanks to all who came out to help us that day.

It's that time of year again! Our building dues are being collected. These dues go towards any building decorations, trips to the dump to dispose of items dumped in our garbage room, and to any other building functions where the building dues supply foods or paper goods.

The dues are \$20 for the year. You can pay by cash or by check made out to Rural French Building No. 56. The dues can be given to your wing captain. See the notice on our building bulletin board in the core. Your contribution and help will be greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, we held our first building luncheon of the new year. The luncheon was held at Eddie's Bar and Grill in Dunedin. Eddie's is one of our favorites as the food and service are always good. This lun-



Rural French residents celebrate January with a luncheon at Eddie's Bar and Grill in Dunedin. There were more than 20 people who attended.

cheon was hosted by Sue and Bruce Personius.

We had a good crowd of 22 friends and neighbors join us for this meal and social outing. Everybody enjoyed themselves and they are already looking forward to our next building get-together.

If you have a favorite food establishment you would like to share with everybody, feel free to sign up on our building bulletin board and you can host our next event. This can be a luncheon or a dinner. The choice is yours.

We are also looking for volunteers to start and organize building cocktail or dessert get-togethers, or just social gatherings in our building core or grassy areas. Contact your wing captain or building coordinator to get it started.

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Sue and Jim Ellis have been married for 16 leap years - it all got started in a leap year

After a 24-day courtship, Sue and Jim Ellis got married in a leap year. They took a leap of faith that has lasted for 64 years.

Both are fourth generation Californians.

In 1977 they took another leap and moved with their five children to Florida following job opportunities.

Sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren later, they moved from their home in Clearwater to On Top of the World in 2019.

Sue was born in a leap year and in June will celebrate her 88th birthday. Jim will be 89 this month.

One of their many common interests is football. Building 94 residents know that when the Buccaneers are playing, the "Buc" flag is unfurled.

Another shared interest is following the local music scene in Dunedin, Safety Harbor and Palm Harbor. They also attend Entertainment Committee concerts and have a subscription to the Largo Arts Center.

Jim enjoys being a member of the Computer Club and volunteered to be a building floor captain.

Both Sue and Jim have hosted building



lunches at O'Keefe's, Tarpon Turtle and other local restaurants to promote comradery in Rio Riviera.

Happy birthday to all February "babies" and happy leap year. Why not follow the Ellis's example and join us for a building lunch.

If you live in Rio Riviera and you have a story to share, a milestone to celebrate or are a new resident and would like to share your arrival with us, let me know. I'm listed in the building's directory.



Sue and Jim Ellis in front of their condo at the Rio Riviera building.

Austrian Alpine celebrates positivity

Austrian Alpine has been busy with a variety of activities, including celebrating achievements of our neighbors.

Lisa Muchler has a passion for golf and it's safe to say that she and her husband, Rick, are sports enthusiasts.

Lisa recently shot her second hole in one and we could not be happier for her on this achievement. Congratulations, Lisa and thank you for the optimism and positivity you bring to everyone around you.

We have a new flag on the World Parkway side of the building donated by Rich Hayes.

Rich has been and continues to be a faithful flag steward of our building flag. Thank you, Rich!

Lenny Segal and Lee Fisher worked together to take down the Christmas yard art and put it away in record time this year. Lenny was happy for the help.

Lee reminds us that "teamwork makes the dream work."

Lenny and his fiancé, Kathy Ahrens, were able to pack up the building lights and put them away while Joyce Jennings, Dottie Ferrance and this reporter packed up the core Christmas tree and decorations.

Joyce organized the boxes to make work more efficient and we made a list of things we need in just nine months. Yes, I said it.

The holidays will be here again soon enough, especially given how time flies. Oh what fun. Well done, team!

Our monthly breakfast group enjoyed



their visit to Egg Haven Café for the second time. All are welcome to join in. For more information about our monthly breakfast, please contact Kathy or Dottie.

In other news around the building, Jeff and Lara Flynn went cruising over the holidays. The Caribbean is a beautiful place with idyllic beaches, beautiful views and colorful Caribbean culture. Jeff said that the ship was huge. They sailed to Aruba, Curacao and the private peninsula of Labadee.

Jeff and Lana had an "awesome time" on board with shows, non-stop activities and they loved being surrounded by beautiful scenery.

If you have a story or information about something that you would like to have mentioned in the building news, please contact me. My number is on the phone list for the building.

American Gothic welcomes 2024 officers

By Penni Telleck

It came fast! So fast that we didn't even see it coming!

We are not sure if we are prepared, but here it is - a new year, 2024.

What's new at American Gothic? We have lots of good news.

First, let me introduce our new building officers.

Camille Karnoutsos is the new American Gothic building coordinator. She'll be assisted in the role by her best buddies, Bella (dog) and Patrick (cat).

Camille is from Baltimore and is honored to serve as 2024's building coordinator. She says, in her short time living at On Top of the World, she has met many wonderful friends, both in our building and also in the many clubs she has joined.

By the way, if you like Mexican dominoes, Camille is an expert.

Thank you, Camille. With almost no time at all, you have done a terrific job.

Next, Sheila Bonomo, neighbor extraordinaire, is our treasurer.

Mauren and Gary Smith will continue to decorate our bulletin board since they do such a great job. Kudos to them!

Neighbors, please continue to check out our dynamic bulletin board for events, like building lunches. These events are often spontaneous and don't make it into the newspaper in time.

Now, in our new year, we will look forward to things that have never been done before. Maybe it's time to practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty.

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New residents decided Clearwater was too much fun for just a vacation



Residents from New World French stayed up late to bring in the new year. (Photo by Theresa Shave)

New World French residents were invited to a New Year's Eve party at Carlie Layton's home.

It started at 7 p.m. and lasted to whenever. There were drinks and snacks and plenty to share.

I had company, and planned to visit for an hour, but I ended up staying for more than two hours. It was very socialable and fun for everyone.

Thank you Theresa Shave for taking a great selfie of everyone at the party.

We have a new resident.

Marilyn Suddath, previously from Missouri, moved to Clearwater about a year ago, but decided she would like a larger condo.

She looked at On Top of the World and was impressed with the activities. In fact, she is now taking golf lessons.

Marilyn has three sons - one in Missouri, one in Denver and one living close by in

Tampa.

Introducing Denis and Jody DiPietro. They hail from New Jersey.

They have taken several vacations to different parts of Florida and decided on retire-

ment to move to Clearwater. Denis officially retires in May.

They now have a condo in our building and are really excited about moving here.



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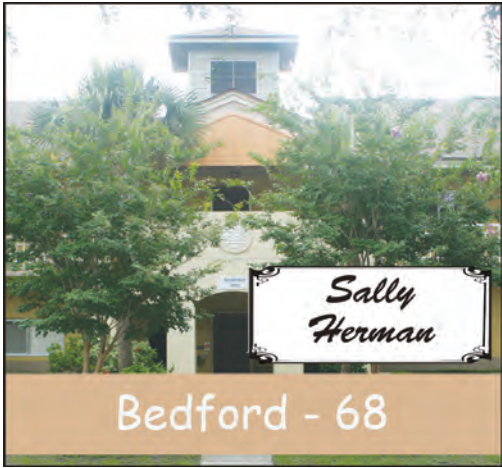


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Happy 99th Birthday our Charlie Christ!



Meet our own Phyllis Dumdie

Introducing one of our Bedford residents, Phyllis Dumdie, 84 years young.

Phyllis has lived here since December 2001. She and her husband moved from Aurora, Ill. They both loved to go on cruises.

Her husband passed away five years ago. Phyllis belonged to the Art Guild club. She still enjoys painting in water colors, mostly using birds as her subjects. Besides painting she likes cooking.

On Jan. 16 our ladies group went out for a luncheon at Johnny's Italian Restaurant.

On Feb. 9, all of us will enjoy dinner at Norton's Sport Bar & Grill.

Also in February, we would like to say Happy Birthday to Connie Pope.

Irish Club Parade will ve televised live on OTOW-TV 901

Forty-one invigorated Bohemians banded together at Jack Willies to usher in the New Year.

Conversations varied with reflections on the past year along with expectations of what this year may hold for us.

On Jan. 2, another celebration took place. This time it was neighbors helping Charlie Christ celebrate his 99th birthday.

Charlie has been an inspiration to many of us. He served in the armed forces, was a dedicated runner, a former bridge player, wrote the Bohemia column for this newspaper, was active in his church activities and continues to participate in many of our functions.

One thing you can count on is a big smile when he greets you.

On Jan. 7, our annual building meeting took place. Our new president is Tom Jurkowski.

Our former president, Ralph Ledesma, is staying on the board as vice president.

Jenny Fowler will remain treasurer and Paula Schelling stays on as secretary.

The accomplishments of the past year were noted along with projects that the new board hopes to tackle.

The new officers for the Social Committee were elected at their meeting on the Jan. 16. Along with establishing the social calendar for the year, the committee has a list of new projects of its own it hopes to under-



Charlie Christ

take.

Our annual building cruise took place later in the month with 26 participants. This year was only a seven-day cruise to the western Caribbean. It took us to ports that we haven't visited for a few years. We begin each cruise with all participants dining together in the main dining room. On our last night at sea, we close out the adventure with all our cruisers reuniting for dinner to share their



journey.

Editor's Note: How long has Doug Kates been the editor of our OTOW newspaper? Long enough to have Charlie Christ as one of his early reporters! When Doug started in 2008, most people were submitting hand-written stories. Charlie, in his younger days (80s), was one of many reporters who started out with stories written on paper, but volunteered to switch to writing stories on his computer and emailing them to the newsroom. It was quite the challenge, but with help from the Computer Club, Charlie figured out how to do it. By the time he retired from the newspaper, he had mastered digitally-written news stories!

Miss America's aunt and uncle watched from On Top of the World

By Patricia Cullen-Davis

On Jan. 15, people all over the United States watched as a new Miss America was crowned. The honoree was Madison Marsh. People from coast to coast cheered the announcement, but a special cheer came from On Top of the World. Gene and Reta Carney of the New World French building are aunt and uncle to Madison. They were already proud to have Madison crowned Miss Colorado. Now they are more proud for Miss America.

Madison is a recent graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. She has also previously lived in Arkansas. Gene and Reta report that Madison has never actually been to On Top of the World, but if a visit does happen, we'll be sure to let you know.

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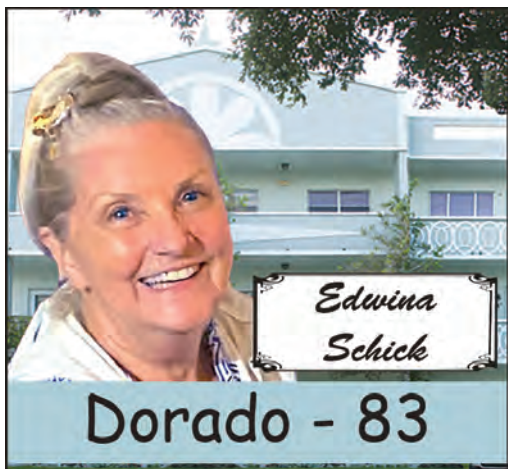
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Dorado table



Dorado building residents enjoyed an evening of entertainment while being able to support our veterans. Several of us attended Open Mic Night together hosted by the Veterans Group, Good Neighbors Association and New York-New Jersey Club. From left to right are Carl Andersen, Ellen Andersen, Ann Brown, Edwina Schick, Lois Darling, John Blanc and Gail Blanc.

Melbourne residents start the year with shrimp and lobster

In a blink of an eye, the holiday decorations disappeared from the Melbourne core.

Special thanks to the expedient efforts of Jim and Shirley Wishmier and Wanda Ramirez.

We are looking forward to a new Valentine décor coming soon.

Although the number 13 is usually associated with bad luck, an intrepid group of residents met at Red Lobster on Jan. 13 to enjoy a shrimp and lobster feast. The mouth-watering posters enticed 22 residents to partake in the seafood treats of their choice.

In early January, Sonny and Susan Hunt were visited by Sonny's son and wife from Chicago.

Ray and Mary Connolly hosted family guests, Dan and Tenna Minwell in the latter part of the month.

Helen Valentine and Steve LaDuc also were visited by Nancy White and Jean LaDuc. Jean joined Helen and Ray and Mary Connolly on the Snowbird cruise



to the Eastern Caribbean.

We are very proud of our talented Shirlee Ward, who was one of the entertainers at the recent Open Mic Night at the East Activity Center. We didn't realize we had such a wonderful singer hidden in our building.

As we move into February, remember that building dues will soon be collected by wing captains. They are \$10 per unit and help defray social events, flag replacement and other items that help make the Melbourne a great place to live.



Melbourne residents decided to splurge at Red Lobster.

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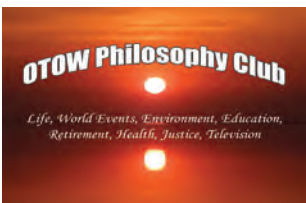
Shuffleboard begins in October.

Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. Just show up and play. We have the equipment.

Philosophy Club

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.




Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons are now being offered by instructor Howard Wolff, who allows his students to pick the dances to learn - and there are a ton of dances to choose from. Howard will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

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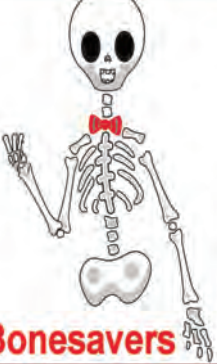


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Men and women are both welcome.

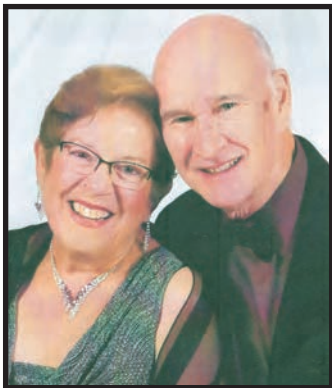
Learning to Dance with Noland

Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.



Duplicate Bridge

Beginner duplicate bridge takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

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For further information, contact Carlos at loresca@yahoo.com



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Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again? If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.

Classifieds

Golf Clubs

For sale: Set of right-handed Wilson golf clubs, bag, three-wheel Sun mounted push cart, plus bag of shag balls. Asking \$100. Call Pete at 484-769-6690.

Kayak

For sale: Two-person "Lifetime" kayak. Asking \$450. Call (865) 235-8276. Ask for William.

Printer

For sale: Canon Pima MP560 printer and scanner with manual. Works well. One extra ink jet. Asking \$30. Call Linda at (214) 552-5556.

Bicycles

For sale: Two bicycles less than 2 years old. Bought for \$500 apiece. Make me an offer. Deal includes two helmets. Call Jack at (727) 472-2862 or (727) 735-1108.

Harley Stuff

For sale: Two carved wooden framed chairs with upholstered seats (\$50 each or both for \$85), Harley Davidson large helmet (\$35), Harley Davidson size 10 boots (\$35), smokeless indoor grill like new (\$45), yoga mats, blankets and blocks (\$50). Call Ava at (727) 688-1255.

Oven

For sale: LeCreuset Signature RND Dutch Oven, Cobalt No. 28, 7 quart. Asking \$200. Call Lois at (727) 797-8859.

Tile

For sale: Beige bath tiles with gold flecks, 4.25 x 4.25. Free. Send Bonnie a text, (727) 365-3656.

Cycle

For sale: Three-wheel cycle with rear basket and new seat and back rest. Yellow. Asking \$160. Call Ann at (727) 215-4882.

Camera

For sale: Cannon EOS Rebel T3I camera. Mint condition. Store value \$1300. Asking \$495. 200mm lens included. Call Scott at (727) 373-8767.

Vacuum Cleaner

For sale: Shark Rocket powerful vacuum with accessories. Asking \$50. Call Cecile at (727) 797-9616.

Classifieds are for OTOW residents only. Max word limit is about 40. Cannot list price for anything over \$500. No condos, no vehicles, no bedding, no looking for love ads. Music visit newsroom in person to place.



OTOW-TV CHANNEL 901 DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7 AM - Exercise with Cammie and Jessica from OTOW Ocala
- 8 AM - Cardio with Hope Tera (Monday through Saturday)
- 9 AM - Exercise with Slimnastics from OTOW Clearwater
- 11 AM - Line Dance at Home with Moving 'N Grooving, Snowbirds and OTOW Line Dancing
- 12 PM - Exercise with Cammie and Jessica from OTOW Ocala
- 4 PM - Exercise with Cammie and Jessica from OTOW Ocala

If/When OTOW-TV gets the OK to present community theater shows from the past, they will air at 7 pm on Friday nights.

DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA



Pictured here is a beautiful, designated smoking area On Top of the World created alongside the East Activity Center swimming pool. Smokers can sit peacefully, enjoy their hobby and respect fellow residents at the pool.

Community pools, activity centers, the dog park, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, lawn bowl area and the Pavilion are non-smoking areas.

Smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of either activity center or swimming pool.

Please help keep our community beautiful.

OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:

OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763

Building Number: _____ Unit Number: _____ Today's Date: _____

This change is: _____ Permanent _____ Temporary; Effective _____

Unit Owner Name(s): _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone Number: _____

Forwarding address: _____

Forwarding Phone Number: _____

Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!

(Submit new form upon return)

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OTOW News**WORDMIX**

Unscramble the six words listed below.
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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L P P A E

E P R U L P

T R U L T E

T B Y S E I O

R K A P A T C

SECRET WORD:

Last month's scrambled words: waste, enter, author, kettle, elegant, nothing. Secret Word Last Month: weaken

OTOW LIBRARY



NEW BOOKS!

“Command and Control” by Tom Clancy
 “Resurrection Walk” by Michael Connelly
 “The Little Liar” by Mitch Albom
 “Inheritance” by Nora Roberts
 (Book 1 - List Bride Trilogy)

Join the library for \$5.

Used Books for sale: 3 for \$1.

Also free books. Membership not required for free books.

Hours: 10 am-12 pm Mondays, 1-3 pm Wednesdays

If the library gets new volunteers, Fridays will be added to the weekly schedule. Right now there is not enough help to open on Fridays.

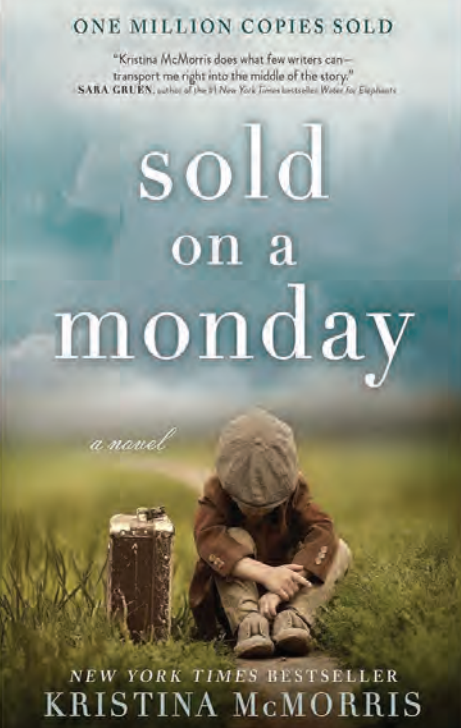
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 By Kristina McMorris

10 a.m., Thursday, March 21
“Master Slave Husband Wife”
 by Ilyon Woo

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Need more information, write to Jslantz1948@aol.com or call 727-754-3823

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Community Service Office (727) 683-6981 | Water Turn On/ Turn Off (727) 799-3417 | Emergency Service After Hours / Weekends (727) 799-1115 | Activities Office (727) 799-2734 |
| Leave Message If Needed | Menu Option 6 | | |
- Duke Energy (report power outages) 1-800-228-8485**
Pinellas County Sheriff (Non-Emergency Line) 727-582-6200
Pinellas County Consumer Hotline (Report Scams) ... 727-464-6617