



# *OTOW rolls out welcome mat for another exciting year*

By Brad Day  
2011 Entertainment Committee Chair

Well, we all made it through another year!

Those attending the New Year's Eve dance know what a great time we always have welcoming in a new year.

Party hats and champagne are the order of business. We can't forget the dancing and everyone going home tired and happy.

The 2011-12 party sold out, and a great band, Flashback, always contributes to a fabulous dance. What a way to close out the year for us all!

As of midnight, our new Entertainment Committee chairman, Richard Hayes, takes over the reigns, and let me be the first to say, "Best of luck to you Rich."

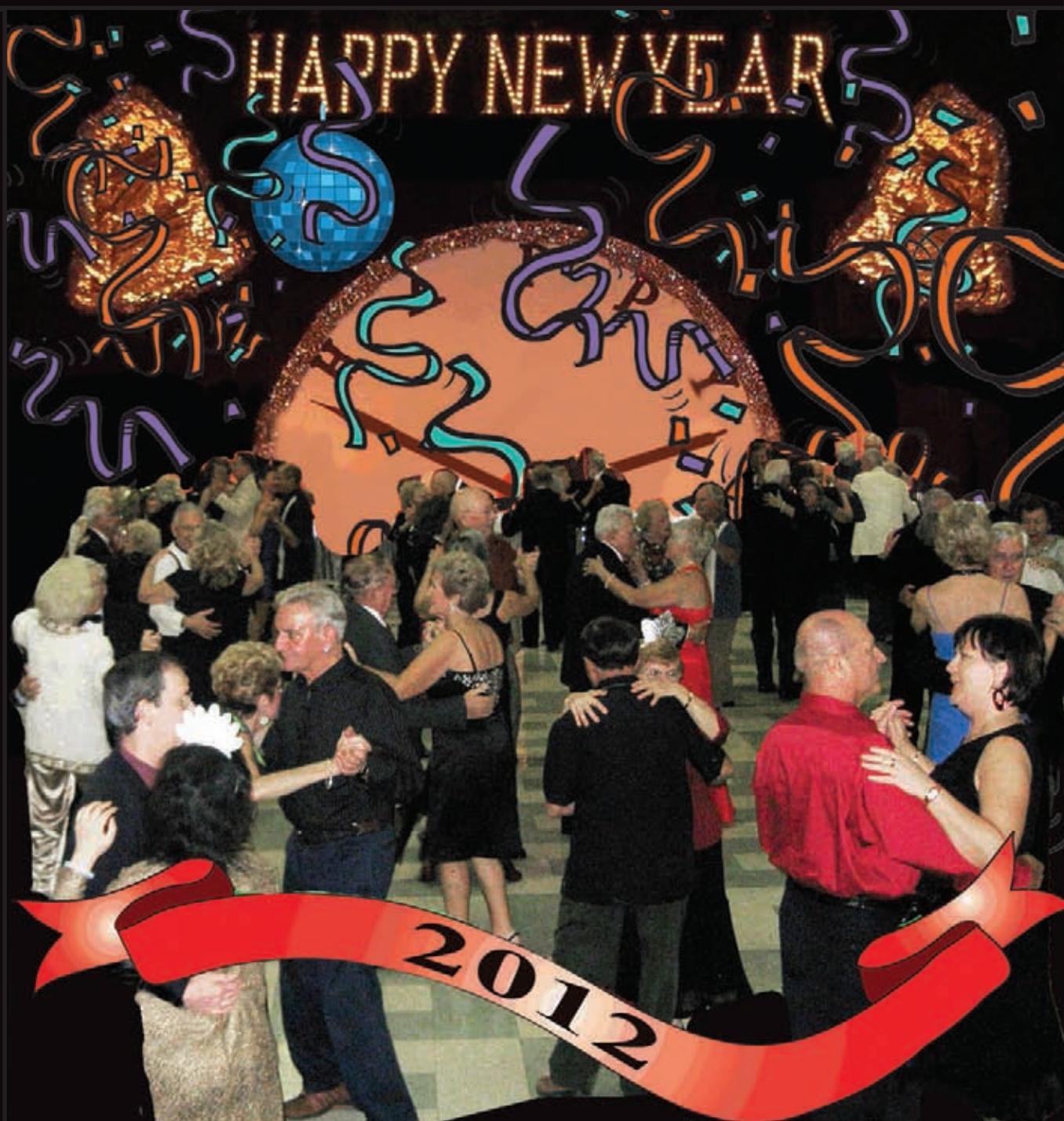
As for myself, I am looking forward to a "quiet" year in 2012.

As we begin to enjoy 2012, keep in mind your Entertainment Committee has scheduled many events over the next 12 months. Get your tickets early, and it's never too early to think about the 2012-2013 New Year's Eve party. The next one will probably sell out, too.

All event tickets are on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center.

From everyone on the Entertainment Committee, have a joyous, safe and healthy new year, and a special thank you to all our volunteers for all the work you do all year round.

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# Topics covered at annual meeting include insurance, costs, projects and maintenance

First, I would like to thank all of the Association members who submitted their proxies.

In order for the Association to conduct an annual meeting, we must obtain a quorum of owners, either in person or by proxy. I am happy to report we obtained a quorum.

Second, I'd like to personally thank all those members who attended the Annual Meeting on Dec. 15.

We covered a great deal of material generally dealing with the state of the community and the factors that affect the operation, and very much by extension, the quality of life for every resident.

## Insurance

Judging by the questions, insurance was a topic on many people's minds. The gist being, what is adequate coverage on your home and contents?

Also discussed was the Board's concern over the hardening market for property coverage.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The per event deductible remains \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage.

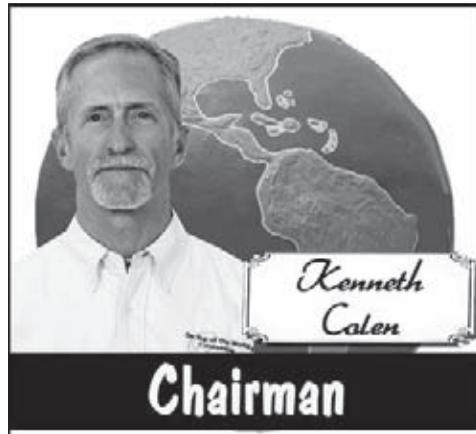
Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total of values at the time of loss at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence such as a named storm.

With respect to all other events 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.

On the condominium owner side, it is the obligation of every owner to have insurance on the contents of their unit, as well as individual liability coverage. Contents coverage may vary greatly depending what it is you wish to insure. 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 in casualty losses.

The service department has han-



dled several major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. Unfortunately, this is a trend that appears to be accelerating.

I know we are surprised to find 30-year old water heaters that still function. Unfortunately, it is the housing that eventually rusts out and leaks.

In all cases, the residents found out just how important having this coverage is when faced with extensive damage to their unit and adjoining units.

The water heater is an owner responsibility and their liability upon its failure due to being improperly maintained. The Association actively seeks recovery for the repair work in each instance.

Property coverage for the Association is expected to increase significantly in fiscal 2012-13. To begin with, 2011 has been a very costly year for storm-related damage on a national level. I have seen estimates of over \$52 billion.

Bear in mind that insurance is an international business, so consider the damage from the tsunami in Japan, floods in Thailand, and other disasters.

As if that isn't quite enough, global insurance companies are feeling very pressured on their earnings in this global recession and low interest rate environment. Profitability needs to be restored, and that will happen through higher rates and stricter underwriting standards (harder to bind coverage).

Your Board expects double digit increase in the cost of casualty coverage this next year.

## Efficiency

There were other questions focused on what the Board is doing to control costs and operate efficiently. I always welcome these types of questions because it is important that they

are asked. By way of response, let me state that the Board delegates most of the operations to Parkway Maintenance and Management Company. That said, the Board remains accountable for the outcome.

Parkway regularly bids work to 1) keep existing contractors honest, and 2) identify competent and competitive suppliers and mechanics.

Secondly, much of the work that was going to third parties is now performed "in house" at significant savings.

Roofing repair is done in house, as is most electrical work and construction related maintenance. Grounds maintenance and aerial tree work is also performed by competent and trained staff. Roof replacements, elevator repair and renovation are contracted to third parties because of the extensive scope of work both entail.

Regarding the recreation amenities, much of the work is performed by staff. Notably, much of the recent renovations were taken in house.

The golf course, on the other hand, is subcontracted out because the Board found it could get better work at very competitive pricing. The courses really show the benefit of that decision.

Discussion also highlighted the many improvements to the recreation facilities, especially the golf course renovation. The elimination of one set of under-utilized tennis courts and the replacement with a dog park was discussed.

It is important to remember that the recreation amenities are not common element of the Association. But more to the point is the challenge to balance the Association's budget, while still providing a full range of amenities that meet the needs of the majority of residents in the community.

Sometimes, amenities need to change to avoid burdening residents with added costs that offer little benefit.

Finally, a good deal of time was spent discussing enforcement matters.

We live in a tightly knit community. What one person does (or does not do) may adversely affect their neighbors. The Board discussed ongoing enforcement efforts with regard to occupancy, as well as collection efforts on delinquent accounts.

## Community Update

The repair/restoration work on Building 29 southwest stairwell has been progressing. Work will be suspended over Christmas week, but we expect finalization the fourth week of January.

The work to underpin and support the southeast stairwell foundation progressed the week after the Christmas holiday as well. Work is expected to proceed without the need for closure or disruption of adjoining units.

Reroofing on building 85 is scheduled to start on Jan. 9, 2012. Building Railings Project is moving along at a hearty pace. Building 48 will begin the first week in January, followed by Building 55 in the last week, weather permitting.

Building 4 has an estimated start date of Jan. 6 for re-roofing. Please check your bulletin board for more current information and schedule.

Building 56 is scheduled for waterproofing on the back of the building the first week of January, while the back of Building 42 is scheduled to start the third week of January. Please keep in mind that these dates are approximate and schedules and structures are subject to change.

Floor replacement will begin on the second and third floor areas on buildings 73. We anticipate approximately two days to complete each floor, depending on the temperature and the moisture index. Being January, we may be challenged by condensation that can slow down work as we dry the area. Please exercise extreme caution while traversing around or near the work area. The workers take every precaution to ensure your safety, but your attention and cooperation are a must!

Ongoing projects include the removal of excess vegetation and debris from drainage ditches across property. Also, tree removal of some of the larger oak and holly trees, which have become unstable, will continue. Building inspection services will also continue as well.

From the Colen family to everyone at On Top of the World, have a fun and safe New Year's Eve, and a prosperous new year.

# This Gizmo is one of 12 competitors vying for OTOW Pet of the Year

In my 26 years as a journalist, I have occasionally misspelled people's names, given people incorrect job titles, or have mistakingly left people out of an article completely.

But it's very rare to experience the same error I made in the December edition of On Top of the World News.

A photo I ran of an individual, was not that individual at all.

As a result, I would like you all to meet the real Gizmo.

Gizmo was the OTOW News Pet of the Month for December, but another resident named Gizmo got his photo placed on the pet page instead.

Who would have think we had two Gizmos living here?

The general rule of thumb is never assume anything. I saw a picture entitled Gizmo and thought it was the photo of our celebrity. Turns out, I should have kept looking.

As soon as I realized the error, I began wondering if the real Gizmo was going to get mad and retaliate.

Each day I left work, I looked



## The real Gizmo →



Fortunately, it appears Gizmo is not going to get even.

“Good Dog!”

For those of you who have not been paying attention, OTOW News selected 12 pets of the month this past year. Now we are taking all 12 celebrities and we are having a Pet of the

Year contest.

This time, however, instead of us picking the winner, we are going to allow OTOW residents to pick their favorite pet. Simply go to:

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and place a vote for one of our 12 candidates. You can stack your votes with one pet, or you can give several pets your vote. You may vote as many times as you want and there is no charge.

A complete list of candidates appears on page 47 of this newspaper.

On Jan. 21 at noon, the voting will end and a champion will be named in the February edition of this newspaper.

The winning pet will receive a luxury bubble bath from Barks and Bubbles. The bubble bath can be used by the winner, or passed along to a friend in more need of a bath.

So, for Gizmo and the rest of his friends, good luck and let's open the polls. This might be the most enjoyable election of the year!

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# Enjoy the pleasant weather - go outside and do something active!

By Nancy Davis

We hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to an exciting 2012.

I was fortunate to have had a surprise visit from close relatives from up North (to be more precise, it was my second oldest son and his fiancée). It made for a very special Thanksgiving with four of my six children celebrating with me and also one of my grandchildren.

Many of you travel up North for the holidays, but it's too cold and snowy for me, as I prefer the warmer weather.

This is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy some outdoor recreations.

Our shuffleboard group has been having a wonderful, fun time on the courts. Come by any Monday or



Thursday afternoon and check it out. You may just want to join them.

We have great tennis courts and two updated golf courses - this is a great time to sharpen your skills.

Maybe you have a tennis racket in your storage room just waiting for you to dig it out and get back on the courts?

I've heard you are never too old

for golf, so clean up those clubs and get back in the game.

Fresh air and exercise are not only healthy for you, but will also give you more energy. I think we could all use more of that everyday.

Check out the daily calendar page for a large variety of exercise classes we offer at OTOW. Then pick out the one, or more, classes that suits you best and join right in and get started on the right foot in 2012.

Recently a Hula Hoop class started and they are having a really fun time while getting some really good exercise. It reminds us of the yonder years and will make you feel like a teenager again. They meet at 10 a.m. on Fridays in the East Activity Center gym. You can rent a hoop for \$1 per session or bring your own.

There is also a minimal fee class charge. Stop by and try it out and get

those hips moving.

Good Neighbors ended their 2011 Get Acquainted Coffee meetings on Dec. 8 with a bang when they presented the "Opera Tampa" group. The music included some opera pieces, along with beautiful Christmas songs performed by six aspiring young people. Their amazing voices blended together in their final performances of the day with an amazing arrangement of Christmas music. It was a performance to be long remembered. We look forward to having Opera Tampa back next year.

Be sure you check out the daily and monthly calendars in our newspaper and select the activities that will start you into putting your best foot forward in 2012.

For more information, call me at 799-2734.

## What are you doing for Valentine's Day? Anything unusual? Original? Out-of-the-ordinary?

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**Important bulletin for all residents  
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A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. WATER INTRUSION is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an ACRYLIC URETHANE or POLY URETHANE sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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What can we eat these days?

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Organic food – no thanks! I need all the preservatives I can get.

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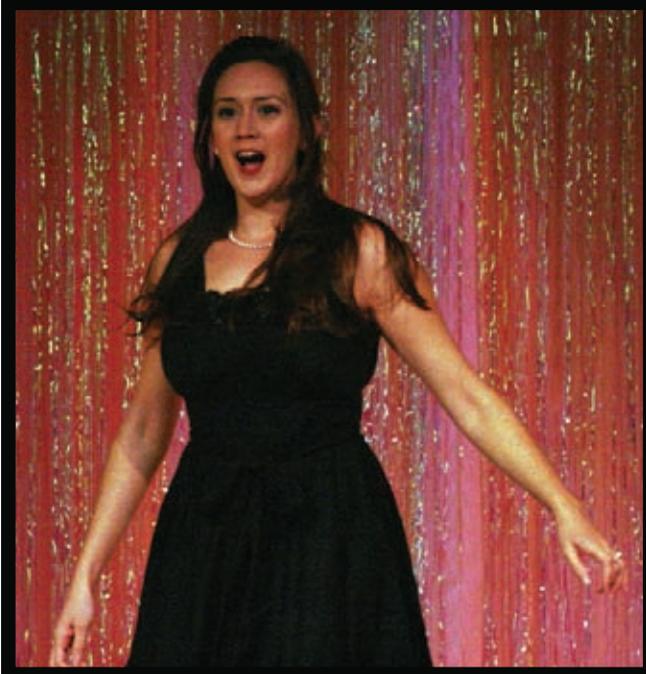
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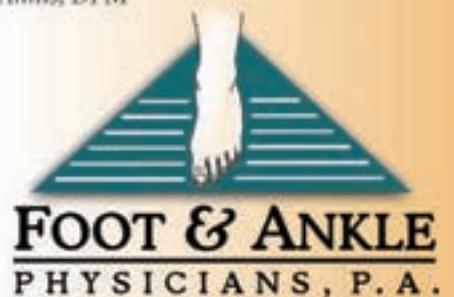
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# The best questions deal with legal issues

Q. Out of curiosity, do you ever edit the questions you get?

A. Sure. I edit letters or emails for various reasons. Someone might include information that I feel could identify them, and even if they don't care about being identified, I do.

An example is where I will list an area in, say, a northeastern state, rather than a specifically named city. I always edit out names and addresses if they're included in a communication with me.

From time to time I try to correct grammar — although not if a particular type of it helps explain the question.

If a letter or email has more than one question, I will usually delete one of the questions and just include the question that I perceive to be the main purpose of the communication with me.

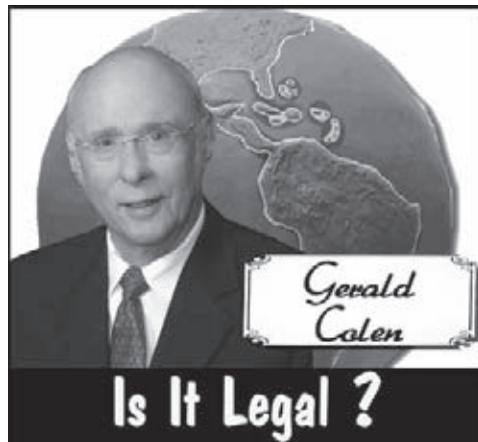
I always delete derogatory comments, as well as those that exude bigotry.

Quite often, I receive a communication that was specific to a man or a woman, but as I see it, the question may apply equally to men and women.

So, although the actual question came from a "he" or "him" I might say "she" or "her" or "they" or "them."

I try to focus on questions that have something to do with a legal issue, rather than one that may be very interesting, but not have anything to do with the law. Of course, I break that rule if the question seems to me to be one my readers would like to read.

From time to time I miss the real purpose of a question until it's too late to edit it because I've already turned it in to the newspaper. Examples might



be where someone couches a question in a way that seeks a legal answer, but really isn't about a legal matter at all. Perhaps, someone wants to know if an erectile dysfunction drug purchased in the Caribbean was safely made or is safe to use, but the question gets couched as though it's regarding the legality of bringing that type of drug into the U.S.

It's not always easy to know if a question really is about a legal matter or about something else. To tell you the truth, I usually don't worry about it and go ahead and print the question.

And, of course, there are questions which are great fun for me to read — some have had me laughing out loud -- but they're not so good to be in a family-oriented newspaper.

From time to time, I have to remind myself that I'm a lawyer, not a doctor or therapist. (I guess I should write a book!)

Here's something to keep in mind about the questions in my column. After I write them up, I usually don't remember where I got them. I always throw away letters after I use them and always delete emails afterwards, too.

I might write up parts of a col-

umn and then not get back to finishing it for a few weeks or even longer. So when I go back to a column I might re-read what I wrote and decide to edit it for some reason or other.

Q. I have some children and I want to make them some gifts. Can I do this without having to file a gift tax return?

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Q. What is the estate tax amount?

A. I assume you mean what is the amount someone can have in his or her estate, at death, before having to pay estate taxes. In 2011, the amount was \$5 million. However, in 2012 the amount goes to \$5,120,000. The amount someone would have to pay should be calculated by an accountant unless you are completely familiar with estate tax laws.

Q. What kind of law work do you do?

A. I concentrate my law practice

in the following areas: Wills, Trusts, Probate, simple and complex Estate Planning for adults, primarily but by no means exclusively for those over age 55.

Also, I concentrate my law practice in Real Property and Title Insurance matters as well as Asset Protection planning for professionals and retired professionals.

I consider myself a generalist. I am licensed to practice throughout all of Florida, but the vast majority of my clients are in Pinellas, Marion, Hillsborough, Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

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# It could be said that fresh peanut brittle made our Fixers Club treasurer the sweet man he is today

By John Koning

In 1942, Hollywood had Gentleman Jim in none other than Errol Flynn.

In the '50s, music lovers had Gentleman Jim in the silky voice of Jim Reeves.

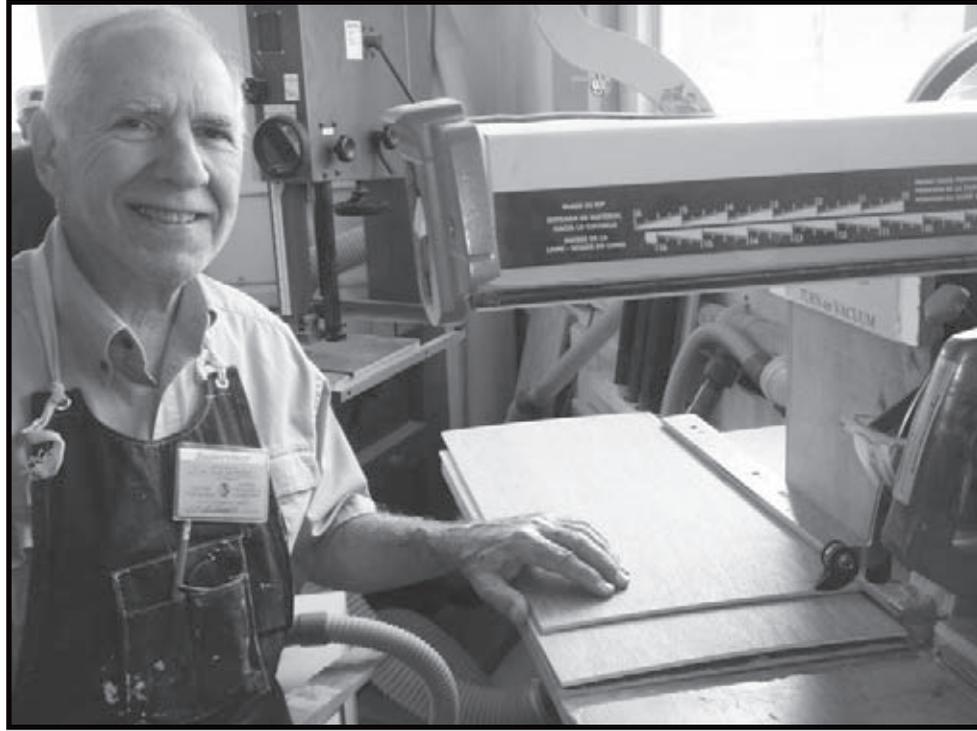
In 2012, the On Top of the World Fixers Fiddlers and Fumblers Club has its own Gentleman Jim - Jim Calamas.

If you are a fixer, a fiddler or a fumbler like me, you will know this statement to be true. Jim Calamas is a gentleman's gentleman. He is a mild mannered, soft spoken man, whom you might not have noticed because of these qualities.

Our club treasurer was born in Augusta, Ga., to a poor family, and yet Jim felt like he had a privileged childhood because he grew up in a candy-maker's home.

Jim spent many delightful hours basking in the aroma of warm sugar and watching the intricate machines used to manufacture candy, chips, crackers and peanut brittle. Who could ask for anything more?

Well, Jim did have much more in the person of Alonzo Chandler, or "Black Cat," as he called himself. Alonzo was an African American employee of the family business, but he



Gentleman Jim Calamas takes a break from maintenance on the club's radial arm saw.

was much more to young Jim.

While interviewing Jim Calamas, I could sense the deep respect and admiration that young "Spanky," as he was fondly known, had for Alonzo. The feeling has not faded to this day.

Jim recalls a particular day when he decided to discreetly sample the family's fresh peanut brittle with his finger, while the workers were distract-

ed. The 350-degree heat of the fresh candy sent young Spanky covering by the stairs and feeling "on the wrong side of survival," as Jim aptly put it.

It was Alonzo who came over, not to scold him, but to console him with a few kind words. His strong character and gentlemanly manner during those dark days of American history were critical to the development of the

Jim Calamas we know today.

The Jim Calamas of today has turned the example of his parents, Alonzo and others into an example for his own grandchildren whom he cares for daily for a few hours. Good example has a way of repeating itself.

If you catch Jim working in the shop on a rare day when the machines aren't howling mercilessly, you might hear him quietly humming or whistling. The kind of music you'll hear depends on the day. It could be "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" by the Platters or it could be a chorus of Rachmaninoff's Vespers. The love of music runs deep inside of this man.

There is also a river of spirituality running through Jim. He is a devoted member of the Orthodox Church In America and a dedicated volunteer who spends countless hours making crosses for the recently baptized and building beautiful cases to house images of the Saints.

He has been on numerous mission trips to places like Alaska, Romania and Tanzania for months at a time.

Closer to home, Jim is a valuable member of the Fixers Club where he works tirelessly as treasurer and shares in the never ending job of equipment maintenance. Thanks for your contribution Jim, on all counts.



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# Newspaper set content record in December



## Press Association

Despite everything going on in early December, 28 members of the Press Association found time to enjoy our annual holiday luncheon, which was catered this year by Diner Sixty West in Clearwater.

Board members and staff volunteered to decorate the East Activity Center Veranda Room, and holiday music played in the background.

Editor Doug Kates was a bit nervous when only 10 people pre-registered for the luncheon, but President Yvonne Courtney said this is On Top of the World and assured him people will show up.

And sure enough they did!

After lunch, Doug mentioned the December edition of the newspaper broke an all-time record for content. Between stories, news notices, sports results and specialty pages, there were 123 elements which could have been read by viewers. The old record was 105 set earlier this year.

Some of the reason for the full newspaper was obviously the return of the Snowbirds and the restart of club activities, but some staff members said a Press Association workshop this past November inspired them to write.

After congratulating the staff on the great effort, Doug asked if any members would ever consider changing the name of the newspaper - he suggested calling it The Globe, instead of News, to highlight the famous globe in the front yard.



Alma Hudson, Diane Cavanaugh, Elaine Gotler and Leonard Gotler prepare for a holiday feast during the Press Association's luncheon in December.

But 99.9 percent of those in attendance did not like the idea of a name change. They said creating the newspaper was the pride and joy of Sidney Colen back in the 1970s and the name should forever be the one he chose.

With that sincere gratitude for Mr. Colen, there was no reason to pursue the topic any further.

Next on the agenda was the holiday lights contest. Doug said eight buildings had entered the contest and judges were needed to declare a win-

ner. Judges had four days to review the competition.

About 10 staff members volunteered and took forms.

Some staffers said the contest might have gone over better if the prize had been different.

Doug said the Press Association does not have any cash, so purchasing trophies is not an option. The only resource the Press Association has is exchanging advertising for a prize - as was the case this year.

Doug said the prize has to be

something that can be shared by residents from an entire building. This time around it was an Escot bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino.

Doug suggested that over the next 10 months people think of ideas for additional prizes next year, should the contest return.

The board wished everyone a Happy New Year and the meeting was adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6 in the East Activity Center lower card room.



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For more information, please contact Lisa Seward at [linxu2me@gmail.com](mailto:linxu2me@gmail.com).

### Share your thoughts on holiday contest

The Press Association is opening its Jan. 6 meeting to the On Top of the World public.

Anyone who wants to make a comment about our holiday lights contest is asked to attend the beginning of the meeting, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center lower card room.

When comments are finished, the meeting will close to the public and regular business will resume.

# Tasty dips for the Super Bowl



While living in Boulder, Co., I became an avid, or shall we say, rabid Denver Broncos fan.

I never intended to like professional football, but when you live in an area with such a great team, it is hard not to get involved.

The Broncos traveled to the Super Bowl during the 1986, 1987 and 1989 seasons. Unfortunately they caused much heartache losing those games.

In 1997 and 1998, I was living in St. Petersburg when my beloved Broncos won consecutive Super Bowls. I will never forget going to Super Bowl parties. It felt like I was the only one cheering on the Broncos. It is hard to describe the jubilation I felt during those two wins.

If your team has ever won a Super Bowl game, then you know what I am talking about.

The 2012 Super Bowl is Feb. 5 and takes place in Indianapolis, Ind. I am sharing two delicious dips with you. Either or both will be the hit at your next party.

Enjoy!

Go Broncos!

Go Bucs!

## Buffalo Chicken Dip

Yield: About 12 servings

**Prep Time: 10 minutes**

**Bake Time: 30 to 40 minutes**

**4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, boiled and shredded**  
(or 4 12.5-oz cans of chicken breast, shredded)

**12 oz. bottle of hot sauce**

**Two 8 oz. packages of cream cheese**

**16 oz. bottle of Ranch dressing**

**2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese (or a combination of both)**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Combine the chicken with the bottle of hot sauce and spread in a 9×13-inch baking dish (or any 3-quart baking dish).
3. In a saucepan, combine the cream cheese and the ranch dressing over low heat until the cream cheese is completely melted and smooth. Pour the mixture evenly over the chicken. Then sprinkle the cheese on top.
4. Bake uncovered for 30 to 40 minutes or until bubbly. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Serve with celery sticks (and/or other vegetables), tortilla chips or crackers.

**\* Recipe Note: Beth says she often adds another cup or so of Mexican shredded cheese on top. "The more cheese, the better," is my motto!**

## Hot Reuben Dip

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

**Prep Time: 15 minutes**

**Bake Time: 15 to 20 minutes**

**8 ounces cream cheese, softened**  
**1½ cups (6 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese**  
**4 ounces deli sliced corned beef, chopped**  
**½ cup Thousand Island dressing**  
**½ cup drained sauerkraut**

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl mix together the cream cheese, 1 cup of the Swiss cheese, the dressing and corned beef. Spread in a pie plate or other shallow serving dish. Top with the sauerkraut and the remaining ½ cup of Swiss cheese.
3. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until bubbly around the edges. Serve hot with pretzel crisps or cocktail-size rye bread squares.

## You may know the name - you certainly know the music

By Walter Balderson

How could a man who could not read music become one of the greatest songwriters in American history?

In 1911, Irving Berlin published his first song, Alexander's Ragtime Band. It was a smash hit, and immediately he became world famous.

The song started a dance craze that even reached his native Russia.

In his career, Irving wrote over 1500 songs, capturing the mood of America for almost eight decades.

Born in Russia, of Jewish heritage, Irving came to America and soon met Dorothy Goetz. They were mar-



**Walter Balderson**

### Inside Showbiz

ried and she died from typhoid soon after their honeymoon to Cuba.

He wrote God Bless America during World War I, but it was not published until he gave it to Kate Smith during World War II.

Four songs: White Christmas,

Easter Parade, There's No Business Like Show Business, and God Bless America, made him an American icon.

He wrote the score for Hollywood films, Broadway shows, and pop songs for Tin Pan Alley.

Working on the movie Top Hat, he met Fred Astaire, and they became life-long friends.

In 1925, Irving met and married Ellin Mackay. His second son, Irving Jr., was born on Dec. 1, 1928, and he died early on Christmas morning the same year, just 24 days old.

Irving always said, even though

he wrote White Christmas, it was a terrible time of the year for the family.

Ellin was a devout Catholic, and when she married Irving, her father denounced her. They did reconcile in the early 1930s.

If one could choose anyone as America's songwriter, Berlin would certainly top the list. He wrote so many popular songs that he was accused of plagiarism, stealing or buying songs from less fortunate writers.

He was married to his second wife for 62 years. He died in 1989 at the age of 101.



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# Concert kicked off festive season

By Dana Garlick

Our winter concert is over and we have much to be thankful for. Thank you to all who attended our concert. Your presence made all the rehearsals worth the time and effort. We truly appreciate your being at the concert.

Thank you, members, who gave extra of themselves and made presentations to add to our program. They were Bernee Krause, Ilene Bekofske, Eileen Bargerstock, Carolyn Siegrist, John Lewis, Russ Clark, Bill Boll and Rod Bargerstock. Thank you, also, to Evelyn Salta for her solo part when we sang The Jesus Gift.

All of this could not happen without the patience and guidance of our director, Beth Kendall. Over the years, we have learned much.

Betty Dethmers, our accompanist, does more than play the tunes. She enables us to hear and learn our parts, and she also takes extra time to practice with all our soloists. She, too, is an excellent teacher.

This year our music was also enhanced by the accompaniment of drummer, Ron Dittus, and flutist, Marilyn Scott. Their work enriched our performance.

In addition to selling tickets, we raised funds for chorus expenses by selling ad space in our program. We appreciate the support of Scott Halder of Celebrity Restoration and Carpet Care, Sunset Grill, Kally-K's, the AMF Clearwater Lanes on Hercules, and Julia Galpin Realty.

We will begin rehearsing for the spring concert on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center. We need sopranos, especially, but we will be happy to receive any new voices. Please join us.



**Chorus**

Pictured on top is the OTOW Chorus, which performed on Dec. 3-4. In the middle is Ilene Bargerstock, left, and Eileen Bekofske, singing solos for 'The Gift Goes On.' At left is Marilyn Scott, helping the chorus with some flute music.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

# Learn how to be a cartoon artist at January Art Guild meeting

By Jean Doane

Our Art Guild meeting and Christmas Party occurred on Friday, afternoon, Dec. 11.

Artist and Vice President Marge McClure demonstrated and provided all attending with materials to augment and texturize paintings with colored eggshells.

Marge demonstrated how this process can be used partially or in total on a piece of art.

On Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. we will have Mike Lyman demonstrate drawing with an emphasis on cartooning. This will be an interesting program and we extend a special welcome to new and previous members to come and have coffee or tea with a treat and enjoy the demonstration.

We have two events coming up!

On Friday, Feb. 10, the Art Guild is sponsoring a 'Trash and Treasure Sale' in rooms A & B off the East Activity Center ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Put this on your calendar and



come and browse. We will have coffee and tea available while you shop. The Art Guild art show sale will be on Sunday, March 4 from 1-4 p.m. This is a very nice event and is an opportunity to support and enjoy seeing what the artists who live right here at On Top of The World are doing.

Dale Stackhouse is our "Artist of the Month" and her new painting will be hanging in the East Activity Center lobby. When you are over there take a look. It is definitely worth seeing.



Marge McClure, left, presents the Artist of the Month award to Guild President Dale Stackhouse.

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# Tickets on sale Jan. 9 for President's Ball

## Santa arrives with candy canes and dance music

By Rollie LaPointe

Registration night, the first formal event of the Canadian Club season, brought together new and old friends, not only to reacquaint themselves, but to hear plans for the upcoming year.

The evening began with a formal presentation by the executive board, followed by individual reports by coordinators of the various activities.

Popular events such as the golf tournament, Christmas dance and the Tampa Bay Downs visit bore long lines as members eagerly bought tickets or registered for these activities.

The evening ended with a wine and cheese meet and greet. To date, approximately 400 members have registered. The formal registry was made available at the Christmas dance. Registration will resume on Jan. 5 and continue every Monday and Thursday at the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Information about various activities (including coordinators) may be found at our Website [www.otowcanadianclub.com](http://www.otowcanadianclub.com) or by contacting any member of the executive board.

Our Christmas dance was held on Dec. 8 with everyone in a jolly holiday mood in sync with the spirit of the season. Approximately 230 merry-makers enjoyed the seasonal decorations, light meal and danced the hours away to the music of Grant Hemond.



And, of course, Santa arrived with much fanfare (and candy canes) and partygoers got a chance to ask for that one special gift because all (at least according to the members) were especially good this past year.

Agnes Doyle, Peter Koukoutsis and Kasy Linkewich each received an early Christmas present by sharing in the 50/50 draw.

Special thanks go to Andy and Joan McEvoy for organizing the dance, to Jean Guy Pelchat for constructing the marvelous Creche for the stage, and to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful.

Plans are under way for our annual President's Ball --- this popular event allows everyone to put on his or her finest, while enjoying a more formal setting. This night honours those who have, in the past, worked diligently to make the club the success it is today. Friday, Jan. 27 is the date to mark in your calendars with tickets going on sale Monday, Jan. 9. Sales continue every Monday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.



Organizers Joan and Andy McEvoy enjoy a quieter moment at the Christmas Party.

at the East Activity Center with the final date for sales being Thursday, Jan. 19. Cost for the Ball is \$27 for members and \$29 for non-members.

The price of admission will include a catered (Quintessence) buffet dinner, and two bottles of wine (one red, one white) on each table; BYOB for anything additional. We will, once again, end the evening by showing off our very best dance moves.

Many other club activities are well under way, including our social games night (Thursdays), Mah Jong and bridge. Contact the individual

organizers for more information. The Canadian Lawn Bowling Triples tournament (Bob Laplante ) and the popular golf tournament dates are fast approaching. Information for the lawn bowling tournament will be posted in the new year; please contact Bruce or Cathy Mills with anything concerning the golf tournament.

Finally, a recurring request. We are still in need of a second vice-president for this season. Please contact one of the executives if you wish to help the club.

Take care and be safe in 2012.

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# Getting information from overseas is a challenge

By Anne B. Watkins

Group member Ann Kilcup gave us an extensive view of her family pedigree in her talk on Monday, Dec. 12.

A Toronto native, she has roots in Scotland, England and Ireland.

Fortunately for her, some of her current relatives have taken the time, trouble, and expense to travel to Scotland and to search family records at parish and clerk's offices.

Ann had copies of actual documents from these places - a luxury most of us don't have, though we now are able to find much factual data online.

Another source of Ann's infor-



## Family History

mation was from family reunions. She mentioned three huge get-togethers that have occurred in her lifetime. These meetings include anywhere from 600 to 1,000 people, and they

must be held outdoors in parks in order to accommodate them all.

It's no wonder they are held at considerable intervals, rather than yearly.

Ann had organized her surnames onto Family Group Sheets, which was no small task, in that many of these groupings contained a dozen or more children per family. From there, she should have an easier time of transferring the information to possibly a looseleaf notebook or computer software for more permanent reference.

Next month we will have an outside speaker, Donarita Vocca. She has quite an interesting background in that

she is a retired librarian who specialized in storytelling.

As a result, she has extensive collections of historical dolls and childrens' 17th Century books, and she is in demand at festivals around the country to do Scottish storytelling.

She is also an avid member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and it is in that vein that she is going to talk to us about "The Revered and the Reviled," a story about her Connecticut family history.

Meeting date will be 1-3 p.m., Jan. 15 in classroom No. 1 at the East Activity Center.

## OTOW bingo resumes Jan. 9

By Brad Day

Bingo is back on Jan. 9. We'll have games, door prizes and intermission refreshments, as always.

And contrary to some rumors, I will be running Bingo this following year. I left one volunteer job and will be ready to go for the new year.

The crowd is building up and the prizes have increased. So come out to the cheapest and closet bingo games in Pinellas County.

Hope your new year is bright, with good health and happiness.

## Bring ideas to first parade meeting Jan. 10

By Mary Ann O'Neil

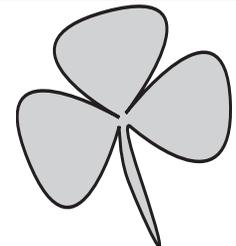
A wonderful time was had by all at our Christmas Dinner Dance on Dec. 9.

The food, music, and dancing were enjoyed by all.

On Jan. 10 we will have our first meeting for our St. Patrick's Parade downstairs in Room 1A of the East Activity Center.

All interested parties are invited, so bring your ideas to share so we can make this parade one of the best.

Cahal Dunne will entertain us on Jan. 13 for an evening of Irish songs and humor. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members. Why not get a group of your friends together and reserve a table for an evening out?



## Irish Club

A business meeting is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Remember to renew your club membership by stopping at the Irish Club table Monday and Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center.



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# Imagine the Ed Sullivan Show right on our OTOW stage!

By Fran FitzPatrick

Are you ready to start the year with great entertainment?

Terrific!

Because on Feb. 17, 18 and 19, the Jesters will present "A Really Big Show" at the East Activity Center.

When I was 8 years old I saw my first TV show. It was on a small TV with the name Muntz. The name of the show was The Ed Sullivan Show.

What a show!

It featured some of the greatest acts of all time.

In the Jesters' tribute to this show, we have created scenes that are awesome. I watched one segment where the Jesters created an entire Ed Sullivan Show in 2 minutes, 57 seconds.

The most amazing novelty acts literally flashed before my eyes.

What strikes me watching the rehearsals are not the singing and dancing to catchy music and the classic comedy, but the attitude of the cast.

They're having a ball creating their versions of the show's perfor-



## Jesters

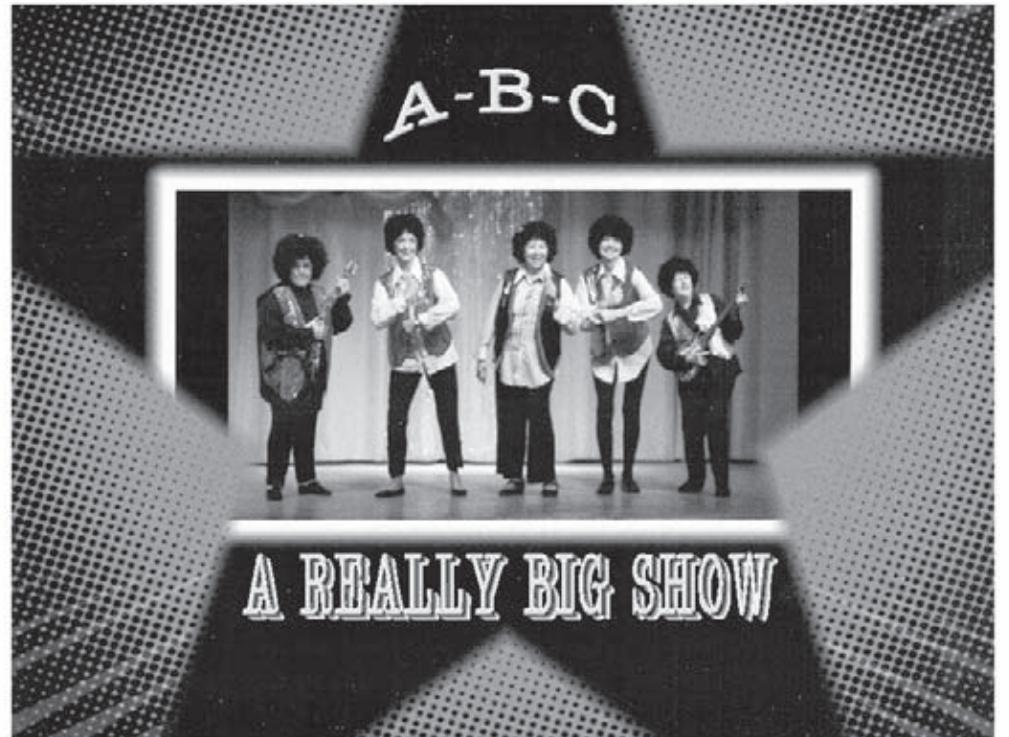
mances.

One of the dance groups performs a terrific Jackson Five song, while another brings a Streisand comedy to life. And, the singers, singly and in groups, bring you everything from Pop to Broadway and the Opera.

Even the comedy will surprise you as it's woven into the show. It's always exciting to watch as Jester newcomers take their place on stage next to the veterans and we see the seamless continuity.

Keep informed on our progress by reading this newspaper, watching Channel 96 and checking the building and activity center bulletin boards for updates.

I can honestly say that the Jesters are a group of people who love



Pictured above is one scene from the Jesters upcoming show. These are Jesters - not the real Jackson Five. Hard to tell, huh?

nothing more than to entertain you - so stop by on a Monday or Thursday morning to pick up your tickets to the show!

I guarantee you a great time because they literally and figuratively "Jest For Fun!"

# Do you know our library has large-print books?

By Joan Tannahill

We want to send best wishes for a Happy New Year to all our readers.

We hope the holidays were great for everyone. Now we can relax and enjoy the relatively quiet and calmness of the new year and our beautiful Florida weather while our friends and family up north tell us how much snow they had with the last snowfall.

We've just realized some of our patrons weren't aware of our section of large print books. The wall next to the kitchen, with the exception of one small area, is devoted to large print books. You will find your favorite authors there, along with some that may be new to you.

We add new books almost monthly and have one small section



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reserved for new arrivals. We are also very happy to accept donations of large print. If you prefer to read large print, ask and one of our volunteers

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Membership dues for 2012 are payable now. Next time you are in the library, just tell one of our volunteers you would like to pay your dues. If possible, it would help if you could have the correct change. The dues are \$2 and sometimes we have trouble making change for large bills.

We will need to see your membership card before we can renew your library membership, so be sure you have that with you.

If you happen to be new to OTOW or have just never gotten a library card, it's very simple. Just come in with your OTOW membership card and \$2. Our volunteers will explain the library set up to you and you will be on your way to some great reading.

## Need An Extra Newspaper?



**OTOW News**  
**is available in the**  
**East and West Activity Center lobbies**

# Still tickets available for Jolly Junkets ride to museum



## Singles Travel

By Pat Zorland

In place of the Dec. 2 meeting, there was a Christmas Party for club members. The attendance was just wonderful and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We thank all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talent to put this party together, from the shopping to the setup, and cleanup after the affair and the entertainment.

A very special thank you goes to Rosemarie Totaro, who decorated the tables with some of her personal treasures.

On Dec. 13 we had 26 people go to Orlando for a visit to the Wilderness Lodge and the Grand Floridian. From there we made our way to the Gaylord Palms for an extravagant buffet and entertainment in the Atrium. The bus picked us up and returned us

to the East Activity Center.

Look for more information on this trip in the next edition of the newspaper.

The Jolly Junkets trip to the Mosi Museum on Jan. 16 is still open. If you are interested, please call Audry Jones at 726-5856 for more information. She will be at the Jan. 6 meeting for a last chance to sign up and pay for this trip.

## Got liquor or dark chocolate? Then pick up a fruitcake

Carl and Betty Leiby

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Civitans have "Candy Boxes" in many restaurants. Please look for them and contribute. These funds help directly with the outstanding work accomplished at the world famous Civitan International Research Center.

Civitans are proud of their annual financial commitment at the Faculty Breakfast on the first day of school of one thousand dollars in "unrestricted" funds to each of the two local schools serving the handicapped.

The members enjoy helping our Civitan Challenger baseball team parents by serving their commitment in the concession booth at their league games. These parents act as team coaches, pitchers, catchers, and sometimes base runners for the players. There are six teams in this very special league.

New members are always welcome. A visit to our Tuesday evening meetings twice a month will convince you. Civitan literature is available at the Civitan table at the East Activity Center Mondays and Thursdays from 8-10:30 a.m. Come and see our display of Claxton Fruitcake.

Call Carl and Betty Leiby for more information or home delivery of Claxton Fruitcake at 791-3861.

## Learn about Rett Syndrome

On Top of the World residents who are interested in learning more about Rett Syndrome are invited to attend our January Civitan meeting.

Dr. Alan Percy will be our guest speaker and is the principal investigator of rare diseases at the Civitan International Research Center.

"He's a remarkable researcher," said Betty Leiby. "He has 20 years experience. This is a great opportunity."

The date and location for this meeting was not set as of press time. To obtain this information, call Carl or Betty Leiby at 791-3861.



## Civitan Club

## Here for the season?

## Donate time delivering meals

By Carl and Betty Leiby

Change has caught up with delivery methods again.

Now we are back to picking up the meals at the Dunedin dining site once again. It means eight miles of driving added to the total mileage. We did enjoy that special treatment while it lasted.

Ask any Meals on Wheels volunteer why they deliver meals, and they will have a variety of reasons, but basically it is because it is "very rewarding." They are a very devoted group! We thank them!

Meals on Wheels will give assistance to residents arriving home from the hospital and needing help with meals, plus a caring neighbor to check on them Monday through Friday.

Our On Top of the World clients love their volunteers. They bring delicious warm meals. The meals are planned by the Neighborly Care Network dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk, and often a dessert are included.

We welcome back our Snow-



## Meals On Wheels

birds. New volunteers are always welcome. The time required is from 10 a.m. to noon. The clients enjoy meeting new neighbors who help in this very special way.

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# Theater Workshop holiday dinner last enjoyable moment before hard work begins

By Merle MacDonald

The rain poured down and the wind howled like a Banshee - this was the prelude to the Theater Workshop holiday party held Dec. 5 at the Clearwater Country Club.

Fortunately, by the time the "curtain" went up on the affair, the weather improved to just a mist and the wind, although it continued to blow, did stop howling.

Everything inside was shiny, bright and festive, and fun and games followed a tasty dinner.

A Table Treasure Hunt highlighted the fun. Each table had to find, on their person, such items as a money clip, a \$100 bill, five pennies, the number of people on the back of the \$100 bill and finally a Mardi Gras style "money" necklace, such as that worn at the costume party in October.

I have to report, and it wasn't fixed, that my table was the winner. Sylvia and David Shlemon, Ruth and Joe Roche, Pat Kangas, Barbara Hynson and myself collectively managed to have all but four of the items requested.

"Money" necklaces, which incidentally signify the title of our March show, Money, were the prizes.

Don't say I didn't warn you! Rehearsals for our show will be on



The cast of 'Money' began preparing for its March 16-18 shows with rehearsals in late December. From left to right, in the first row, are Roger Nicoll, Nanette Rudolph, Merle MacDonald and Phyllis Brooks. On top are Will Sundblad, Susan Little and Ann Kilcup.

Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Dancers will also have some evening rehearsals. Schedules were handed out at a rehearsal meeting Dec.

12 in the EAC. If you are going to be in the show, and have not received your schedule yet, please come to the Wednesday, Jan. 4 rehearsal.

The general meeting will be held,

as usual, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 4 in the EAC. All members should plan to attend and guests are welcome.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

## Shed your holiday pounds at line dancing

By Chris Nason

Line Dancing can help fulfill those resolutions to shed all those unwanted pounds, strengthen those sleepy muscles and stimulate those brain cells. Come join us and see for yourself.

We meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Beginners are welcome to try our beginner class at each meeting. We welcome experienced dancers, as well, and are always open to learning new dances that you have brought with you to On Top of the World.

On Dec. 20, members enjoyed a holiday dessert party with home made goodies provided by members themselves. A raffle was also held to add to the excitement.

For further information, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Chris Nason at 797-6407.



## First meeting is Jan. 18 - day at the races Feb. 2

By Gary J. Gates

Our first meeting of the new year will be 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the East Activity Center.

Due to a conflict in scheduling, "Sincerely Yours" will not be appearing this night.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, our club, along with the New York/New Jersey Club, will be heading to "Tampa Bay Downs" for a luncheon and fun day at the races.

Our Feb. 15 meeting will start at 6 p.m, with coffee and soda, and will be followed by a "Night at the Races" with a choice of sandwiches - Italian or American will be available, so get your tickets early.



### Italian American

Admission is free to the races, so bring a friend.

March is when we host our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. Cost for members is \$16 and non-members is \$20. BYOB starting at 5 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. Please get your tickets early.

Happy New Year to all.

## OTOW-TV Channel 96

# January is a good time to start an exercise social

By David Beaven

I can't believe I ate all that food over the holidays!

But you did, Blanche. You did eat all that food.

You had the Christmas cookies, the eggnog, the pie a la mode, the candied sweet potatoes, the prime rib, etc.

Welcome to January – the month after.

Hey, join our club. We all overindulged. And now it's time to face the consequences.

You can go out and get clothes a size or two larger. Or you can take a step and then another. Pretty soon



## Lambda

you're walking!

No offense to those of us who are mobility challenged. In fact, any way you can move, go for it.

In that spirit, I am scheduling a weekly exercise time in the On Top

of the World gym on our club calendar. Check our Webpage below. Hope to see you there, but in any case, get moving in some way. You'll feel better for it!

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all our gay and lesbian residents in the

OTOW community, but we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

You can contact us by e-mail at [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

# Our club helps singles stay involved

By Edna Androvette

January 2012 is here, and the Singles Club is very active.

We invite all On Top of the World single newcomers to join us. We meet the first Saturday of each month in the East Activity Center at 6:30 p.m.

Our Christmas party was held at Island Way Restaurant, and all who attended enjoyed the holiday festivities. They enjoyed the Island Way so much that many requested we go there again in December 2012.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 7, and the entertainment for the evening will be the Premier Academy Dancers. We have invited them in the past and have enjoyed the dancers, ages 4 to 18 years, as they perform ballet and tap dancing. They are a delight.

Mary Widman is our Sunshine Lady. Please get in touch with her if you know of any club member who is ill. She will send a get-well card. She



## Singles Club

can be reached at 796-1184.

Any questions, call Dorothy at 796-4460, and she will be happy to answer.

Dorothy will be asking for volunteers to help with upcoming events and activities, so when asked to help, please say yes.

Some thoughts to ponder as we start a new year:

Learn something new ... appreciate what you have ... listen more ... share your wisdom ... be kind ... count your blessings.

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# West Activity Center has a beautiful exercise room - make a point in 2012 to get out and enjoy it!

By Nancy House

How often do you exercise in the fitness room located in the West Activity Center?

Hoosier Club members, Al and Rose Wallace, can frequently be seen walking on the treadmill, riding the stationary bicycle, or lifting weights.

“Our doctor told us if you don’t use it, you will lose it,” commented Rose.

Al and Rose met over 50 years ago while working at General Motors in Indianapolis. They never followed a formal fitness program while they were working and raising a family, but since Al was a Shriner, they danced almost every Saturday night.

Rose’s parents had been dancers, and dancing was her favorite form of exercise. Al couldn’t dance when they met, so he privately took dancing lessons.

With a smile on his face, he said, “You should have seen the look on Rose’s face when I knew all the right dance moves.”

Hoosier Club members wonder if their favorite song is “Do You Love Me Now That I Can Dance?”

While their daughter, Debbie, was attending nursing school, Al started having knee problems and required injections. Their daughter encouraged them to start thinking about different types of exercises that would improve and prolong a healthier life style.

“Since our three children were addicted to exercise, they pushed us to become more active,” they said.



Al and Rose Wallace get a workout in the West Activity Center exercise room.

“We started taking longer walks, did stretches with the lady on television, and enjoyed strolling on the beach when we vacationed in Florida.”

Six years ago when they were still Snowbirds wintering at OTOW Rose had leg surgery. She began to experience numbness in her foot as a result of the procedure and was advised to keep the muscles in her injured leg moving with daily stretches or in time would not be able to walk.

Al had arthritis in his knees and

was already using a walking stick to help with his balance. Rose chose a fashionable cane to help prevent stumbling on uneven ground.

They took short walks daily after becoming full-time OTOW residents, but didn’t use the WAC Exercise Room until it was recently remodeled and new equipment was purchased.

“You couldn’t even use the old broken equipment and the room wasn’t attractive,” said Al.

“Now we just love going three



## Hoosier Club

times a week and on slow weekends to exercise,” added Rose, “It’s a really well-equipped, inviting center for the residents with towels provided to keep the equipment clean.”

The Wallaces’ feel that residents should not be intimidated by thinking they won’t know how to operate the treadmill or bicycle. Someone will be willing to help you.

Put vanity aside, use a cane if you need it for protection from falling, and by all means exercise to keep your bones and muscles strong.

Al says he will never use a cane, but has graduated from a walker to a walking stick because of his positive attitude and being encouraged by Rose, who is also planning to keep exercising for life.

The next Hoosier Club meeting will be held in the East Activity Center Craft Room on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

You will enjoy meeting Al and Rose Wallace and other members who exercise for life. Do yourself a favor and make a New Year’s resolution to use the OTOW exercise room and start a personal exercise program.

## Answers to December crossword puzzle

### ACROSS

- 1. Minutemen
- 5. Pioneer
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. Night
- 9. Breadcrumbs

- 12. Roberts
- 14. Oranges
- 16. Senator
- 18. Fishing
- 19. Spin
- 22. Orlando
- 23. Santa

- 24. Butterfly
- 25. Balloons
- 26. Glaciers

### DOWN

- 1. Moose

- 2. November
- 3. Ezgo
- 4. Reindeer
- 5. Paddle
- 6. Jitterbug
- 9. Blindfolded
- 10. Mitts

- 11. Bus
- 13. Car
- 15. Cheesecake
- 17. Nassau
- 20. Golfing
- 21. Forty



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# Baby Boomers have first awards day

By Katarina Tepesh

During our Holiday Party we chose three top volunteers who received awards:

No. 1 - Joyce Monahan for consistently contributing to the Baby Boomers group and organizing hands-on events both in sports and cultural programs. Joyce has been a blessing to our group and our community since she also volunteers at ID committee, taxes, serves as treasurer for a non-profit parks group, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Jazz Festival, etc.

No. 2 - Bill Higgins for helping to guide our group from the very beginning with sound advice, familiarity and knowledge of Tampa Bay area, and for staying calm and even tempered during golf lessons.

No. 3 - Bob Charpentier for organizing our holiday celebration, and for meeting our need to be closely associated with the Computer Club. We've discovered a desire for additional knowledge and skills to develop and stay on top of social activities and up-to-date communication.

Our Baby Boomers holiday party was a lot of fun. We sang our favorite



## Baby Boomers

Beatles songs and exchanged stories. A couple of members had personal stories to share.

Bob, our previously mentioned award winner, had a unique experience when he traveled to England and met John Lennon at his doorstep. Bob has a photo to prove it.

I lived in Manhattan and saw John Lennon and Yoko Ono strolling in Central Park near their home.

Back here in St. Petersburg, our group recently spent a day learning about glass.

When Chihuly Collection announced only a \$5 admission for an entire day, club members rushed to see an exquisite glass collection and live glass-blowing demonstration.

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ences and one low price.

We stopped at famous "Bella Brava" for lunch of Black Angus burgers and oven flatbread pizza.

We also loved an outstanding performance by "Opera Tampa" right here at our East Activity Center.

We were thrilled to see a romantic ballet performance at the Ruth Eckerd Hall by Sarasota Ballet with dancers of The Suzanne Farrell Ballet. One of George Balanchine's most famous ballets, "Diamonds," is set to Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 3 in D, Op. 29 and was created for his muse Suzanne Farrell in 1967.

Finally, the movie we have all been waiting for is available on DVD, "Dolphin Tale." Inspired by a true story, the movie is about a dolphin named Winter, who resides in the Clearwater Aquarium. The story is about courage, ingenuity and never giving up.

Showtime is Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Dunedin Public Library.

We take group bicycle rides every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Meet in the parking lot of East Activity Center. Always consider safety and wear a helmet!

Please spread the word and notify friends now that OTOW Computer Club installed a computer with a printer available to all members to use email and notify Baby Boomers of upcoming events.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteer group. All of us participate with ideas and follow thru on organizing events.

News item - Due to popular demand, the Baby Boomers group now meets twice per month: every first Wednesday and every third Thursday in a month. We communicate via email listed below as well as connecting on the Facebook.

Come to our meeting and join a lively group of individuals who are passionate about improving our OTOW community by making it an even better place to live and play.

Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday, Jan. 4 and Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Veranda Room overlooking the swimming pool. For more information send an email to Katarina at [katarina2379@gmail.com](mailto:katarina2379@gmail.com)

Happy New Year 2012!

# Start the year by volunteering

By Doris Paino

Happy New Year one and all!

God willing, this will be a great year. Now that I have taken over the presidency of Good Neighbors Association, I hope to make it an exciting, fun-filled great year for all of us inmates (as I call us).

On Top of the World is a wonderful place to live. There are many clubs and activities to get involved in.

## Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

In order to keep these clubs and activities going we need more members and volunteers. Come to the Good Neigh-

bors meeting on the second Thursday of every month and get to know your neighbors, not just the ones in your building. Try it -- you will find it makes a happier existence for all.

We need volunteers for Good Neighbors Association and the Gift Shoppe. We are only talking about a few hours a year or a few hours once a month.

As of this writing, we still don't

have a complete board. We need someone to step up and take the first vice-president position.

As the dentist says, "If you don't take care of your teeth they will go away."

If we don't get more volunteers all these great events will go away. Stop by at the Good Neighbors table on Good Neighbors Thursday and sign up to join the fun.

## ID/Activity Card Information

The I.D. Committee will be operating during the following hours this holiday season:

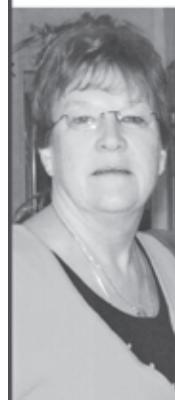
Jan. 4, from 9-11:30 a.m.

We are back to normal hours starting Jan. 9, 9-11:30 a.m., every Monday.

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# Snowbird Club welcomes back northerners with feast and travel ideas



## Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

I've said it before and I'll say it again. Anybody can shiver in the snow, but it takes a courageous and adventurous spirit to brave the sun and sand of Clearwater at our On Top of the World amenities.

But how best can we reward those northerners who have finally come to their sub-tropical senses?

To show our Snowbirds how much we appreciate them, we once again threw a Welcome Back Party. Once again we entertained you with the music of At Large. Once again we brought great food right to your table. Once again we provided lots of entertainment and line dancing for only \$10. If you enjoyed it, mark March 23 on your calendar for our Fly Away Party because we plan to do it all over once again!

Our events have been very successful again this year, with full, to nearly full, attendance.

Recently we traveled to Punta Gorda to cruise the canals and marvel at the creative Christmas displays on the shore and in the streets.



More than 120 people enjoyed a welcome back dinner in the East Activity Center in November. This was half of that crowd. They all look hungry!

Some club members have been seriously infected by the travel bug. So far the only known antidote is regular infusions of charter bus tours interspersed with some cruising on the high seas.

The most seriously infected were boarded onto the cruise ship Crown

Princess and whisked away to the tropical island of Aruba to be baked by the equatorial sun and immersed in warm Caribbean water.

It was a desperate measure, and its effectiveness is under review. Early indications are that these fortunate souls remain infected and might never

recover.

If you are showing early signs of wanderlust, go immediately to our Website and book an adventure. As they say, "a tour of prevention is worth a cruise of cure."

Visit us at [www.snowbirdsotow.com](http://www.snowbirdsotow.com).

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## What's Your View?

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

Join us on any Tuesday. You



## Philosophy Club

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



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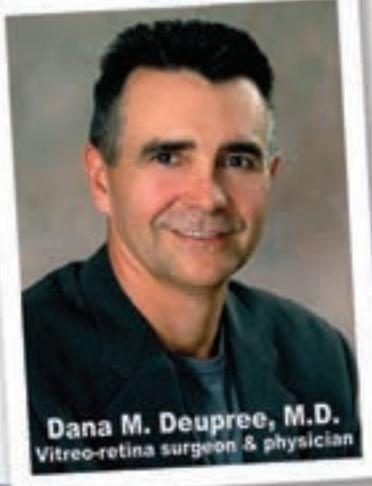
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**OTOW**

*Holiday  
Lights  
Contest  
Results*

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



This holiday season, eight buildings participated in the first Holiday Lights Contest organized by your On Top of the World newspaper, with sponsorship from Escot Bus Service and the Seminole Hard Rock Casino.

Taking first place was Building No. 39, Mallorca, which is only a two-floor complex - and one of the smaller units at OTOW - but almost every unit was decorated, which impressed the 22 judges.

Mallorca featured a string of lights from end to end, and other strings of light which wrapped around neighboring trees. One unit featured blue lights with blinking stars, which was perhaps one of the



# MALLORCA



most original displays throughout the entire community.

Nearby residents said this display is a tradition for Mallorca residents, but this year it paid off with first place honors. Up to 55 residents from this building will soon board an Escot bus for a free trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. The five-hour excursion will include complimentary chips and a lunch voucher.

Taking second place in the contest was Building 28, Modernage Age, which probably would have won if both sides of the building had matched each other. The Finlandia Lane side was decorated with strings of light and a few window displays, while the Ecuadorian side of the building exploded with strings of light

and nearly every window was decorated. In fact, after reviewing the judge's scores, it appears some judges may have only seen the Finlandia side of the building.

Taking third place was Building 45, French Renaissance II, which was well lit with strings of light from end to end, but lacked lighted window displays.

Mallorca collected 579 points, Modernage 572 points and French Renaissance II 542 points. Also participating were Fujiwara, Rila Renaissance, Yoshimitsu, Azores and Avila II. The contest will probably return next year, but editor Doug Kates said there will be changes in participation and judging rules.



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# Pets line up for photo shoots with Santa or Lightning Girls



## Greyhound Club

By Bill Sharpsteen

Welcome back to our Canadian friends and Snowbirds.

Our winter schedule of club meetings continues Thursday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

We hope to have a lot of greyhounds there looking for your hands to pet them. Not only are they couch potatoes, they are also looking for love.

Coffee and human treats will be available, so come meet a greyhound who will become your new "Fast Friend!"

Our big fund raiser, Santa Pet Pictures at Petsmart in the Largo Mall, was a huge success with almost 200 pictures taken. Thanks to all of our volunteers and the Lightning Girls for helping out again this year.

Now we need to start planning our ninth annual Birthday Bash and Greyhound reunion to be held in Philippe Park in Safety Harbor this spring. More details will follow.

Join us for a musical event every third Friday (next Jan 20) in Safety Harbor from 6-10 p.m.

All residents can attend our no dues club fun meetings. Come and bring your neighbors and friends. Enjoy meeting retired racing greyhounds to pet. Meetings are 10 a.m. in Veranda Room No. 2, second floor in the East Activity Center. Please mark



Posing for a photo are OTOW Greyhound Club President Bill Sharpsteen along with Lightning Girls' Tricia and Courtney, Santa and Daisy.

your calendar for every first Thursday, including Feb. 2, March 1 and April 5 for our 10 a.m. meetings.

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 today to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week,

or adopt a greyhound, donate or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

## Pennsylvania Club will be betting the dogs in January and betting on a short or long winter in February

By Walt Copeland, president

Our annual Christmas Party, held at the Island Way Grill on Sunday, Dec. 4, was a smashing success.

We all enjoyed their outstanding Mimosa Brunch and a gift from Santa, and our entertainer was a huge hit.

Many of us are looking forward to a Royal Caribbean Line cruise to the Bahamas, namely Nassau, on Jan. 16. We expect it to be a lot of fun. We're unable to book any new reservations.

On Jan. 28, we'll bus to the dog races for a Saturday matinee and buffet (not of the dogs). Total cost is \$35. Betting losses are not reimbursable.

On Friday, Feb. 3, we'll honor groundhog Punxsutawney Phil with a



## Pennsylvania

party. It will be in the EAC auditorium at 5 p.m. It will be catered and will be followed with entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure. The cost is \$15. BYOB.

On Feb. 12, 13 and 14, we've scheduled an exciting bus trip to Key West. It will include a free lunch buf-

fet, a hot breakfast buffet, dinner and show at the Mai Kai Restaurant. See Walt for the entire itinerary at the Pennsylvania Club table. Cost is \$245 per person/double occupancy and \$325 for singles. Note: the second evening will be at the Doubletree Resort in Key West.

We've arranged a delightful bus trip to Savannah, Ga., and Jekyll Island on March 11, 12 and 13. We'll be dining at the Pirate House and Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House. The cost is \$245 per person/double occupancy and \$295 for single occupancy.

Then, on March 29, we're having our annual picnic at Philippe Park, Shelter 2. It will be catered, and we'll

have free bingo with prizes and games.

On Friday, April 13, we'll have our Free Members Only Appreciation Party. It will be at 5 p.m. at the East Activity Center auditorium with dinner and entertainment.

We're considering additional functions and trips and will keep you informed. Please stop at our table in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. in the lower level card room in the EAC. Coffee and pastries will be served.

I'd be remiss if I failed to mention that our club is open to all residents of On Top of the World.

# On Top of the World may get reunited into one voting district

By Rosemarie Totaro

Good news from the State House. One of our brave legislators filed a bill in protest of the fees assessed by Progress Energy to build their future nuclear plant.

As it is now, we are not having the services of the existing Crystal River plant for the past three years and we are charged. California voters are petitioning to have their nuclear plants closed because of the horrendous consequences of malfunctions.

Progress Energy is a very powerful lobbying force. The money flows into campaigns and influences the Commissioners to agree with Progress Energy, and we, the bill payers, pay the cost!

Another important political is-



## Democratic Club

sue may be resolved to the benefit of On Top of the World. The current redistricting plan unites the east and west sides of our complex into one voting Congressional district. Unless a lawsuit is initiated, we will once again be voting in the 10th District.

Rick Kriesman expressed his frustration with the failure of the Legislature to meet the needy challenges

of the people. A \$1.3 billion budget cut in education aid this year is now going to increase the education funding to \$1 billion in 2012. Now, the lawmakers are proposing to cut \$1 billion in funding for doctors' Medicaid and Medicare fees.

Why are billions of dollars being shifted from one line in the budget to another? Our environmental laws have been turned back 20 years. We must ask why.

It was the holiday spirit and a very elegant evening at the Kapok Tree for the benefit of the Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center. Elected officials from the county and local governments were there to support this worthy cause. The Center

is receiving financial aid as the result of President Clinton's visit to Pinellas County and our own Shelly Leonard's persuasion.

Exciting plans are developing for Senator Bill Nelson's visit in February. Our astronaut Senator may give us a peek into the secrets of space, particularly the new planet discovery. It has a temperature of 72 degrees with water and can sustain life. That would be more interesting than the constant gridlock in Washington.

The Jan. 26 meeting will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room. As always, one of our Democratic leaders will be there to keep us informed. Call 797-7927 for information.

## Learn Italian culture and grammar beginning Jan. 10

Learn simple conversations in Italian via CD instruction and start building your vocabulary.

In the class we will review Italian culture, as well as the basic rules of grammar. We will spice it up with Italian songs, both traditional and contemporary, as well as operatic areas.

Italian classes will start on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center, lower level classroom. Classes will end on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. No homework. For more information call 669-2512 or 286-6051.

# January speaker will help residents feel safer in 2012

By E. W. Beck

January 2012 has arrived as a babe with the promise that something new portends.

As the saying goes, "out with the old and in with the new."

Of course, there are old things we all cherish and are loathe to discard. For example: an old pair of shoes, golf bag or timeworn comfortable slippers and other objects of forgotten memory and purpose.

Well, the New Year holds a lot of promise that things will get better in all the ways we hope for and resolve to do better this year.

Of course, here in our community, the new year will bring the continuance of all that makes this a great place to live.

Our club Christmas dinner at the Beachcomber in December was a great success. We had good food, good friends, and a wonderful Christmas/Chanukah spirit was evident throughout.

Santa even sent an emissary with gifts for one and all. If you missed our



## Republican Club

event we hope you can join us for our next celebration.

Our next meeting will take place on: Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Our guest speaker is a representative of the "Crime Prevention Task Force of Florida" and will present a revised program consisting of safety in and outside the home, identity theft and other security topics to help us all ensure that 2012 will be a safer new year for all of us.

Please accept our invitation to visit our friendly and informative monthly meetings. Mark your calendars for the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Coffee and cake will

be served at the conclusion of our meeting.

2012 club dues are due and payable as of this month in the amount of \$5.

Our club members will continue to discuss various topics concerning our nation's economic and tax policies and the impact they are having on job creation, retention and underemployment. The membership believes that more can be done in Washington D.C. in the order of domestic energy development and tax policy that could ignite an industrial Renaissance in America.

We will be speaking more about these and other related policies as a group as the 2012 election season heats up.

The Florida Presidential Preference Primary will be held on Jan. 31. Contact the Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas Office, if you need information about voting. Call: 727-464-6788 or ([www.VotePinellas.com](http://www.VotePinellas.com)).

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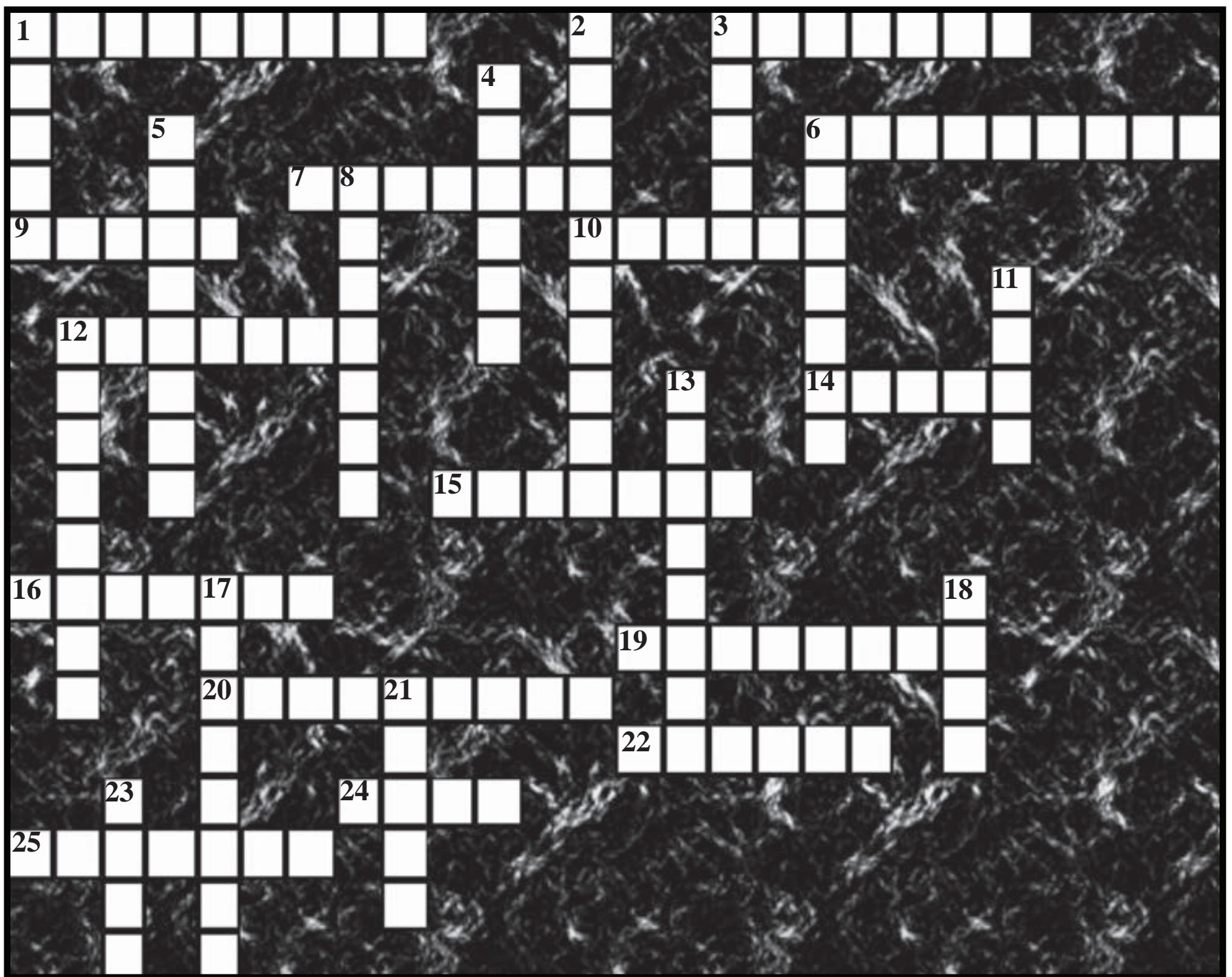
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# Have you been reading OTOW News?

Answers to this puzzle will appear in the February edition. Answers to the December puzzle are on page 28



**You can find the answers to the questions below by reviewing the previous month's newspaper. The number in ( ) indicates the page number the answers appear.**

**ACROSS**

- 1. The official food of the 2011 Line Dance Club Halloween party. (33)
- 3. Ball State University is in what state? (29)
- 6. According to writer Sally Simmonds, placing hot peppers around your car will keep what away? (52)
- 7. Signs of diabetes include fatigue, losing weight being \_\_\_\_\_. (37)
- 9. We found out last month that this famous person has a toy workshop at OTOW. (1)
- 10. What nation will you find Santorini Island? (49)
- 12. Bohemia resident Mike Lane drove a U-Haul through four mountain ranges in November. One of the four was the \_\_\_\_\_. (53)
- 14. Who was filmed only from the waist up during his third appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. (23)
- 15. A January show at the EAC in January is called, "Three Men and a \_\_\_\_\_." (39)
- 16. Diabetes can cause problems with your heart, eyes and \_\_\_\_\_. (37)
- 19. Immediately after boarding a cruise ship, OTOW

- resident Bob McGrogan had to visit a ship pub to watch what on TV? (56)
- 20. At the December Art Guild meeting, members got a demonstration on how to use painted \_\_\_\_\_ in watercolors. (15)
- 22. What is the name of the Greek letter L? (27)
- 24. Press Association writers learned in November that a good first paragraph is like a tasty \_\_\_\_\_. (12)
- 25. The third place costume at the Line Dancing Halloween party. (33)

**DOWN**

- 1. At November's Witchcraft Dance, four party people dressed in the same costume. What were they? Hint: A chicken was involved. (32)
- 2. Press Association writers learned in November that punctuation always goes inside quotation marks. A comparison was used where punctuation is like a damsel and quotation marks are like her \_\_\_\_\_. (12)
- 3. In Dec. 1973, Theater Workshop did two plays. One was called, "The \_\_\_\_\_." (56)
- 4. Swedish Traditional residents Dana and Barbara

- Brueggeman have an extravagant number of \_\_\_\_\_ figurines. (54)
- 5. What picture appeared on page 29 in the December edition? It was next to the Hoosier Club article. (29)
- 6. The official sign of power which is transferred from one Entertainment Committee chairperson to the next on New Year's Eve. (38)
- 8. Everyone in this club thinks the state bird is Larry. (29)
- 11. Singles Travel Club will visit the \_\_\_\_\_ Museum on Jan. 16. (24)
- 12. If a Snowbird travels north of Florida for the summer, what travels south of Florida for the summer? (51)
- 13. Singles Club is planning a trip to this Florida city in January. (36)
- 17. A large, fried, sugar-coated pastry - \_\_\_\_\_ ear. (29)
- 18. According to Julie Hipp, which tomatoes make the perfect tomato sauce? (14)
- 21. A new fitness class at OTOW involves wiggling your hips. This class is called, "Healthy \_\_\_\_\_." (28)
- 23. According to building writer Fritz Kocka, no one from Valencia Building received this for Christmas. (60)



# Eighteen Saturday dances on tap for 2012

By Rich Hayes  
2012 Chairman

The Entertainment Committee has a full line-up of 12 Thursday shows and 18 Saturday dances for you this year. We invite you to join in the fun, now that 2012 is beginning!

Three Men and A Maestro is the year's first show on Jan. 12. You'll see four dynamic guys who will charm and dazzle you with their highly energized fusion of pop, jazz, ethnic, classical, bluegrass and Broadway.

How do I know this?

Because their promo tells me it's so. I also know because Brian Gurl and Lenny Ski have been here, and those who saw them perform say they're terrific.

The Fabulous Van-Dells will



**Rich Hayes**

**Chairman**

appear on Jan. 26. They've been entertaining audiences for 30 years with their never-a-dull-moment variety show that focuses on the music of the 50s and 60s. It's not just musical harmony which made them famous, but superb comedy and choreography as well. In short, you're going to see two

terrific shows in January.

If you haven't attended one of our Saturday night dances, make plans to join us for a fun-filled, inexpensive, yet close-to-home night out. You're not going to be just sitting there. Whether you're single, or arrive with a group, you'll definitely be toe-tapping to the new bands we're introducing.

On Jan. 14 it's The Treasure Island Sound playing at our Brief Encounter Dance; and on Jan. 28 you'll hear Cool Breeze at the High Jinx Dance. You can BYOB, and we'll provide the coffee, ice, prizes, and give-aways. If you don't dance, it's a marvelous opportunity to socialize with old and newly-made friends.

You're also invited to join us on Jan. 15 at the East Activity Center for

our free Sunday-In-The-Park. The entertainment will be by Carlo. Refreshments will be free and provided by us.

We've also planned other special events with you in mind, like The Suncoast Symphony making an appearance here in February, and a trip to the The Ringling Museum in March.

Finally, let me introduce you to the 2012 Executive Committee: Yours truly, Rich Hayes, the chairman of the board; Fran FitzPatrick, 2013 chair-elect; Mike Kaplan, treasurer; Marvin Flam, assistant treasurer; Arlene Kilpatrick, secretary; Evelyn Flam, assistant secretary; and Brad Day, past-chair.

The Committee wishes you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



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**SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2PM - FREE**  
**CARLO**  
 FREE REFRESHMENTS - 50/50

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**THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$15**  
**THE FABULOUS VAN-DELLS**  
 FUN - FAST-PACED SHOW - 50s-60s NOSTALGIA

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**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8**  
**HIGH JINX**  
 DANCE MUSIC BY COOL BREEZE

**PREVIEW OF FEBRUARY EVENTS**

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| FEB 9 - THE WORLD FAMOUS PLATTERS     | FEB 23 - ATLANTIC CITY BOYS SHOW |
| FEB 11 - VALENTINE DANCE - SATELLITES | FEB 25 - DANCE - REBOUND         |
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# Connie and Bob Saylor shoot low gross to win Little Guys & Dolls Tournament

## 9-hole ladies league

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

I hope everyone had a very nice holiday and are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2012!

Our Little Guys and Dolls Tournament was held on Nov. 15 and was a great tournament. Winners were Low Gross – Connie & Bob Saylor; Low Net – Joyce Monahan & Russell Caughey.

Nancy Parlatore & Theresa Gates were winners of the 50/50. Fran Pitman, our league president, thanks everyone for all their help making this tournament a success.

Weekly awards (low gross/low net) for Nov. 29 are as follows: A Flight – Laypa Buck 41/32; Dee Cellitti 43/34. B Flight – Ann Stewart 45/33; Ginny Tousignant 45/34; Dorothy Ryan 46/34; Joyce Monahan 47/35; Marge Sivek 47/36. C Flight – Barbara Velky 46/31; Barbara Sensale 48/34; Char Flach 49/36; Magdaline Nawrocky 50/36. D Flight – Claire Racine 54/36, Lee Kibbe 53/37. Joyce Monahan had a birdie on No. 4. Congratulations Ladies!

On Dec. 5, we all gathered at Beachcombers Restaurant in downtown Clearwater Beach for our annual Holiday Luncheon. Good company was enjoyed by all. As always, Dolly did a wonderful job decorating the tables. Congratulations to all door prize winners.



Ladies 9-Hole League gathers for Christmas luncheon.

January brings our Scotch Four-some Tournament on Thursday, Jan. 12 (rain date Jan. 19). This tournament will be played on the 18-hole course. We will be playing 12 holes, so don't forget to sign up at the golf hut on the

9-hole course.

There will be a board meeting on Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Our General Membership Meeting will be held Jan. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Both of these meetings will be held in the East Activity

Center Veranda Room. At the General Meetings you can always offer up suggestions or ask questions about league operations.

We want to welcome Ann Stewart to our league.

## GOLF

# Greens are tougher, scores are higher - but that's OK!

By Jim O'Neil

As predicted, the renovation of the 18-hole golf course turned out to be a total success thanks to Drew, Wit and the dedicated maintenance crew.

The scores have increased because of those new hard-to-read greens.

Resident golfers and visitors have nothing but favorable comments as they all love the challenge.

## Men's 18 Hole League

This is my last article for the Men's Golf Association. It has been a pleasure to work with the individuals at the On Top of the World newspaper and the golfers who supplied me with the information reported over

the past year. Starting in February 2012, the new association secretary, Pete Milner, will be giving everyone news and announcements of upcoming events each month. I am sure he will do a great job and I wish him well.

Just a couple of announcements for January 2012:

On Jan. 18, we will have a two-man team – alternate shot tournament (shotgun start), followed by food and

refreshments.

On Jan. 19, the golf association annual meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. See you there!

Until we meet on the golf course, just consider this: "The best wood in your golf bag just might be the pencil."

Play golf, it's a good place to meet great people!



# First tournament of the year set for Jan. 24

By Pat Eastman

The On Top of the World Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association's first special tournament is set for Jan. 24.

It will be a Fun Scramble and Rules Seminar. The tournament starts at 8:30 with lunch after golf. Also, the rules committee will answer rules questions.

The 18 Hole Ladies League held a Christmas breakfast on Dec. 7, with 80 members enjoying the morning. The breakfast was arranged, hosted, and beautifully decorated by Dee Wisslead, Kim Norried and Ann Wil-

## 18-hole ladies league

son. Terri Mikszenas collected \$650 for Caring and Sharing.

Pictures are on the league Web site: [otowladiesgolf.web.officelive.com](http://otowladiesgolf.web.officelive.com) Check them out!

Our league is now playing the very improved OTOW 18 hole course.

Results from Dec. 6: Flight A low gross - Pat Eastman, low net - Carol Lacey. Flight B low gross - Dorothy Graham, low net - Carole Whynot. Flight C low gross- Marie Hebert, low

net - April Glenn. Flight D low gross - Elaine Stretavski, low net- Brooke Reid.

Also on Dec. 6, prizes for most 5s: first - Maria Im, second - Elaine McDonald, third - Elaine Stretavski and Nan Rudolph.

Nov. 29: Flight A low gross- Kim Norried, low net - Gwen Lemke. Flight B low gross - Carol Whynot and Ann Wilson, low net - Wendy Colquhoun and NatSue Dawson. Flight C low gross - Donna Meszaros and Cindy Schell, low net - Jane Hanley. Flight D low gross - Rose Mulhall, low net- Verna Delahunt.

Nov. 22: Flight A low gross - Cathy Mills, low net - Terry Kuplen. Flight B low gross - Thelma Jacobsen, low net - Diane Gervais. Flight C low gross - Muriel Salo and Mary Smith, low net - Donna Meszaro. Flight D low gross - Jean Byers, low net- Arlene Hanson.

Nov. 15: Flight A low gross- Cathy Mills, low net - Christine Miller. Flight B low gross - Diane Gervais, low net - April Glenn. Flight C low gross- Margaret Markey, low net - Muriel Salo. Flight D low gross - Jackie Woloszyn, low net Pat Gilchrist.

## Sign up early for Jack & Jill couples golf tournament

With the golf season in full swing, the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League is now undertaking the planning and preparation for their annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament, which will be held on Feb. 7 (Rain Date—Feb. 14) at the newly renovated golf course.

This is a match made in heaven — new golf course and couples who loves to golf.

A large turnout is expected for this popular event, which is organized each year for the fun and enjoyment of the OTOW golfing community.

Registration dates have been set for three Tuesdays in January beginning on the 17th and continuing until the 31st between the hours of 7-10 a.m. at the golf shack.

Members of the organizing committee will be available to register those who wish to play. The registration fee is \$18 per couple, and it entitles each Jack and Jill to 18 holes of golf, a lunch with beverage of choice, and prizes for the top finishing couples in each of four flights. Last day for registration is Jan. 31.

League President Linda Rice is encouraging those who wish to play to sign-up early. She notes that in past years, couples who were interested in playing, and waited until the last minute to register, found themselves placed on a waiting list.

"We have openings for only 72 couples because we want the participants to enjoy the day with play moving along and the golfers having fun," she said.

So find your Jack or Jill, form your partnership, and come out and join us on Feb. 7.

## Ladies Bowling

Nov. 2: The high games were bowled by Marge Jacobs -190, Lil Ginn - 171, Alicia Vargas - 164. High Series: Marge Jacobs - 487, Jackie Kail - 456, Lil Ginn - 450. Pins over average: Alicia Vargas - 121. Splits: 4-5-7.

Nov. 9: High Games were Marge Jacobs - 173, Nancy House - 152, Lil Ginn - 148. High Series: Marge Jacobs - 443, Nancy House - 434 and Mary Kennelly - 416. Pins over average: Nancy Kennelly and Eileen Bekoske - 61. Splits: Marge Jacobs, 4-5-7, Donna Smerz 5-10, Lil Ginn 5-7.

Nov. 16: High Games: Marge Jacobs - 188, Mary Beth Hufty - 176, Madeline Nawrocky - 174. High Series: Marge Jacobs - 517, Shirley Bowers - 443 and Madeline Nawrocky - 440. Pins over average: Shirley Bowers - 62. Splits: Mary Harker 5-7, Lil Ginn 3-10

Nov. 30: High Games: Mary Harker - 182, Mary Ann O'Neill - 179 and Donna Smerz - 176. High Series: Barbara Harkins - 468, Shirley Bowers - 465 and Cheryl Kutchinski - 458. Pins over average: Shirley Bowers - 72 Splits: Donna Smerz 5-6, Loretta Macaluso 4-5-10 and the 5-8-10, Madeline Nawrocky 2-7-8, Lil Ginn 3-7, Barbara Harkins 4-5-7.

-- By Lillian Ginn

## THURSDAY LEAGUE

### Ducksie Stoddard, Paul Meyers, Bob Odle win weekly titles

The Thursday Golf league resumed play on Dec. 1 after taking a break for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Congratulations go to Ducksie Stoddard, who was our week two champion. She narrowly beat out Vance Wilson and Dan Morey. Alan Pier, Ian Miller, Vance Wilson, Bruce MacPherson and Paul Meyers had one skin each.

Week three started out cool and only the hardest golfers braved the early conditions. Paul Meyers took first place followed by Paul Farrell and Bruce McPherson. Skins were abundant as Rich Raley and Bruce McPherson collected two each. Roland Provost, Paul Farrell, Mike LaViolette and Dennis Smith each collected one with great birdies!

Bob Odle was our week four champion with Bruce MacPherson finishing second and Paul Meyers third. Bruce also had three skins, including an eagle on hole No. 14. Bob collected two skins. Dennis Smith, Ron Parham, Bob Stoddard and Paul Meyers had one each.

Our league has a match play tournament at the end of the season. Each week points are awarded according to how the players place that week. Accumulated points at the end of the season will determine seeding in the tournament. Current leaders in the point's standings are: Bob Odle 11, Vance Wilson 10, Paul Meyers 10, Ducksie Stoddard 8, Bruce MacPherson 8, Paul Farrell 6 and Dan Morey with 5 .

We are still looking for new members. The Thursday League is open to all On Top of the World residents, male and female. Play begins on Thursday at 11 a.m.. Anyone interested in joining can contact: Paul 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolf@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolf@aol.com)



## Judy Garvey captures round robin honors



### Que't Billiards

By Barbara Sundberg &  
Gail DuCharme

Que't Ladies Billiards has new members and new officers. What a great way to start the new year.

In the past few months, six ladies joined the club: Meg Geary, Barbara Velky, Tina Tucci, Maureen Doire, Gail Ducharme and Jane Turnbull.

Our new members are enthusiastic and look to be worthy opponents as they develop their own styles with the help of our talented instructors

For those of you interested in learning the game of pool, while improving your hand and eye coordination, bring your activity card and join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiards Room.

Frank English, founder and instructor; Andy Suhar program coordinator; Will Schafer, program assistant; Terry Witman, instruction coordinator and Ed Solivan, instructor, offer enormous support and valuable instructions.

On Nov. 30 our club held a round robin format tournament. Judy Garvey took first place. A playoff game was held for second and third places between Becky Balderson and Rashanee Turner. All enjoyed watch-



Pictured above are the top three finishers in a November round robin tournament. From left are Becky Balderson, Judy Garvey and Rashanee Turner.

ing and cheering as these two ladies battled it out. Rashanee gained second place and Becky secured third place.

Congratulations ladies!

On Dec. 14, the Que't Ladies Billiards Club held their quarterly meeting and elected officers for the year 2012. The new officers are: President Becky

Balderson, Vice President Rashanee Turner, Secretary Gail DuCharme, Treasurer Reva Heymann,, Member at Large Jean Doane and Member at Large Elizabeth Asselta.

We thank our past officers who willingly donated their time and talent to the team. We look forward to our

new officers and thank them for their generosity.

Also on Dec. 14, the team took time to casually enjoy a holiday party. It was an evening of light-heartedness and friendship. And of course, the delicious snacks prepared by our members added to our enjoyment.

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you doing for  
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Anything unusual?  
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**We need a good  
Valentine's Day story for our  
February newspaper.**

Pat Fell recorded a hole-in-one on Dec. 5 just three holes into play on the 18-hole course.

Pat used a 3-wood on the 160-yard par 3. Witnesses were Patrick Mulhall, Dan O'Sullivan and Pat Fell.

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Dick Kronawetter aced the 160-yard third hole with a 6-iron on Nov. 15.

Witnesses were Van Jones Bradley and Richard Raley.



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Bart Santamaria scored a hole-in-one on the 175-yard 13th hole with an 8-iron.

Witnesses to the Nov. 24th shot were Bruce Cooke, Matthew Gemmell and Fred Peace.

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Bob Young just arrived back at On Top of the World on Nov. 13 when he had a very exciting game of golf.

Bob was playing with Paul Farrell and Frank Spero when he used an 8-iron to ace to 149-yard 16th hole.

The hole-in-one was also observed by Paul Farrell and John Shearer.



## Joe Doire, Denny Balderson win first Scotch Doubles event of new season



### Men's Pool

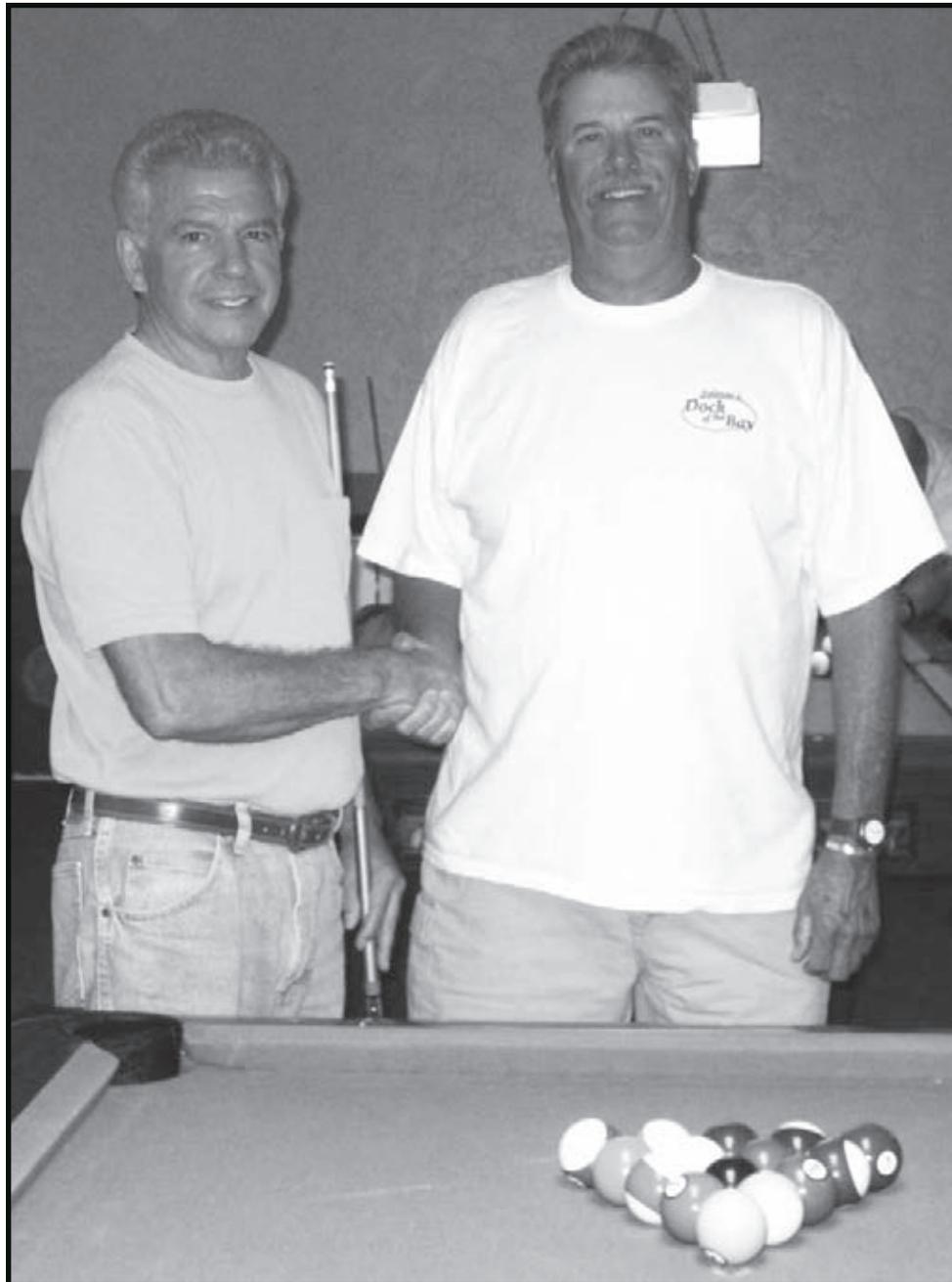
On Thursday, Dec. 8, scotch doubles tournaments returned to the On Top of the World Billiards Room.

The turnout was positive as 10 teams competed.

We used the round robin format, where each team played each other once. Frank English and Andy Suhar returned as a team in an attempt to defend their 2010-11 title, but fell short, finishing second to the first place finishers Denny Balderson and Joe Doire.

After round robin play, there was a tie for third place between the teams of Allen Pier and Larry Wells, and Tony Baker and Bart Gooch. In a playoff, Tony and Bart defeated Allen and Larry to officially take third place.

At left is Joe Doire and at right is Denny Balderson.



### Men's Pool

## Allen Pier wins two 8-ball events last month

Allen Pier picked up a couple of 8-ball tournament victories last month as the men's pool league hit full-stride for the season.

The month opened with Hugo Orantes winning the first round-robin event, Denny Balderson placing second and Jim Anzalone third.

Four days later, Allen Pier picked up his first win, with Denny Balderson second and Marc Schell third.

Joe Doire became the third winner in three events the next time around. Bill Robertson was second and Jim Anzalone third.

Then, Allen Pier picked up his second win, with Denny Balderson collecting his third second place finish in four tries. Joe Doire was third.

Jim Anzalone won the fifth event of the session as Allen Pier was second and Joe Doire third.

In the final session, Denny Balderson finally broke into the win column, finishing with one win and three seconds. Allen Pier was second for the second straight session. Joe Doire was third for the third straight session.

The Men's Billiard Club also had one Scotch Doubles Tournament in early December.

Denny Balderson and Joe Doire teamed up to earn the title over Frank English and Andy Suhar. Third place went to Tony Baker and Bart Gooch.

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# Did we forget to mention, our softball players play defense, too

By Don Grabowski

In reviewing our past articles, it became apparent we emphasized the hitting ability of our players over their defensive capabilities.

The next few lines will address this omission.

The Play of the Day, maybe the "Plays of the Year," were made by Hugh Quirk, Bill Arkins and Jim Hall. Their running, over-the-head, out-stretched-arm catches were the after-the-game talk and even into the next game. They deserve to be mentioned.

In the same category is the play of Paul Fice. One spectacular play went like this: A short fly ball to center field was picked up by Paul on the first bounce. His "line drive" throw to third caught the runner trying to advance to third base.

Slow Runner? (We don't have any of those in our league) No! Just a spectacular throw to end the inning. We will try to highlight these defensive plays in the future.

## Softball

**Scott's Pharmacy 13**

**Cody's Restaurant 12**

Although out-hit 33 to 27, Cody's was able to stay in the game. They scored only five runs in the last five innings.

Hitting stars for Scott's Pharmacy were Jim Hall with eight hits, and Bill Arkins, Bill Bennett and Greg Zimmer with six hits each. Jim Pollock had five hits.

For Cody's, Hugh Quirk had six hits, Lenny Segal had five hits, including a home run, and Pat Kennedy had five hits, too. Well played by both teams.

**Cody's 18**

**Dimmitt Chevy 13**

Cody's play was just too much for Dimmitt as they won 18-13.

Bob Whitehill had five hits for the winners. Carm Costa, Bob Rittner, Ken Graham, Bill Bennett, Larry Segal and Trevor Discon had four hits each.

Dimmitt Chevy players, Bill Arkins, Guy Bertuzzi, Sam Macaluso and Paul Fice had four hits each. Key to the win was Cody's systematic scoring. Their 18 runs scored were consistent, especially in the last five innings. A good win for Cody's.

**Scott's Pharmacy 19**

**Cody's 10**

Outhit 33 to 21, Cody's lost this game 19-10. Scott's Pharmacy had four batters with five hits, including Guy Bertuzzi, Greg Zimmer, Bob Whitehill and Tony Caputo. Pat Kennedy and Bill Bennett had four hits each for Cody's.

**Dimmitt Chevy 9**

**OTOW 8**

We played one of our more typical low-scoring games as Dimmitt

Chevy beat OTOW 9-8.

OTOW went scoreless in three innings. Glen Ohl, winning pitcher, Paul Fice, and Jim Pollock had four hits each.

Sixteen Larsen and Greg Zimmer had five hits each for OTOW. But the batting star for both teams was Carm Costa with an amazing seven hits. A good defensive game that could have gone either way.

**Scott's Pharmacy 14**

**Dimmitt Chevy 12**

Scott's Pharmacy kept scoring throughout the game and won 14-12.

Dimmitt was held scoreless in three innings. Dimmitt hitters were led by Bill Arkins with five hits and Paul Fice with four hits.

Scott Pharmacy hitters, Bill Bennett and Greg Zimmer had four hits each and helped the winners to their winning score. An exciting game to play and watch.

# OTOW bowlers win out-of-town tournaments

By Shirley Rutherford

The lawn bowling general meeting was held on Nov. 18 with approximately 45 members present.

President Brian Bedard presided. Vice President Bob Laplante introduced an update of the Constitution and By-Laws to be studied and voted on at a later date in January. Bob was thanked for all his hard work putting this together.

Our schedule for this year was introduced by President Brian, and he has many fun games lined up for us as well as barbecues, luncheons and "Happy Hour" bowling.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, Brian and Jackie Bedard won the two-game high at the Open Pairs Tournament. There were 16 rinks entered at the Sun City Centre in Sarasota. Congratulations!

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Jitney winners were: 1st Dot Graham – skip- Margaret Hachey – vice and Greg Middleton – lead. 2nd: Dot Gillis –

## Lawn Bowling

skip, Wally Boudreau – vice. 3rd: John Wigle – skip, Joe Cassidy – vice, Wendy Colquhoun – lead.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, Jitney winners were: 1st: Joe Cassidy – skip, John Wigle – vice and Ray Allard – lead. 2nd: Rollie Lapointe – skip, Rita May – vice and Jocelyne Laplante – lead. 3rd: Hal Jacobsen – skip, Margaret Hachey – vice, Greg Middleton – lead.

On Monday, Nov. 28, we had our first fun tournament, but thanks to the weatherman there were no winners as the event was postponed during the first draw.

We did, however, enjoy a delicious barbecue cooked in the rain by chefs Bob Laplante and Brian Bedard and carried to the craft room where 47 hungry bowlers were gathered. Thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who helped.

The \$25 50/50 winner was Margaret Edwards.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, OTOW lawn bowling club members Brian and Jackie Bedard entered the Sarasota Open Pairs and came home the three-game winners. Congratulations!

Saturday, Dec. 3 Jitney winners were: 1st: Ian May – skip, Rick Carr – vice. 2nd: Rita May – skip, Bob Laplante – vice, 3rd: Rollie Lapointe – skip, Jocelyne Laplante – vice.

On Dec. 2, 3 and 4 Mount Dora hosted their annual tournament. With numerous entries, the OTOW bowlers did us proud with Jack Mein, Marj Kells and Jackie Bedard placing in the money. Well done!

On Friday, Dec. 9, our Christmas tournament and luncheon was held. Winners were: 1st: Dot Graham – skip, Margaret Edwards – vice, Joan O'Connor – lead. 2nd: Tom Barrett – skip, Juanita Witham – vice, Shirley Rutherford – lead.

Our social director, Pat Murray, and her helpers served a lovely ham dinner after the tournament. Good job, girls!

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Sarasota Sun and Fun tournament was held and Brian Bedard, Marj Kells and Jackie Bedard were the one-game high winners. Well done.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, Jitney winners were: 1st: Maureen Boudreau – skip, Margaret Hachey – vice. 2nd: Joe Cassidy – skip, Rita May – vice, Ray Allard – lead.

On Monday, Dec. 12, President Brian presented a new format for fun bowling with four to a team. It was a challenge. Winners were: 1st: Marj Kells, Bob Laplante, Pauline McKinnon, Jacque Breton. 2nd: Margaret Hachey, Dot Graham, Denise Dion and Wendy Colquhoun.

Cathy Mells served cake to the weary following the game for an "energy boost."



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Beginner classes are 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center exercise room, close to the library.

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

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Stay for as long or short a time as you wish. For further information contact Mary Becker at 727-253-4874 or Chris Nason at 727-797-6407.

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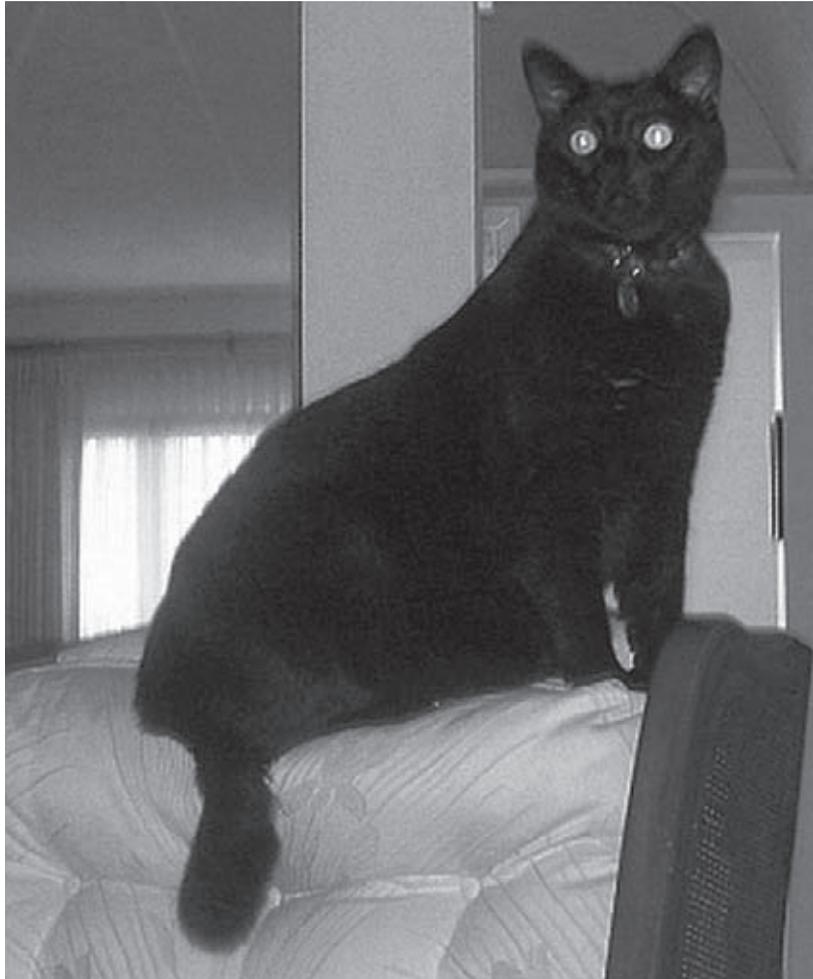
## Morning exercises start at 8 a.m.

Keep those New Year's resolutions and start your day off by joining us for a workout each morning at 8 a.m. in the lower gym room of the East Activity Center.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and a short cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups.

On Wednesday and Friday mornings bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes while we work on improving muscle tone. At 8 a.m. on Thursdays, Julie Narancich has volunteered to lead the class. Check it out!

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.



# Spirit

Spirit is a large 4-year-old male cat who is owned by Vee Field.

Spirit is quite friendly, especially to those he knows .

He is a black cat with green eyes and Canadian by birth, dividing his time now between Ottawa, Ontario, and On Top of the World.

Spirit's name is a true reflection of his personality. He has a real fascination for the animal kingdom, especially birds, squirrels and lizards. Spirit has, on occasion, bought home a lizard for me as a gift.

## Do you know someone who wants to be the Pet of the Month?

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month."

Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter the contest.

One pet will be featured each month.

To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information on why you think your pet should be chosen as our monthly celebrity

(maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month,

just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: [bootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bootss@tampabay.rr.com). Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in.

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and place your vote today! You may vote as many times as you want. Deadline to vote is Jan. 21. Results will be announced in February. The winning pet will receive a luxury bath from Barks and Bubbles!



**Marley lives at Swiss Alps Chalet. He was rescued from a shelter in 2009.**



**Laddie lives at Alsace Lorraine. He is from Indiana, but now walks OTOW everyday.**



**Tanzia lives at Royal Dutch. She has a toy teddy bear and loves squirrels and lizards.**



**Harley lives at Southern Colonial. He is Mr. Social and has his own mailbox.**



**Shelley lives at Saratoga. Shelley was rescued from Nebraska and brought back to good health.**



**Pearl and Bandit live at Middle East Moorish. They are siblings to a wild cat.**



**Heidi, left, lives at English Gothic. Heidi and cousin Sophie love OTOW walks.**



**Kelly lives at Mandalay. Even though Kelly is blind, she still plays with her 17 toys.**



**Ashley was an Austrian Alpine resident until her passing this year. She once survived getting stuck in a refrigerator.**



**Barklee lives at Rizal. He graduated second in his class at obedience school.**



**Arby lives at Curacao. He enjoys tripping people and doing circles in a recliner.**



**Gizmo lives at Alsace Lorraine. His "white cap" makes him famous in his neighborhood.**



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# OTOW resident writing book about a cruise which turned into a live history lesson

By Doug Kates, editor

Ever wonder what it would be like to take a trip back in time to witness history?

For On Top of the World residents Roger and Evelyn Guzman, going back in time wasn't a requirement.

What they experienced during a three-month world cruise was far beyond what any one history book will ever be able to share some day in the future.

Remember the devastating earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand?

No one will forget the earthquake and tsunami that ravaged Japan?

Thailand suffered a great mudslide. Pirates terrorized shipping lanes outside Somalia. And Egypt ousted its president, who eventually fled the country.

Believe it or not, Roger and Evelyn witnessed all five historic events – and a television set wasn't necessary. They were there and can only best describe their story to the life of a fictional cartoon character who was always walking into trouble.

"We said to ourselves, we're just like Mr. Magoo," Roger said.

The Guzmans' world tour took place aboard the *Queen Mary 2* – one of the largest cruise ships in the world – with a capacity of 2,620 passengers.

The beginning of their journey included stops in Barbados, Uruguay and South Africa. They arrived in New Zealand the day after nearly 70 people were killed in the Christchurch earthquake. Their trip was supposed to include a visit to Christchurch, but instead the ship was forced to pull into the capital city of Wellington.

Days later, the QM2 was scheduled to stop in Nagasaki, Japan, where one of two atomic bombs was dropped in August of 1945. Upon reaching Japan, however, the historic earthquake and tsunami hit. While 33 passengers had already left the ship to tour other parts of Japan, the Guzmans were still aboard awaiting their tour in Nagasaki. That shore leave never took place.

"We were looking forward to

seeing Nagasaki, but we weren't allowed to go there," Roger said.

In fact, back home in Clearwater, some rumors started spreading the couple's ship had been lost at sea during the tsunami.

"I didn't hear of any ships that went missing, but I can understand those concerns," Roger said.

The silver lining during the stop in Japan was when all 33 tourists returned home to the QM2 – shaken but alive. Roger said the passengers also held their own fund-raiser and donated proceeds to Japanese relief efforts.

The world tour continued in China, Vietnam and Thailand, where Roger said he watched torrential rains for a week, only to learn the day after leaving port that more than 40 people had been killed, provinces were submerged under water, and tourists on a local island had to be rescued by air.

The next stop didn't lead to a natural disaster, but a man-made one. The QM2 arrived in Egypt as the country's president was ousted from power. Roger saw the hotel where Hosni Mubarak had fled, and witnessed military personnel trying to maintain order.

"You could see a heavily-armed army," Roger said.

After leaving Egypt it was lights out – literally. Everyone aboard the QM2 was required to learn how to prepare for a pirate attack. The ship sailed without lights at night, and everyone had to remain indoors until the threat was clear.

The trip concluded with stops in Italy, Spain and England. Except for the trip home, flying above tornadoes in the Carolinas, the trip ended peacefully.

The Guzmans are originally from Canada, but have called On Top of the World their second home since 1998. Evelyn is a retired teacher. Roger, a



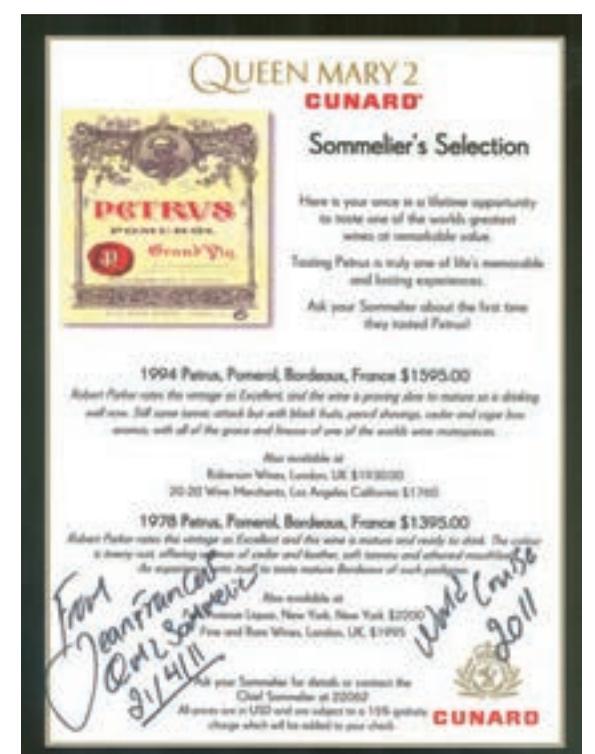
Dr. Roger Guzman and his wife Dr. Evelyn Guzman pose for a photo in Australia during one of many stops on a world cruise last year. The ship they were on, the *Queen Mary 2*, is pictured below. In the bottom right corner is a replica of one of the evening menus. The Guzmans thought everyone would enjoy seeing that a bottle of wine was about \$1,400. And no, the Guzmans did not make such purchase.



retired doctor, who has written several scientific journals and two books: "Asylum Street" and "History of the New Brunswick Psychiatric Association."

Months after the world cruise ended and things began to settle down, Roger decided it was time to write a third book. He will recall, in great depth, his recent voyage around history. Fellow OTOW residents can begin looking for the novel early next year.

As for the Guzmans, they are already planning another world cruise maybe five years down the line. This time they want to explore new countries and new ports... and catch anything they may have missed the first time around.



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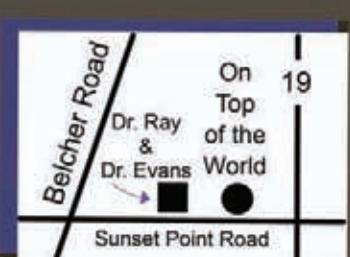
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## They saw much on 10-day Caribbean cruise

We were off again last month on a 10-day southern Caribbean cruise with our neighbors, Carole Fisher and Phil James!

We sailed out of Fort Lauderdale, spending two days at sea before arriving in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Upon arrival we spent the day touring Old San Juan and The Mountains of Puerto Rico.

Our second port was Antigua, where we toured this island's impressive National Park. On to Nelson's Dockyard, the only working Georgian dockyard in the world, with a drive through quaint villages and a stop at the Blockhouse ruins, which offers a commanding view of the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding coastline.

Next was the port of Saint George, Grenada, rich in history, with a stop at the nutmeg factory in Gouyave where we were shown the processing and sorting of nutmegs and mace. Then on to the River Antoine Rum Distillery.



The place is as antique (1785) as the rum is strong.

Our return trip to the ship was through the rain forest over the mountains, with a stop at Grand Etang, home of the Mona monkey.

Our next stop was wonderful Martinique and the Plantation House, where the presidents of France and the United States (Bush and Mitterrand) met in 1991. We toured the town of

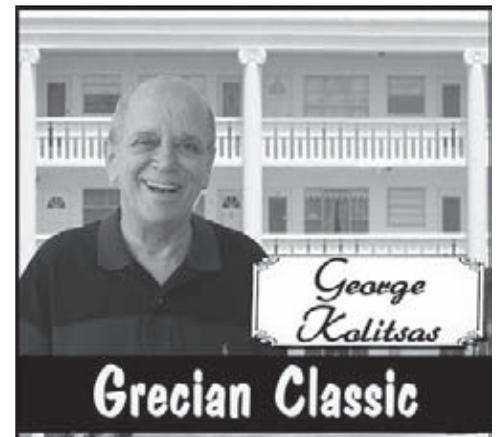
Lamentin with its banana plantation, Church of Balata, beautiful botanical gardens with its magnificent plants and flowers.

We experienced the best of Dutch and French St. Maarten's before our last stop in Nassau with a tour at the world famous Paradise Island, home of the magnificent Atlantis Resort.

Our last day on board ship was spent relaxing by the pool, reading, sharing photos, exchanging e-mail addresses and memories with fellow travelers before returning to reality at OTOW.

Special thanks to Bob Anderson, Mike Crittendon, Ron Magnussen, John Schinn and Jim Sundberg for lighting up our building for the holidays. Great job, fellas!

Birthday wishes go out to Fran Magnussen on Jan. 3 and Elizabeth Asselta on Jan. 12. Have a great day Fran and Liz. Enjoy your special days!



## Residents return from holiday travel

Greetings, and a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

By now, the stockings that were hung by the "chimney" with care have been squeezed back into the boxes relegated to containing Christmas memorabilia. Residents of Grecian Classic made their pilgrimages to friends and family for Thanksgiving and Christmas and have returned safely to us.

On Dec. 14, we held our Christmas luncheon at Island Way Grill on Island Estates. There were a multitude of prizes and good food and companionship, all ably set up by Margo Robson and Kathy Lynch, with the very much appreciated help of Kathy's daughter, Katherine Cartier. A fun time was had by all.

A riddle for next Christmas: Santa's reindeer were "Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen."

What was the name of the ninth reindeer? It's not Rudolph! Give up? It's "Olive the other reindeer..."

Any news stories, call me at 386-5969. You can find it on the list on the building bulletin board.

## New residents have diverse backgrounds

It's hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone and a new year is here! And we got in the spirit to decorate the building inside and out. We hate to pack it all up again for another year. We must decide early to volunteer and not leave it all up to others.

When you really think hard about the life of our building, it is for most of us now our "home" for a long (or short) time. There are some who have lived here for many years, and some who have done their best while able to give their energies to a project or a role as an officer. We can't depend on them to go on and on past their "prime!"

It occurs to me that when an officer realizes that he or she has reached that point, it is possible to contact another resident or maybe a few who would consider taking on a role that carries on the good work of a resident who wants to retire from it.

My predecessor in this job as reporter for Saratoga was Sig Signorelli. One day she approached me with the suggestion that I carry on her job as I had offered her a write-up of the Ellises' recent news and liked it. I took her up on it on a trial basis. So, I'm still at it!

Back in November, Paul Thompson's daughter, Sandra, came from Phoenix, Ariz., to spend a week with Paul and Ida.

We are so glad to have several new residents to fill some of the empty apartments of recent weeks! One such example is Gary Bronson, who moved into Marge Watkins' former place.

Gary was born in New Hampshire. He retired from the Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant and has lived in the Spring Lake and Clearwater areas for



32 years. He has six children in the Denver area and adopted a 3-year-old girl, Larysa, who is now studying to be a nurse.

His current family includes one of his daughters, two very small dogs, Abbie, a black Dachshund mix, and Paco, a blond Chihuahua. Gary has also informed me that he traveled extensively in Europe and Asia while serving in the Air Force.

Jane Turnbull has also recently moved into our northwest wing after living in St. Petersburg for 15 years. She and her husband, a biochemist, now deceased, both graduated from Ohio State University.

She is blessed with one daughter and two beautiful granddaughters. Now her only "live-in" is a little white Maltizhu, Fluffie. Jane's interests include bridge, chess and tennis, plus hang gliding, jet skiing and boating.

She also loves computers (for day trading equities), traveling, dancing, cycling and Jacuzzis. She now aims to learn golfing, living so close to our golf course.

Out on the sunny corner of the third floor of the southwest wing,

Wendye Juneau and I had a lovely chat. Paul waited inside for his lunch. They come from Ottawa, becoming another Snowbird couple.

Their "live-in" companion is an adorable grey phantom toy poodle named Miss Tara O'Hara from Georgia. Paul is addicted to lawn bowling and has joined three clubs. He has won a cup in a singles tournament. Wendye is a born arts and crafts person, addicted to hospitality.

Our first floor decorators were Roger Nicoll, Terry and Mike Mikulski, Hilda Hamilton and Mary Ellis. We thank them for making our Christmas home much brighter.

## COFFEE CORNER

By Paul Miller

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center main ballroom.

The main ballroom décor has changed, thanks to the Entertainment Committee who added the "Starlite Room."

Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is a minimal 40 cents; a donut is 60 cents. The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at On Top of the World.

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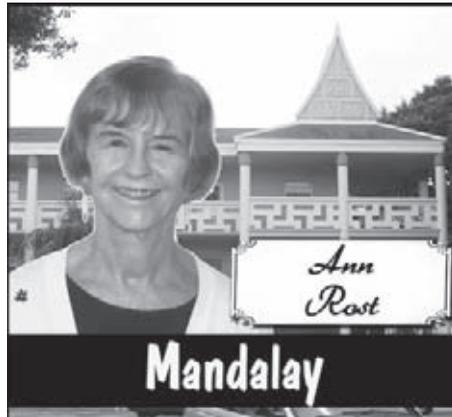
## Guests liked it so much here, they became owners

Could there be a contagion spreading through On Top of the World?

Well, that was the inference drawn at our November lunch outing when not one, but two Mandalay residents reported that their houseguests had morphed into apartment-owning neighbors. It seems that our OTOW lifestyle is contagious!

Thelma Goodson related that she and Bob had welcomed their son and daughter-in-law to their home in recent months, as the younger Goodsons were relocating to Florida. Having come to appreciate the active life available here, they found OTOW the right fit in choosing their new home. They now live within walking distance on Israeli Drive.

Juanita Brumett recounted a similar experience. In late August, she entertained house guests from Indiana. Now one of them, her sister-in-law, is living in her own apartment right across the street on Persian Way.



A family reunion in Branson, Mo., sounds like a fun idea. And so it was, according to Neal and Betsy Kunke, whose gathering included four grandchildren. They also took a side trip to St. Louis to visit Betsy's brother, and spent a day exploring Meramec Caverns.

This is a busy season, and especially so for Tom and Sue Barrett. Their daughter, 4-1/2-year-old grandson and nearly 3-year-old granddaughter are visiting them. Their plans include visits to the beach, Busch Gardens, and Legoland.



Hilary and Eddie Marshall find that a nice stroll on Clearwater Beach can top off most any day. And there's no telling what you may run across! (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

## Ocean cruise friendship turns into pleasurable OTOW visit

Happy New Year!

A year and a half ago, Wally and I, along with Phil and Donna Smerz, went on a cruise to England. While we were crossing the ocean, we became friends with an English couple, Eddie and Hilary Marshall. This past November, the couple came to Clearwater and stayed with us for six days.

Wally, Eddie, Phil and Donna were able to play a round of golf. Then the six of us went out for dinner and reminisced about our marvelous cruise and the good times we shared.

The following day, the Smerz's were off on a Caribbean cruise. We continued to entertain the Marshalls with a stroll on Clearwater Beach (see photo above) and a walk around Safety Harbor. Wally and Eddie were able to golf a couple of more times.



Our English friends love vacationing in America. They were just amazed at the amenities we have here at On Top of the World. They couldn't wait to return home to tell their family and friends about our great lifestyle here in Clearwater.

Till We Meet Again...

## Time to clean storage rooms

Happy New Year to all! The building Christmas party was held Dec. 10 at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre. There were 18 residents in attendance, and we all had a very nice time. The food was good and the show was hilariously funny.

The building has again been decorated for Christmas by Dave Britcher, Frank Massaro, Wayne Oakley and one of our new resident couples, Don and Patty Drake. We want to give them all a very big thank you!

If you have not noticed our newly-decorated bulletin board, you should. We owe one of our newer residents, Barbara White, a big thank you from all of our residents. Barbara has agreed to decorate the bulletin board on a regular basis.

It is time again to ask residents to clean out their unwanted items from their assigned spaces. All of the storage



rooms are starting to smell like a pair of old and moldy socks.

We are entering a new year, and decisions need to be made as to where the building is going to go from here on. There seems to be less and less interest in what is happening in and around the building. Watch the bulletin board for notices.

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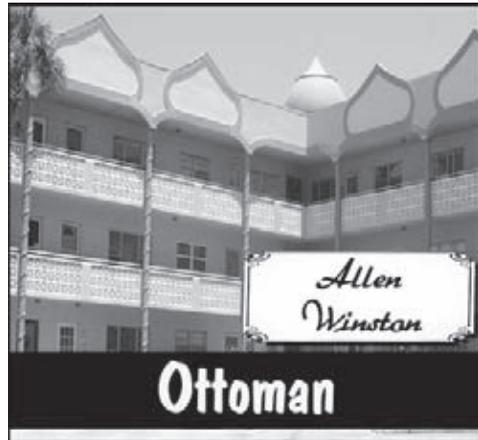
With the welcoming of 2012, have you ever wondered how far we've come in the past 100 years?

Here are some statistics for the year 1912 (to help jog your memory)... the average life expectancy was 47 years; only 14% of the homes had a bathtub; only 8% of the homes had a telephone; there were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved roads; the maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower; the average U.S. wage was 22 cents per hour; the average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year; more than 95% of all births took place at home; 90% of all doctors had no college education (though they attended "medical school," many of which were condemned by the press as substandard institutions).

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound; eggs were 13 cents a dozen; coffee was 15 cents a pound; the American flag had 45 stars; the population of Las Vegas was only 30; crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented yet; there was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.

Two out of every ten adults couldn't read or write, and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school; marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over-the-



counter at the local corner drugstore; 18% of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help; and finally, there were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.

With the start of a new year, I also think about travel and the places I've been and haven't been. I've been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito (I hear no one recognizes you there anyway). I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport... you have to be driven there (I've made several trips, thanks to friends, family, and work).

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump to get there, and

I'm not too big on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt, though I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important for me to stand firm.

Sometimes, I'm in Capable, and I seem to go there more often as I get older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense. It really gets the adrenalin going and pumps up the old heart (at my age, I need all the stimulation I can get).

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. (It's an age thing). I still have travel plans as the world holds awe and wonder for me, and what is life without discovery.

Every new year we make resolutions to change aspects of ourselves we believe are negative. Most of us revert to how we were before and feel like failures.

Here's a new resolution for the new year: Just be yourself. Let this coming year be better than all the others. Walk tall, and smile more (you'll look 10 years younger). May 2012 continue to fulfill your dreams. May your "bucket list" grow longer. And may love and laughter fill your home throughout the year. Hello, 2012!

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## Nearly 30 residents attend both core and holiday parties

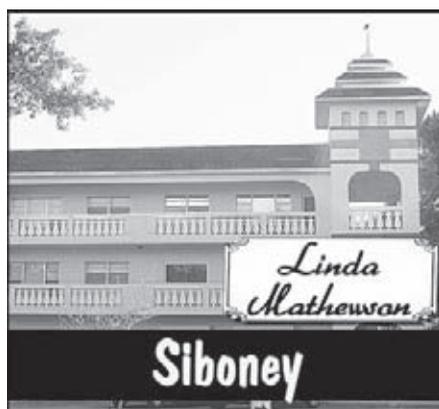
By the time you read this, the New Year will be upon us.

Our November core party on the 27th was great! We had all eaten enough turkey and welcomed the pasta dishes. The 29 of us had a great time and shared lots of stories on how we spent the holiday.

We then started decorating our building with the Noel signs, thanks to Bob, Ralph, Dave, Skip, Peter and Jerry! What a wonderful job! And so appreciated! Colored lights and wreaths are hung on a lot of windows and doors and look beautiful!

The Today Show was just asking on one of their last segments, where is Matt Lauer. We asked where are Joe and Janis Farrell? They have just returned from yet another trip, this time to Costa Rica! We're looking forward to hearing about their adventure.

Our Dec. 8 Christmas party at the Dunedin Country Club was a great success. A great time was had by all 30 of us. The room we had



was decorated beautifully, the food was delicious, and we had great music and even better company. We enjoyed it so much that we booked it again for next year. So save the date Dec. 6, 2012!

We are all hoping that Cele will be feeling well enough to write the column for January.

We are so looking for our Snowbirds to return once again from their Christmas vacations.

And now that Christmas Day is over and we are into a New Year, we wish for all of you a happy and healthy 2012!

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# 50th anniversary celebrated with European tour, then Atlantic cruise back to the U.S.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Rosemarie T. for having (single-handedly) organized our building's successful holiday dinner party at Johnny's Restaurant, and then, after dinner, hosting the after-dinner party in her lovely apartment. You're one in a million, Rosemarie, and we're all looking forward to next year!

Our world-traveling neighbors, Katie and George Zeller, have done it again! To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, they flew to Barcelona (Spain) on Oct. 26 and spent three nights at Marina View B & B, located about 300 feet from La Rambla, the most famous street in Barcelona.

George says the view from their room overlooked the Columbus Monument and the Marina Port Vell, in the heart of Barcelona.

Their visit to the city included Montserrat Monastery, reached via a 90-minute train and cable car ride to the top of the mountain, and the opportunity to view Montserrat's famous Black Madonna: the image of the Virgin Mary at Montserrat.

On Oct. 30, the Zellers boarded



Royal Caribbean's *Voyager of the Seas*, visiting the Spanish ports of Cartagena and Cadiz, then to the Azores, to Tenerife in the Canary Islands (located about 180 miles off the coast of Africa). George says this turned out to be a lovely port to visit.

They then headed across the Atlantic for seven days, reaching port in New Orleans. There the Zellers spent two nights at Hotel St. Marie, about 200 feet from Bourbon Street in the French Quarter.

They visited the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis King of France, the oldest

cathedral in North America, which was founded as a Catholic Parish in 1720 on New Orleans' banks of the Mississippi River.

They also were able to enjoy the beignets and coffee at world-famous Café du Monde, and even did a little people watching before flying home.

Congrats, Katie and George! May you enjoy many more happy occasions and continue to share your experiences with us!



Katie and George Zeller, Malagueña Building's noted world travelers, flew to Spain and then enjoyed an Atlantic cruise back to the U.S. as part of their recent 50th anniversary celebration.

## MALAGUEÑA FOOD BANK REPORT

Malagueña's Food Bank chairperson, Bette Byrnes, reports that 55 pounds of canned goods donated by Malagueña's residents were delivered to the food bank for distribution. The food bank's clients are very needy, and Bette reports that "They were very grateful!"

## Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Every third Tuesday we meet downstairs in the Craft Room next to the kitchen. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

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## Volunteers lauded for help

We are certainly thankful for all our building volunteers! Our building captain, Larry Ishida, and his wife Judy had volunteered countless hours and are now looking for someone else to step up. Ditto for our treasurer, Jane Cavanaugh.

Thanks to Gordon for setting up holiday lights on second and third floor. We especially love the way our neighbors on the ground floor decorated with colorful settings. Thanks to families Kelly, Davidson, Salta, Hanley, Grealish, Gibson, Miller, Whynot, Lemieux, Swift, Rosenberg and Mert.

The holidays are the time for comfort, good food and renewing social bonds. Over 30 of us gathered at a local restaurant to feast, sing a couple of Christmas carols and make future plans for our Contemporary building.

Welcome to our new neighbors Dila De La Paz and Rafael, from nearby Seminole, who are now buying a condo.



Carol and Charles Hersh traveled to the beautiful Alaska to see 17 grizzly bears and other natural wonders.

Helen Morris continues to enjoy reading fiction, likes playing bingo and is part of the ceramics group and a member of Singles Club (which also organized a terrific lunch at Island Way Grill).

Happy New Year 2012!

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# Enthusiastic Americana dwellers pitched in to help decorate

A good number of us got together the first Saturday of December to decorate the core for the holidays. One of our best helpers was Ann Talner's young granddaughter, who was so very enthusiastic and had a few original ideas of where to place the trimmings. Coffee and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.

The following Monday, about 38 of us went to the Island Way Grill for our annual Christmas/holiday party (see photo at right). Some of us chose to arrive there via the minibuses that were sent over by Island Way. Others of us drove there.

Everyone agreed the afternoon was a fun time. After dinner, we all participated in a sing-along led by Ken Jenner, Betty Ross and me. Our hostess for this event was Catherine Gray who also supplied the song sheets in case any of us forgot the words. We all owe her a great big thank-you for the fabulous way she put this party together.

Usually we join together on the last Monday of each month and try out various local restaurants. Our last luncheon was at the end of October and was hosted by Angie and George Georgiou, who brought us to Acropol. (So close that we could have walked there had we chosen.)

Ironically, although 14 had signed up, one person had to cancel at the



last minute. The reason I report this is because it seems that at every monthly luncheon since last spring, there were always 13 residents in attendance. Let's try to break that record in 2012 and bring that number up to 15 or more.

Important reminder: Mark your calendars for the Americana annual meeting that will be held on Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. on the Veranda of the East Activity Center.

Matters concerning our building will be discussed for the upcoming year, plus there will be the installation of officers for 2012.

If there are any concerns that you feel should be discussed, please inform our president Winston Pineau ahead of time.



Americana residents enjoy the annual building Christmas party at the Island Way Grill. Shown here is one of many tables set up for the affair. At left, from front to back: Catherine Gray, Dorothy Gillis, Bev Schray, Karen Ipsen. At right, from front to back: Winsrow Pineau, Mary Pineau, Mary G. Timothy, Bob G. Timothy.



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## THE WAY WE WERE

### A look back at *OTOW News*

(Part 33: January, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Happy New Year to everyone! May you all enjoy a happy and healthy year.
- New travel plans for 1974 included a 9-day cruise on March 3 to the Caribbean for \$539 and a Pacific Northwest Canadian Rockies Tour scheduled for June.
- New classes started in January included Gourmet Cooking, Investments, Chinese Culture and Cooking and Parapsychology.
- Showboat Dinner Theatre charged \$7.50 for a matinee lunch and show on Jan. 23. Featured was Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien in "Daddy, Dear Daddy."
- 24 buildings reported news.

**See you in February!**

♥ **What are you doing for Valentine's Day?** ♥

*Anything unusual? Original? Out-of-the-ordinary?*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*By Alma W. Hudson*

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Be sure you look your best  
Each and every day.

Reach out to others  
All that you can  
It will make you happy  
Also each woman and man.

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To hold your head high  
And do God's will  
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"Happy New Year"

**SEEKING THE BEST**

*By Alma W. Hudson*

What a beautiful way  
To start our year  
To be at OTOW.  
With all of you here.

So many wonderful things  
Too many to mention  
But we always use them  
With the best intention.

You can do a lot of seeking  
But you will never find  
All of the variety  
Just like our kind.

So have great fun  
Each and every way  
Reach out to others  
And help plan their day.

**2012**

*By Alma W. Hudson*

2012 is here  
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For you and for me.

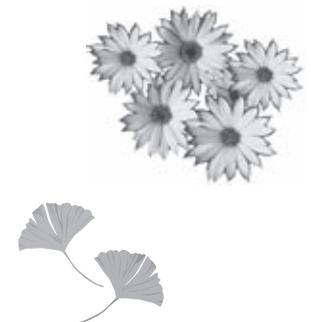
We want to make the most of it  
In every single way  
And never fail to appreciate  
Each and every day.

Let's concentrate deeply  
On just what to do  
That will be so nice  
For each of you.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*By Madeleine Wanda*

Hello, all of you  
Happy New Year and best wishes too,  
Let's have a drink or two,  
I'll take the water, how about you?  
What do you wish the New Year will bring?  
The northern states wish for an early spring  
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# Dorado resident known as St. Patrick's Day 'go-to' guy

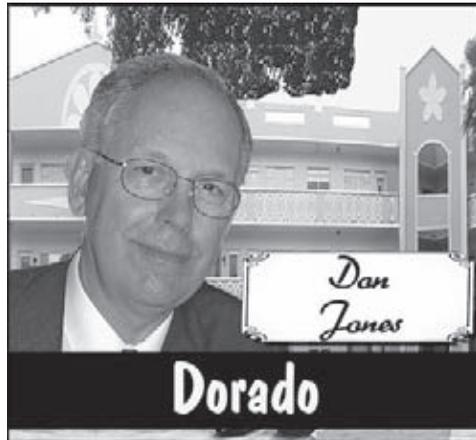
Leo McGinnis, resident in our Dorado building, is a true "bon vivant." Restaurateur, bar owner, soldier, hero, host, baseball enthusiast and good friend are all words to describe this man who has endeared himself to all of us over the 10 years he has lived in our building. We are glad he arrived because the parties started shortly thereafter!

With a long history of celebrating St. Patrick's Day in March, Leo brought his traditions, his knowledge and friendliness to bear on the planning for this annual Irish celebration for everyone in our building for many years before he had to slow down and take care of his 87-year-old body that had started to give him concern.

An old war wound from 1945 WW II service has plagued him off and on through his various locations of Pennsylvania, where he was born, to Michigan to get work, then to Texas for 25 years and finally to Florida where he moved into our building in 2001.

While serving in the first wave into the Philippines in 1945, he suffered a leg wound that kept him out of action for only a short time before he returned to action and on to Japan. He received a Purple Heart for his bravery during the war.

Following his service, he became the owner of numerous bars and later added food and started a restaurant career leading to awards for excellence



Lou Piniella (L) and Leo McGinnis

from the City of Detroit and culminating in his most famous endeavor "McGinnis Sing-a-Long Restaurant" in Detroit.

Frequented by many of the Detroit Tigers baseball team players as well as players from other teams, he became well known by many of the familiar names in baseball.

Leo has many pictures throughout his apartment of baseball players, governors and others who he has met through his restaurant, his St. Patrick's



Leo with his war buddies in 1945

Leo was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat during WWII.

Day festivities, and other events in which he figured prominently.

Usually decked out in green, he will once again this year be celebrating his favorite day of the year: St. Patrick's Day.

He knows how to have a good time and he knows and loves good food. Leo's is one more of the interesting stories to be found in the residences of the Dorado Building.

Here is another chance for Dorado residents to celebrate: The annual holiday party for the Dorado Building is scheduled at Sea Sea Riders on Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. See you there!



Leo McGinnis today

## Resident has Revolutionary War ancestor

Have you ever wondered who your ancestors were?

Dan Hooper was curious enough to join the Pinellas Genealogical Society, search the Internet, talk to relatives, and found that his fourth great grandfather was in the New Jersey Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Armed with this information, Dan applied to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was approved in February 2009 and joined the Clearwater Chapter. Later that year, he was elected First Vice President, and on December 14, 2011 he was installed President.

The SAR sponsors Eagle Scout and JROTC scholarships, Good Citizens medals to high schools, and a poster contest in the elementary schools.

They presented the On Top of the World Good Neighbors Club a presentation of flag certificate for



flying the flag at the Sunset Point entrance. There are 26,000 members worldwide, and 1,750 in Florida. Three other OTOW residents are members of the SAR: Howard Chapel, Vernon Freeman and J. Wesley Pullman.

Dan and his wife Christina moved to OTOW in 2000, and he takes an active part in the Family History and Computer Clubs here at OTOW. Contact Dan if you want more information about the SAR.



Dan Hooper wanted to find out about his ancestors, so he began a search that led to his discovery that a long-ago relative fought in the Revolutionary War.

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Race volunteer worker Romaine Dowty is shown here in a montage of photos from the recent New York City Marathon. She is the woman at left in the bottom right photo. She ran the race herself in 1991.

## Former NYC Marathon participant now a volunteer

Happy New Year to one and all! Many of our Snowbirds have returned to roost for the winter and are welcomed by all of us.

December was a lovely month at Rancho Del Mundo. A Christmas luncheon was celebrated at the Olive Garden Restaurant on Dec. 7. Santa didn't visit, but a "jolly old time" was had by all, anyway.

I received a letter from Romaine Dowty. You may recall from a previous article that Romaine, our lovely neighbor, works for an airline and spends a good deal of her time in New York City, where she and other airline team members share an apartment in between flights.

Romaine had some good news for me to share with all of you. She was a volunteer at the New York City Marathon, which took place Nov. 6. She and other volunteers lined the marathon route, which began at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and ended at Central Park.



They handed out water, towels, and generally assisted any runner with a need to be met. They also handed out "Finisher" capes to warm up those who made it over the finish line.

Now hear this! Romaine was one of the runners of this race in 1991. She said volunteering comes in second to running in terms of excitement.

We all know that volunteers are the lifeblood of many organizations and events such as this annual tradition. Check out the photo montage above of Romaine and others on Race Day.

## Newcomer finds much to do

Everybody is back for the season, and we are fortunate to have an active new resident in the building who is ready to learn new things and is willing to share his knowledge with others.

He is Bob Charpentier, a lifelong bachelor, who was born and raised in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He was employed by Northwestern Airlines as a reservations salesperson, and when the Detroit facility was closed down, he moved to Minnesota, and eventually retired from there.

Bob is not inclined to let the grass grow beneath his feet. After renting for a while, he purchased the condo in our building.

Since becoming a resident Bob has been involved with shuffleboard, the Baby Boomer's Club and the Philosophy Club. He is currently signed up for the Tuesday morning ballroom dance instruction, and has joined and become president of the Computer Club.

As you can well imagine, the presidency alone is very time-consuming, but that has not put a crimp in his style. Bob is intent on learning, and is studying lessons purchased from the Teaching Company.

He has also done a great deal of stock market research and has learned to invest only at favorable times. He is willing to share his spreadsheet



information about market timing and seasonality with those who can work with Microsoft.

We ended 2011 by having 30 residents attend our annual dinner party. We are grateful to Trish Burch and Karen Johnson for taking charge and handling all the details. What would we ever do without those two lovely ladies?

Now we are looking forward to 2012 and all that it will have to offer. Please be a participant — tell us what you would like us to write about.

In closing, may we quote Grover Cleveland: "There is something within our reach more satisfying, more ennobling, than all that wealth or social distinction, or even professional success can give us — I speak of friendship"

Until next month, we wish all a wonderful New Year.

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**We can't name all our specials - here's just a few to give you an idea!**

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Rila Renaissance residents shown hard at work decorating the tree in the core.



The annual Rila Renaissance Christmas dinner is always enjoyed by the residents.

## Rila Renaissance folks always have a super holiday season

A proud father praises the accomplishments of his son. Our neighbor Don Judge's son, Peter, was recently appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Peter, a native of Western New York State, received his Ph.D. and S.T.B./M.A. in Theology/Religious Studies from the Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium and a B.A. in Philosophy at St. John Vianney Seminary.

Dr. Judge will provide leadership to 14 departments and will oversee more than 200 faculty and part-time faculty and staff. Peter is also a board member for the Haven Homeless Men's Shelter.



Congratulations, Don Judge, for your son's accomplishments.

Our building had a year-end meeting in the core. The treasury

minutes were read and accepted. We had 14 residents attend, and coffee and donuts were available. The attendees voted to raise the dues. The core captains will be collecting from each condo at the end of January.

After the meeting, we all pitched in and decorated the core and building (see photo above left.) We had a lot of fun. Thank you to all who helped.

Our building residents attended the annual Christmas dinner. There were 22 residents in attendance. We had a wonderful and festive dinner at Alfano's restaurant in Clearwater and a good time was had by all (see photo).

**News from Building Captain Gerri Jaeger:** Thank you to Helen

Martini for donating the new flag outside our building. Welcome back to our seasonal friends.

I will try to have a dinner outing at the end of January. Please read the notice on the bulletin boards for the monthly information. Thank you for recycling aluminum cans and cleaning and crushing them.

I would like to remind everyone to watch for the letter from a local air conditioning company. They will be here in January to check our A/C units. I will have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested.

We all hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebration. Please have a Happy and healthy New Year.

## Successful 'Sing Along' at Valencia pleases everyone

2011 is in the past and is gone. Bring on the new. Each day is a bonus. Do not waste it.

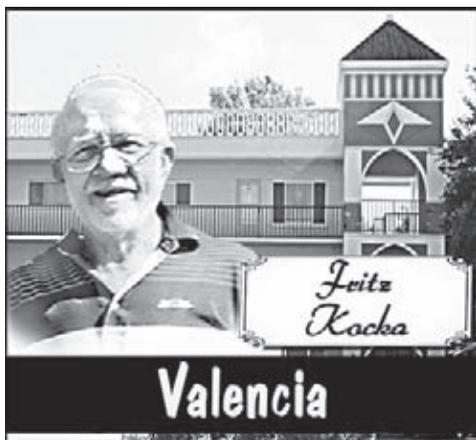
Our Christmas dinner was held at Island Way Restaurant on Dec. 6. Close to 40 residents were in attendance. Two busses picked us up at the core and delivered us to their dining room. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

On Dec. 8, the ladies' luncheon was held at Kally K's in Dunedin, and the men went to Farmer Boy's on Drew Street. Both groups were satisfied with their choice.

Thanks to everyone who worked diligently decorating the three floors of the core for Christmas. Ellen Gilbert and Adele Aleresky both get a gold star for coordinating the event.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Valencia Christmas "Sing Along" was held in the second floor core. Our new neighbors were introduced, and the singing began.

Each resident brought a favorite finger food, and the building supplied the egnog. We had both the regular and



high test. Thanks go to Ellen Weaver for the high test!

There was enough food to feed two buildings. The food was so good, and if I were a lot younger I would have proposed to one of the dozen single ladies who attended.

Remember to check out our newspaper each month for upcoming entertainment, shows and dances. You snooze, you lose. Everyone likes "a really big shoe."

Mama sez: If you want breakfast in bed, sleep in the kitchen.

## Time to get into OTOW's abundant activities again

A Happy New Year from Casa Verde to all of our neighbors at On Top of the World in Clearwater.

December was a busy month for Casa Verde. Decorations for the holidays were put up by Gary Ordway, Tony Limosani, Fred Maisolle, John Kannaly, Jim Manard, Bob Mullett, Ray Woolsey, and Paul Zuckerman.

Bill Lee helped put up the tree and Darlene Ordway, Linda Carter, and Ruth Kahl decorated it. Good job, everyone, it looks so nice!

A holiday dinner was held at the Clearwater Country Club on Dec. 2 to get the month off to a good start. Raymond Cooper played the piano and his wife Merlyn led us as we sang some holiday songs. Ray and Merlyn are very active in the Salvation Army Church on Belcher and are wonderful musicians.

On Dec. 17, a holiday party was held at the West Activity Center. Everyone brought a holiday treat to share. There was evidence in the parking lot that the building experienced a lot of visitors during the month. This is proof that ours is quite a social building, and



that most like to party hearty!

Dues are collected each year for building activities and for special needs. This will be collected by lieutenants the first week of January.

Now that a new year has started, it is time for those in the building who like to get together for book discussions, a game of Scrabble, Bridge, Kings in the Corner, or any other game including tennis, golf, and fishing. There might even be a walking club if there is enough interest. If you need more information call Jane Lee at 266-4380.



## Warrior makes it home after third tour

A hero makes it safely home! After his third tour of duty for our country, he's definitely earned the title of hero. Naoma Harper is extremely happy to welcome her grandson, Sgt. Richard White, back to the U.S. It took him two months, but he finally arrived home in El Paso, Texas.

Although she couldn't do it in person at this time, she gave him a big "Welcome Home" on the phone. We here at On Top of the World also send a thankful "Welcome Home" to you, Richard!

Our building celebrated the holidays with a group of 35 Modernagers at Bon Appétit. It was a very windy evening and we had a backdrop of many whitecaps on the water and an anchored rocking sail boat while we sang Christmas carols.

Thanks for the planning, Marge and all your helpers. Let's do it again next year!

## A big thanks to these faithful building officers who agreed to serve another term

The November building meeting and pizza party was well attended by 38 Chetniks. We welcomed back Snowbirds Andy Mogish, Al and Betty McKay, Pauline and Dale Corkum, David and Lynn Gaul, and Pat and Joe Matons.

Our officers will serve another year. They are Phil Meissner, Captain; Muriel Landau, Secretary; and Lillian Zolkower, Treasurer. We appreciate their commitment and heartily thank them for their service. The building dues this year will be \$10.

Seven volunteers showed up on Dec. 6 to put up the core Christmas trees and the manger scene. They were Phil Meissner, Dale Corkum, Joan Cooney, Marie Buckley, Mary Kierney, Linda Altobelli and yours truly. It all went up very fast, and some remained to relax and enjoy the cookies and eggnog that I provided.

The Dec. 9 core holiday cocktail party was enjoyed by 25 Chetniks. Phil hosted it and made the champagne punch. There was plenty of food for all to snack on. Ralph Litfin's daughter attended. Debra Champ is from Ontario and bought her father's condo. She loves it here and finds this building very friendly.



Pat and Joe Matons went on a cruise to Alaska this summer. They flew into Seattle, over the Olympic Mountains, and passed a snow-capped Mount Rainier.

They boarded the *Norwegian Star*, a ship they later learned will be home-ported in Tampa. They visited the ports of Ketchikan, Skagway and Juneau, the capital.

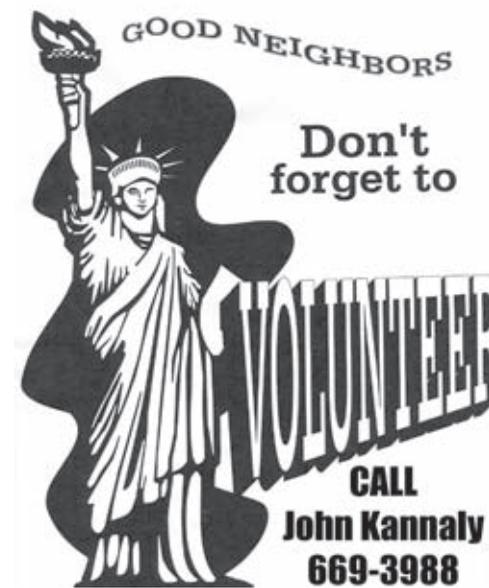
They saw huge schools of salmon, and at Mendenhall National Park, they walked right up to a glacier. They cruised Glacier Bay and saw countless ice floes where pods of whales leaped out of the water. They docked at Prince Rupert in Canada.

Lastly, they toured Seattle and were very happy to have made the trip.

Pat Matons said all are welcome to the Art Guild Trash and Treasure Sale on Friday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are available for \$5 – no clothing. Pat's number is 347-244-1712.

I bumped into Vi Donato and her son Andrew who had just come off a cruise to the islands and Mexico. Andrew works as an engineer in Ketchikan, Alaska, so he was headed for Michigan and then back to Alaska.

Happy New Year, you all!



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## Getting set for a brand new year

The festivities are over! I truly hope you all had a wonderful holiday this year. I cannot believe it is 2012 — the other day it was only 1964. Time really does fly when you are having fun!

We had lots to celebrate this month. Many of our young ladies had birthdays, and many, if not all of them are now members of the all too famous “Medicare club.”

Well, many of us had a grand old time decorating building 45 for the holidays. Fun was had by all. We have a great group in this building, and we need to reflect on that from time to time. There is nothing like caring neighbors to make life more secure.

This year’s holiday party was on Dec. 13 at the Island Way restaurant. It is always great to get together in our “Sunday go to meeting clothes” and let our “hair” down.

Some of us headed north and some stayed here. Wherever we went, the warmth of the holidays carried with us.

Now we begin a new year and look forward to what new experiences we will enjoy. So I will continue to smile, for I am grateful for a wonderful life here at OTOW for another year.

# Resident has reunion with college roommate

Hi, I’m back. Hope you all left room for another holiday meal and enjoyed your Christmas.

I can’t believe it’s almost 2012. Hope it will be a better year, and God speed our troops home safely.

Jane Libbey had an exciting visit with a college roommate she hadn’t seen in 45 years. They connected when Sharon and her husband Hugo came to Florida this month.

The last time they were together, Jane was a bridesmaid at Sharon’s first wedding. They corresponded for a while, but then Sharon went to Europe to expand her career in opera.

After 35 years singing in many of the opera houses in and around Germany, their home, Sharon and her husband decided to retire. They’ve been traveling ever since.

Jane said it was like old times! They’re going to continue to see each other every year.

Jane is also pleased to report that her grandson’s football team, the mighty Fairhope (Alabama) High School Pirates were in the state championship. He’s a defensive tackle. Go Pirates!

Our tree trimming night went well. Those who helped were Gary Planton, Rollie and Claudette LaPlante, and Lois Ellis (see photo, above). We had to use a smaller tree this year. Our older, larger one was put to rest as suggested.

Still on our minds: Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7. This will never be forgotten.

I just came from our lovely luncheon for our On Top of the World News volunteers and staff. An important item was brought up.



Building decorators (in no particular order): Gary Planton, Rollie and Claudette LaPlante, and Lois Ellis hard at work at Rural French.



A gentleman fell down a flight of stairs, but there was no information on him. So it was suggested that your building captain have their building residents’ emergency information on index cards, possibly left in the storage room (everyone has a key.)

Remember, Bright House Channel 96 (free) has all the information important to our residents.

Rural French had its building dinner at Daddy’s. Fun was had by all. Dodie, Helen and Doris set this up, and Margaret and Sue made the table favors.

This was my first absence from our dinner, but I chaired an affair at Sea Sea Riders and the Dunedin Museum for the Red Hats. The date was made last January. Everything went well till I went to my car. My keys were left in the trunk. Evie Lary said not to worry. She called AAA. I was always told, mind your keys. Well, I did. They were safe. Thank you, Evie and AAA. We finally got home.

Enjoy a safe, healthy holiday. Be good to one another. God bless. See you in 2012.

## Potluck meeting is on the agenda for Jan. 17

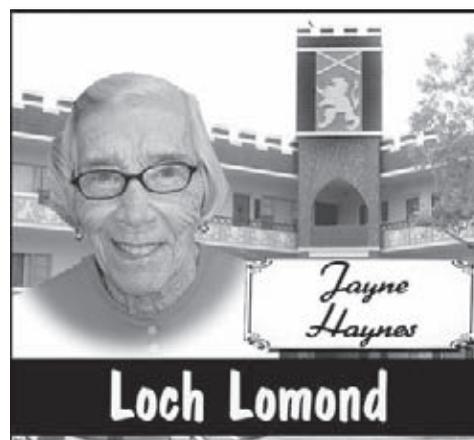
January is traditionally Loch Lomond’s month for our annual potluck building meeting, so please put Jan. 17 (a Tuesday) on your new calendar and save that date to attend.

Our welcome back core party was a friendly, warm occasion, well attended by many with tales to tell of vacation happenings. Now we need more opportunities to catch up with our friends. But residents’ input into organization and manpower is needed, so read the notices on the clearly maintained bulletin board by the elevator as to time, place, and mission of events.

Our holiday events went well, our helpers decorated beautifully, and the Haven Shelter received many lovely items under our tree. And, of course, the food was plentiful and delicious.

We missed those who happened to be otherwise engaged but hope to see them at other events.

We will designate a clean-up day



for the storage room, but recent clean-ups have been so successful that it’s no longer an all-day chore.

The Lunch Brunch will resume our Last Tuesday-of-the-Month lunches and hope many will sign up each month. We go to a variety of places and welcome new suggestions you may offer. And we carpool, so you can’t get lost.

Most of us are busy, well and happy, but we are aware that, at times,

some residents go through a difficult time. Though it isn’t “publicized,” if you are one of those, please be aware that we are aware and follow your story closely with care and concern. You are our neighbor, for all that that word means.

As the organization of Building 49 fulfills another year — many, many thanks to: Debby and Bill Davie, Linda and Phil Woods, Shirley Swift, Dottie Liberti, Sheila and Jim Jackson, Mary Ann Sinnenberg, Rose Oshaben, Dot Graham, Doris Coogan, our core decorators Sherry Ladell and Enid Goodman, and many others who so attractively decorate their patio/yards.

And we must mention the former residents Bob and Aline Early and Dale and Tom McMinn who, even though they have moved, still participate fully in our chores and fun. Thanks to everyone.

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## Their decorating started early

Can you believe it? Another great, fun-filled season is ready to begin! Our Snowbirds are back, and all of us are ready to do what we do best — party!

We began the season with a trip to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater, where we enjoyed a great dinner buffet, followed by the play, "The Sensuous Senator." This play was very funny, and in light of certain political events, rather timely. 'Nough said.

Everyone exited the theater with laughter and the resolve to return again for another entertaining evening.

Our annual building decorating occurred in early December, so that we would have a whole month to truly enjoy the lights. The decorating for most of us began on a Saturday, although a few hard workers actually began the process the day before.

What a way to start work — ply the help with coffee and pastries! It worked. Most of us filed out of our apartments with the often-asked question, "What can I do?" Our activities chairs Dick and Terry Kuplen were ready to assign jobs so that we all felt we had a share in the process.

The decorating was a long, yet fun-filled task, and everyone felt they had helped accomplish much in the way of making the building a beautiful place.

After most of the halls were decked with lights, we enjoyed a lunch, again arranged by Dick and Terry. We adjourned to our own apartments, only to meet again that evening at the home of Helen Pawlikowski, who hosted our first-of-the-season cocktail party. Since there were 18 party revelers in attendance, there was much laughter and friendly banter throughout the evening. The party was a great success!



The evening was aglow with lighted candles, wrapped presents and holiday sparkling clothing, along with the delightful aroma of ham and turkey with all the fixings, as Monaco Building joined us to celebrate the Christmas season.

Thirty-seven of us met in the Sunrise Room for our annual Christmas party. After a wonderful dinner, coordinated by Terry and Dick, we enjoyed a gift exchange led by Vito Conforti. Mary Ellen Knapp served as our unofficial photographer. Thank you all for making this another wonderful party.

Over the Christmas holiday, Helen Pawlikowski went back to Seneca Falls, N.Y., to visit her family and to give her brand-new great-granddaughter more hugs and kisses. Just ask Helen to see pictures of that beautiful little charmer!

Be sure to watch the bulletin board for more delightful reasons for us to get together and have a great time. Each month promises a fun party experience. We are planning a cocktail party on Jan. 11, the annual building meeting on Jan. 17, and our always-popular White Elephant Sale on Jan. 23.

Happy, safe and healthy New Year to all!



On Top of the World "Rockettes" obviously enjoying themselves at a Christmas Party. Shown (L-R): Pat Koning, Kim Arling, Lois Van-De-Bogart and Kathy Ahrens.

## Holiday party was a good introduction to karaoke

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We at Austrian Alpine were busy with lobby coffee meetings, decorating our tree in the lobby, and, of course, our Christmas party at Olive Garden. All of us sang Christmas carols and enjoyed great Italian food.

Len and I hosted a party at our house on Dec. 11 with about 25 attending. Of course, lots of singing; the karaoke machine was very busy!

We will be starting karaoke on Jan. 15 in the Starlite Room from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., free of charge. Our first karaoke was on Dec. 18 and enjoyed by all. Again, Happy New Year!



## Let's welcome this new resident from near London, England

*Four males in the home,  
She has rapidly learned  
That plans for dinner  
Had best be adjourned.  
She leaves them alone,  
Like a sensible dame,  
With the RV set  
And the Rose Bowl game.*

Is it or was it that way at your house? Is this a special year 2012? With 012 and 2's on each end, what does that mean? I am looking forward to the unfolding of each day.

Empty mailbox, empty mind and too busy days have put a big hitch in my reporter nose. I'm really looking forward to doing a better job in the New Year.

There has been so much coming and going in the building.

We welcome Mary Klinger to On Top of the World and the Melbourne Building. Mary was born in Luton,



England, just 40 miles from London. She met and married a GI stationed there in the 1960's. They came to the U.S. in 1967 and settled in New Jersey.

They later moved to Pennsylvania before coming to Florida in the '80s. Her husband died in 2007, and Mary has decided to make this her home. She moved here from East Lake Woodlands.

She has the cutest red wagon in front of her place. It makes me think we have a little one living here, but her grandson outgrew it and she is making use of it. She says it is great to bring in the groceries and move things into her storage place. We are so glad you are here. I love your accent.

Carol Futej spent Christmas in Ohio with her family. She has four children living there, with three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, so it was a fun stay.

Micki Cobb's daughter and son-in-law spent the holidays with her. She also had their three dogs she says one large and two small therapy dogs. So, lots of fun at her house.

Alice Markus was in Arizona for the holidays. Her family from Chicago was there, too. She says it was a very Merry Christmas.

I saw Susan Hunt hanging balls and tinsel from the lobby Christmas tree

all by herself. How about a decoration party next year with food and Christmas carols? A great way to get to know your neighbors. Thanks, Susan, for all you do for Melbourne.

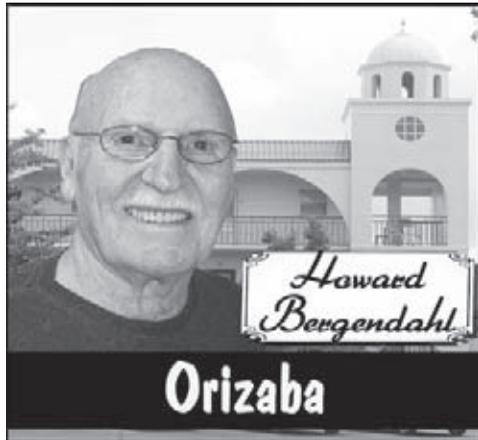
Watch the bulletin board for our January dinner. I hear rumors of January 14, but you had better check and sign up. If you want your blurb in the next issue, leave a note in the news box by the Melbourne bulletin board. Happy New Year!



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# Busy season at Orizaba included visits and annual party



Happy New Year. It seems to come around a lot faster than it used to.

The changing of the season requires many homeowners to start clean-up of their properties, including condo complexes and city or county agencies. Landscapers are all around the place but I can't figure out what happens to all the leaves that the landscapers blow around?

I can recall picking up leaves after raking them into large piles but I don't see that anymore. Leaf blowers are the tool of choice today. Can there be a leaf heaven somewhere?

Jack and Flo Herman presented the picture of happiness as they prepared for the arrival of their son, David, from Israel, a nine hour flight plus a change at Newark. Their daughter, Robin and family, traveled much less from Philadelphia, but were equally anticipated.

The annual Christmas party for Orizaba was held at the Beachcomber Restaurant and hosted by Linda Ledesma. A nice turnout of 24 residents and a good time was had by all —



The Orizaba Building's annual Christmas party was held at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach. The 24 smiling, well-satisfied residents who attended the affair are shown here having their usual great time. (Photos and montage by Howard Bergendahl)

can you ask for anything more? (see photo). Flo Gracia led the group in a sing-along and spirits were high.

John and Elizabeth Kokenyesi were the typically proud grandparents pushing the stroller with their four month old grandbaby girl therein.

Kudos to the residents who displayed some beautiful decorations for the Christmas season. I put up

some lights on my railing but had to remove them when I was advised by the inspectors that they were not to code. Be careful what materials you use in your installations.

Someone claimed that these are actual answers that were given at a GED examination.

1. How can you keep milk from turning sour? Keep it in the cow.

2. How is dew formed? The sun shines down and makes the leaves perspire.

3. What is a terminal illness? When you get sick at the airport.

Andy McEvoy and Jack Herman are neck and neck in the competition for best dressed bicyclist with Jack slightly ahead because he wears gloves.

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## Try bicycling for great exercise this new year

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Don't tell me you don't have wheels: our bicycle room is overflowing with unused bikes. Which reminds me, if you have an old bicycle and it hasn't been used in five years, consider donating it to the Sheriff's Ranch so that some child can get some use out of it. Come on folks, don't hang on to those bikes. It's a shame to let it sit in that cramped little room while their little tires painfully rot underneath them.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The announcement will be made in this month's newspaper who the winner of the building decorating contest is. The lucky apartment owners in the winning building will be



transported, wined and dined, and even given money to gamble at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.

Thanks go to Janis Catapano for her expertise in orchestrating the set-up of lighting our building and keeping it lit (as bulbs blew out on a daily basis), and also to Char Donato, Geoff Windisch, and Char Flach for helping and following Janis's instructions to make our building beautiful.

Our 9-Hole Golf League held its Christmas party at the Island Way Grill, located on the Memorial Causeway. The food and camaraderie was wonderful.

However, something keeps puzzling me — how does Dottie Johnson keep getting two Baked Alaska desserts every year?

Judy Flynn sure makes me tired watching her spruce up her back patio and flower beds. It looks awfully nice though, as I sit on my little perch in the mornings drinking my coffee and surveying the world around me while trying to get my act together for the day.

Have you seen Floyd Thrower's new windows? They sure look nice. He told me the old ones were so dirty that it was cheaper to buy windows than to hire someone to clean the old ones.

Time to wrap up this article until next month. Remember folks, keep a song on your lips and love in your hearts.

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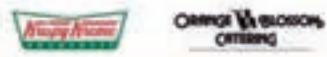
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# He developed major newspaper's color weather pages

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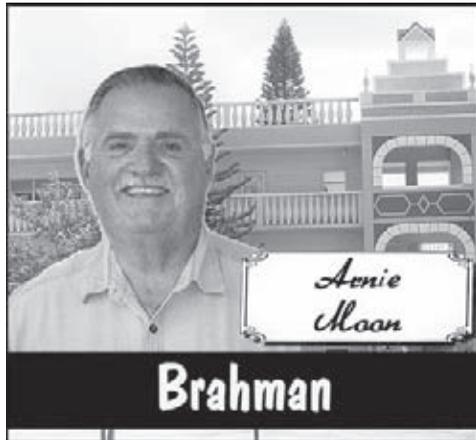
That's right: George Rorick, the developer of the modern weather map lives right here at OTOW. George and his faithful companion Leo moved here in June after George decided his house in Dunedin was too big for him and Leo. Leo is George's seeing-eye dog. They have been together for five years now and are inseparable.

George retired in 2004 after a 40-year career in visual journalism. He began his career in 1960 as an artist and sales rep for the *News-Palladium* in Benton Harbor, Mich.

After working for several newspapers he was asked to go to Washington, D.C., in 1979 to help start a new publication which became *USA Today*.

The most notable example of George's production and creativity skill was to develop a full-page, full-color presentation of the nation's weather. He created a process for applying all 11 standing colors on the entire weather page, in about 30 minutes, by using just three overlays.

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graphic that appeared daily took 3 to 4 hours to do the art and cut the color separation overlays. "Life would have been much easier if the Macintosh computer had arrived on the scene seven years sooner," Rorick said.

After leaving USA TODAY in 1986, George worked for a couple of other newspapers, including the *St. Petersburg Times*, before being recruited by Knight Ridder in 1988 to be the Graphics Director of Knight Ridder Graphics (KRG). While there, he and his team developed three new products: the European Graphics Service, the Faces in the News caricature service, and the News in Motion television service.

George accepted a faculty position at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in April 2000. He retired there



Brahman featured resident George Rorick developed the modern color weather maps we see in the newspaper each day. His faithful service dog, Leo, sits beside him.

in 2004 due to his failing eyesight caused by macular degeneration.

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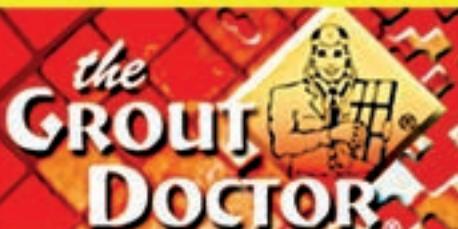
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# Building goes all out for decorations, as usual

Since we were little children, we have heard the song about the 12 days of Christmas. The 12th day is Jan. 6.

Our building was not entered into the decorating contest, but boy did we ever look good! I personally want to thank all the individuals who decorated their personal area on all three floors of every wing.

I know it takes time and energy to get all those boxes out and trot them back after you have put up your decorations and now we can get those boxes out again and pack everything away until next year. Just remember, it was worth it — we looked good!

Have you gone to every floor to look at our lobby decorations? They are very inviting to the residents and their guests. Have you driven around our building to see what others see when they drive by? It is spectacular.

I was surprised and delighted to see Herb Cervinka's Santa again standing in the island holding our good old USA flag.

This year, Aldo Delu put Santa up for Herb. It's been a few years since the Carolers with their little dogs have been put out. I appreciated their new location because the residents on each side of our building can enjoy them.

For those who don't know, Millie Anderson got the patterns; Aldo Delu



cut them out; they got the plywood; Marie Delu put the primer on and Millie Anderson did the original painting. They look great!

Our Christmas dinner at the Beachcomber was wonderful and the huge turnout surprised everyone. Once again the Baxendales handled all the planning, details, programs and entertainment.

Don Rice gave a greeting; Dave Baxendale introduced the guests; Jim Phillips gave the Blessing; Aldo Delu read the Christmas Story; Ley Browder gave a Christmas Prayer; Ruth Osborne gave a Christmas "thank you;" and as usual, I read a funny story. This year it was about Christmas in Florida.

Our entertainment included Christmas song sung by Bill and Marty Francis and Don and Marian Faulkner

leading us in a roundabout rendition of the song "The 12 Days of Christmas. Each table was assigned a day and when it was your turn, you sang. I for one want to say – Alice and Dave – you done good!

The España is a wonderful building with generous people helping each other and people collectively helping to make "Our Home" warm and inviting.

We have new Snowbirds in the southeast wing. Irene and Robert Wilson are from a little town outside of Toronto, Canada. They have been Snowbirds for about 23 years and have spent the past several years wintering at OTOW.

Robert told me that they were ecstatic when they discovered that they would be able to winter this year in the España and they are looking forward to returning next year.

He said that he was so surprised that people were so friendly and that he and Irene have been treated like they have wintered here for many years.

Robert owned his own construction company and Irene was his bookkeeper.

When you read this article, we will be in a new year: 2012. May we all have a year of good health and happiness and may there be peace on earth.

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**Regina Dietrich**

Nov. 3	
Naoma Harper.....	3610
Nancy Savelle.....	2830
Nov. 7	
Julie Solfronk.....	3810
Naoma Harper.....	3420
Nov. 10	
Marilyn Miller.....	3180
Regina Dietrich.....	2910
Nov. 14	
Naoma Harper.....	3260
Julie Solfronk.....	3010
Nov. 16	
Kathy Schamel.....	3090
Sergio Pistella.....	2890
Nov. 17	
Nancy Savelle.....	2980
Marilyn Miller.....	2810
Nov. 18 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	3280
Virgel Meyer.....	2680
Nov. 23 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	4110
Virgel Meyer.....	2820
Nov. 24	
Regina Dietrich.....	3210
Nancy Savelle.....	2830
Nov. 25 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	4410
Virgel Meyer.....	2680
Nov. 28	
Naoma Harper.....	4200
Nancy Savelle.....	3630
Nov. 28 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	4110
Jane Child.....	3560
Nov. 30 (PM)	
Jane Child.....	2630
Sergio Pistella.....	2220



**WEST SIDE**  
**Bertie Lewis**

Nov. 17	
6580 (1st Place).....	Alice Langgath
6190 (2nd Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
Dec. 1	
6600 (1st Place).....	Virginia McGinnis
6160 (2nd Place).....	Chet Czeczot, Ann Stewart
Dec. 8	
6970 (1st Place).....	Ann Reed
6380 (2nd Place).....	Bertie Lewis
Dec. 15	
6590 (1st Place).....	Russ Zurkan
6510 (2nd Place).....	Pat Gilghrist
Double Pinochle.....	Russ Zurkan
Took All Tricks.....	Ed & Clayton



**EAST SIDE**  
**Fran Milanec**

Nov. 10	
6000 (1st Place).....	Ken Doolittle
5940 (2nd Place).....	Rose Oshaben
Double Pinochle.....	Jeanne Sanders, Gloria M.
Nov. 15	
7090 (1st Place).....	Chet Czeczot
7030 (2nd Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
Double Pinochle.....	Peggy Kane
Nov. 17	
5910 (1st Place).....	Jay
5430 (2nd Place).....	Marge Garvey
Took All Tricks.....	Gene & Larry
Nov. 22	
6930 (1st Place).....	Ella Van Dorn
6720 (2nd Place).....	Gwen Nolan
Double Pinochle.....	Gloria Mitchell
Nov. 29	
7020 (1st Place).....	Helen Gonzalez
6730 (2nd Place).....	Joan Wolf
Double Pinochle.....	Madelyn Thome
Dec. 1	
6500 (1st Place).....	Fran Milanec
(2nd Place).....	Joan Wolf
Double Pinochle.....	Paul McCormick
Dec. 5	
6710 (1st Place).....	Jeanne Sanders
6480 (2nd Place).....	Barbara Hogan
Double Pinochle.....	Sam G.
Took All Tricks.....	Madeleine & Peggy, Gwen & Sam
Dec. 8	
6760 (1st Place).....	Ken Doolittle
6650 (2nd Place).....	Gene
Double Pinochle.....	Gene Karlin
Took All Tricks.....	Marge Garvey, Diane Bigelow, Joyce & Dick



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**Mondays, Wednesdays**  
**& Saturdays**

*(Continued from previous column)*

Wednesday, Nov. 30	
N/S:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman Joan Moore, Jean Rhame
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine Thelma Jacobsen, Marie Hebert
Saturday, Dec. 3	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Tom McKee, Marnie Carr
E/W:	Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann Carol Gray, Carmen Dixon
Monday, Dec. 5	
N/S:	Howard Laufer, Diane Laufer Julienne Workman, Beverly Gibbo
E/W:	Jana Packer, Betty Sagun Bob Zeman, Karen Russell
Wednesday, Dec. 7	
N/S:	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer Ralph Getson, Terrol Getson
E/W:	M. A. Sinnenberg, Jackie Frenette Dot Graham, Carol Gray

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**PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE**  
**EAST SIDE – Thursdays**  
**Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec**

Nov. 17 Winners	
1.....	May Blair/Ron Murray (Tie)
2.....	Marvin Bruning
3.....	Norma Neiland
Dec. 1 Winners	
1.....	Norma Neiland
2.....	May Blair
3.....	Marvin Bruning
4.....	Maryann Fontaine



**Mondays, Wednesdays**  
**& Saturdays**

**Walter Balderson, Director**  
**(Top leaders listed for each playdate)**

Wednesday, Nov. 9	
N/S:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman Joan Moore, Jean Rhame
E/W:	Betty Sagun, Karen Russell Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
Saturday, Nov. 12	
N/S:	Orletha Van Etten, Evelyn Reece Jean Rhame, Pat Van Hise
E/W:	Ann Morreale, Jackie Frenette Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
Monday, Nov. 14	
N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
E/W:	Carmen Dixon, Betty Hayhurst Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch
Wednesday, Nov. 16	
N/S:	Orletha Van Etten, Evelyn Reece Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Charlie McKague, M. A. Sinnenberg Karen Russell, Betty Sagun
Saturday, Nov. 19	
N/S:	Joan Moore, Trish Burch Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W:	Hilda Platte, Betty Hayhurst Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
Monday, Nov. 21	
N/S:	Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague Bob Zeman, Floyd Thrower
E/W:	Jackie Frenette, Betty Hayhurst Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann
Wednesday, Nov. 23	
N/S:	Marnie Carr, Tom McKee Orletha Van Etten, Evelyn Reese
E/W:	Thelma Jacobsen, Marie Hebert Dot Graham, Betty Sagun
Saturday, Nov. 26	
N/S:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W:	Julienne Workman, Kay Ralston Eleanor Wiley, Dorothy Ehlers

*(Continued in next column)*

**EUCHRE PLAYERS**

We play at the East Activity Center in the small card room Thursdays from 1–4 p.m.

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# Put 2011 behind you and get ready to ring in the New Year

That ringing in your ears as you read this is just leftover New Year's Celebration! Welcome to 2012, a fresh new year with lots of potential for some great adventures for each of us and for our country and planet Earth. So let's get it on. Happy New Year!

Now back to the happenings in December. The Azores started the ball rolling with a load of building decorations. The folks responsible for transforming our building into a Christmas experience include: Nan Rudolph, Carole Kilgore, Elsie Colvin, Marie Pirrello, John Giancola, Nora Bill, Dulce Boyce, Jody Parsley, Hugh Abner and Tom Pirrello – I'm sure I missed an elf or two. Good job — thanks!

Doris O'Meara led the way to the Dunedin Country Club for the building's Christmas lunch. Twenty-eight residents and friends attended this wonderful feast. John Warner offered a quiet prayer of thanks as we got started. The food and service were super; the crowning glory was a wonderful red velvet cake fresh from the oven and a great cup of coffee.

Our building captain, Bob Kelly, made a few announcements of upcoming outings and, of course, the Core Party on Dec. 15.

The Azores Core Party was held a little earlier in the day this year to ensure



a better shot at keeping warm. By 2 p.m. most of the residents and friends had arrived for the party with loads of delightful covered dishes.

Community is formed by our getting together and doing things – what a wonderful afternoon this was. Christmas music, a little singing, lots of visiting, and a great feeling of being a part of the best building in the On Top of the World complex.

Thanks again to all those who helped, and a special thanks to Tom Pirrello for brewing the best coffee ever – and it was hot this year!

New Year's Eve will find a few tables full of Azores residents and friends celebrating again at the Dunedin Country Club. A great way to say goodbye to 2011 and hello to 2012.



Azores resident Dulce Boyce

I had the delightful opportunity to interview a resident who is often in this column, our traveling ambassador Dulce Boyce (see photo, above).

She is pictured here with her Christmas tree full of dolls. In fact, her whole condo is home to 175 dolls – she buys one on each of her trips. She has been doing this since 1976.

I had to ask how and when she wound up at the Azores. She told me that she was born and raised in the Azores. In 2001 she visited a friend,

actually went to the friend's wedding, and discovered one of the buildings named the Azores and bought a condo.

She loves living here and keeps busy playing pinochle, mahjong, reading, and planning her next trip.

Dulce has two sons, one a Marine and one who lives in Spain. Dulce keeps herself fit by walking and being a vegetarian. She also finds time to volunteer at the Humane Society; her guard dog came from there.

Watch the bulletin board for information on more outings!

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## Reflecting on the past year

Here's wishing you all a Happy New Year. As we make our New Year's resolutions to eat smarter, exercise more and lose those extra pounds, let us reflect on the fun times we had together during the year.

First there were the monthly lunches we had in the summer and the several building dinners held in the spring and fall. Then there was the "Bye, Bye Snowbirds" picnic in April, the Fourth of July indoor barbecue in the second floor core, and the two tasty potluck supper business meetings held in the Sunrise Room. All those occasions climaxed last month with the lovely holiday party at Alfano's.

Finally, let us take a moment in our reflections to give thanks for our good neighbors and the friendships we have made. Let us wish them all good health and happiness in this coming year.

Now I must stop looking back and look forward to the jobs at hand. Since all good things must come to an end, volunteers will be needed to take down the holiday decorations on Saturday,



Jan. 7. Please meet in the first floor core at 9 a.m.

It is also the time to update information on your items in the storage room. Start getting them in order now because in February a committee will inspect the storerooms. Unlabeled items will be removed, displayed and, if unclaimed, donated to charity.

Also... a future reminder... the next potluck supper and business meeting will be on Feb. 14.

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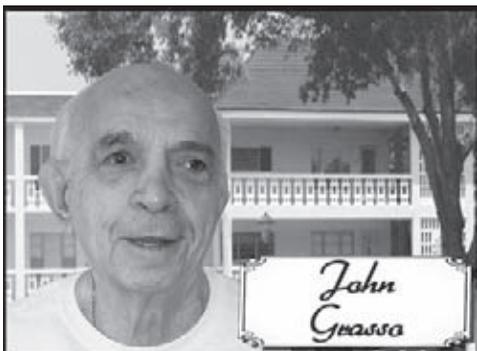


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John Guassa

**Polynesian**

**Here's wishing you all a great New Year**

Happy New Year and Season's Greetings to all of you fine and good neighbors. God has blessed us all to be able to see a New Year in. I hope you all had a very happy Christmas.

Twenty-six of you good people attended our Christmas party at the Red Lobster. Thank you, John and Eleanor Shearer, for arranging it. We all had a very good time, singing songs led by Rita Giammarco, Elsie Jane Anderson and Yours Truly.

John Shearer and George Thompson did a great job of putting up the Christmas lights on our building. Thanks, guys, for all your work.

Also, Loretta Benson, Susan Parilla and Eleanor Shearer did a great job decorating our Christmas tree in the core. Thanks again to all of you.

Just a few words before I sign off. I wish you all a blessed and good New Year. May all your sorrows be lessened for you but also all your joys and happy times increased for you this year and all that comes hereafter. God bless you all.



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**Cross-country traveling cat on the road again**

Tabitha, the well-seasoned traveling cat, was on the road again Thanksgiving! If you missed last month's issue, she traveled by both air and car across the United States with her owner, Pat Weir, for the entire summer. You can now see a picture of Tabitha at right.

Tabitha was in Naples, Florida for Thanksgiving and will return for Christmas. Pat and her sister enjoyed art galleries, the Big Cypress swamp, museums, Sanibel Island and walking the beaches, a wild life preserve and, of course, a very wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! Tabitha's crate was put away until her next adventure.

Also, in Nagoya are the "traveling sisters," Patricia Pellicane and Honey Weilmann. Now they also have their third sister, Barbara Shoup and husband Artie, living in French Renaissance II.

The three sisters and Artie took a one-week vacation near home at Lake Wales at a "dude ranch" called Westgate River Ranch. They saw their first live rodeo, and it was "scary fun" to see the men thrust off the bulls and the jesters distracting the animals.

Surprisingly, there were 5-year-olds participating in races at the arena.



Cheryl Reese

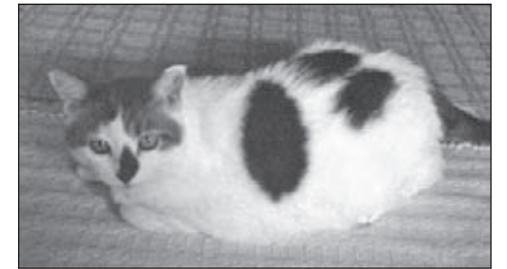
**Nagoya**

All four rode an airboat, had a hayride, and listened to a charming cowboy singer. Riding horses was easy, and they felt "free as the wind."

They also had their own golf cart to enjoy on the property and saw skeet shooters. Shopping at the ranch and in town came just in time for Christmas gifts. A day of driving their car to town and Bok Tower was enjoyable. Also, they had a stop at Spook Mountain to "try out its mystery." They had saloon dance lessons and refreshments.

Although these sisters have traveled the world, they had a really good time right around the corner and recommend it to others.

A big appreciation goes to our



Tabitha the traveling cat.

building captain Max Meith and his wife Judy and Norm Workman, a constant helper. To enjoy the Christmas decorations is a beautiful experience, cheerful and like a winter wonderland.

However, I learned first-hand how much preparation goes into it long before the lighting, during and afterward. As you can imagine, each set of lights needs to be checked, and replacing light bulbs is tedious work for the captain.

Checking each side of the building daily and ensuring the timing element is not disrupted, that the burned-out lights are replaced daily is a big job.

Along with those above, new recruits were Marie Ehler, Cheryl Reese, Don Richardson, Ann Swistun, Will Sunblad and Pat Weir. Each of us should so appreciate our building captains – for every building!

**Regular walking is popular exercise activity**

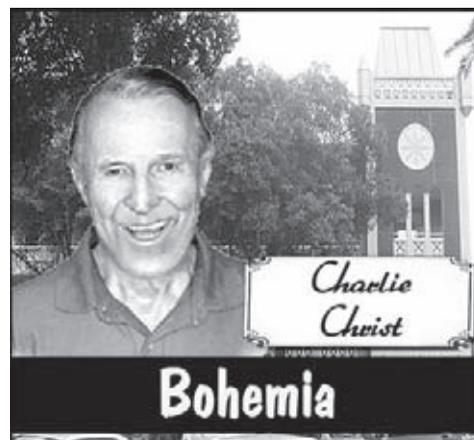
'Tis the season. Yes indeed it is! We had a great turnout to begin the holidays with a morning coffee for all the volunteers who decorated our Bohemia home. Giant wreaths were hung at the entrances with spotlights to illuminate them.

Twinkling lights adorn our foliage and an evergreen tree is decorated in the core room. Even the railings are highlighted with red bows. Some folks also placed holiday decorations in their yards, on windows, and doors.

To top it off, the day was celebrated with a festival of lights at sundown where wine and cheese were enjoyed by all.

Something new has been added to our building activity agenda. Approximately eight brave ladies have made the Bohemian Walking Club into a reality. They are: Mary Cannolly, Carol DeLisle, Marie Denehan, Carole Fisher, Shirley Golding, Jutta Lane, Sandy Ropp, and Paula Schelling.

"After a year of being together, camaraderie has occurred and we just enjoy being out together in the open air," Paula reports. All agree weight loss is an added advantage: One lost 47 lbs. and another 26 lbs. During the summertime they walk the Clearwater Beach weekly. There is total agreement



Charlie Christ

**Bohemia**

now that if it wasn't for the walks, they probably would not get much exercise at all.

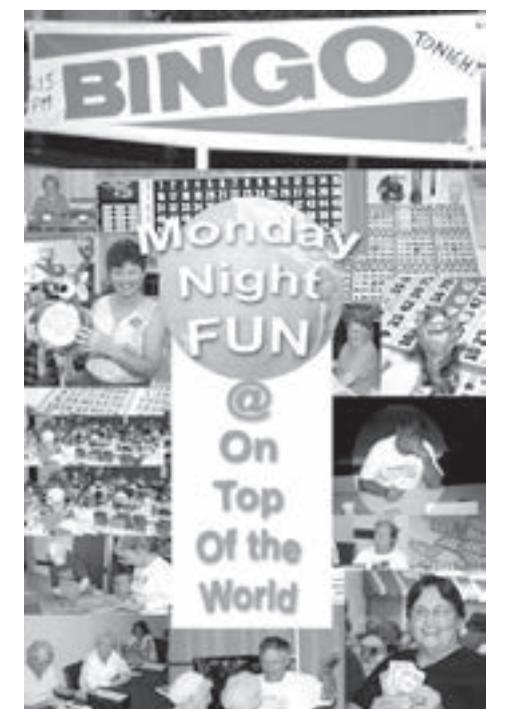
Regular hikes include round trips to Burger King, Starbucks, Countryside Mall, and McDonalds. Hey, some even ran 5K Weight Watchers and the Turkey Trot. How about that, guys. Want to join them sometime?

My wife Barbara and I enjoyed three Thanksgivings this year. First was here in Clearwater with our church friends; second was in Seattle with three children and a granddaughter; a third was in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with another daughter, her husband and their grandchild.

Let me tell you — that was a lot of turkey, folks! But you know what? I love that payback time when you get

to eat their food, relax in their home, sleep in their bed, and let them feed and entertain you. How about you?

Well, that's about it for this year. I will report on our holiday happenings in the January issue. Be sure to drop off those questionnaires in the press box as they will prove invaluable for future newsy articles. Thank you, and Happy New year in 2012.



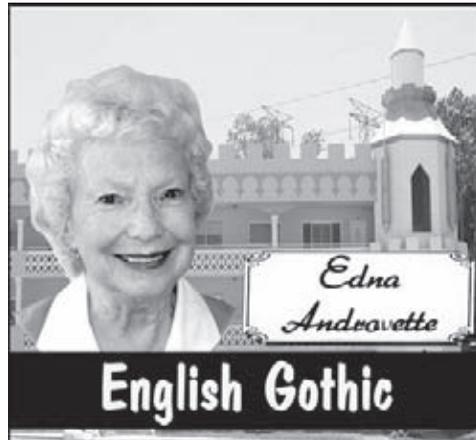
# First building meeting of the New Year is set for Jan. 10

The New Year is upon us. How can we make 2012 a memorable year in our lives? We can start by slowing down and really seeing the beauty of nature all around us.

Our Christmas celebration at Kally K's was enjoyed by all who attended (see photo), and Mary Margaret McDonald won the big prize of the evening. Congratulations!

Our building captains, Mary and Chris Casey, will start the New Year off grand. They were winners in a promotion held by Macaroni Grill Restaurant and will enjoy free meals for one year. Wow! Congratulations.

During our monthly business meeting, Chris reminded everyone to fill out the election ballot received in the mail from On Top of the World Administration, and to mail it or drop it in the box at the East Activity Center. There were eight names listed on the ballot, and Chris reminded everyone that only seven names can be checked



and gave instructions how to use the two enclosed envelopes.

Dec. 5 was the 58th wedding anniversary for Luisa and Gino Traficante, and on Dec. 8, Ed Schiffner celebrated his birthday. Congratulations!

Ann and Louis Notarangelo have returned to upstate New York permanently to be near family. They were good friends and very good



English Gothic residents at the annual building Christmas dinner pose for the camera.

neighbors and will be missed a lot. We wish them much happiness.

Remember to call me if you know of anyone who is ill, and a get well card will be sent. My phone number is 386-5725.

Our next business meeting will be Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Please attend and help plan activities for the New Year.

As I end this column, have a good laugh at the following classified ads in a local newspaper:

- Free oil changes for one year, by mail.
- Permanent hair removal: first time free.

Remember to keep your New Year resolutions and enjoy every day in sunny Florida!

## Building tree trimming helps neighbors, too

The holidays of Christmas and Hanukkah are behind us, the presents all unwrapped and the year 2012 has begun. My daughter had a recent birthday and when I called to congratulate her she mentioned that 12/12/12 will be an occasion to have a "big bash."

I have already invited myself to Bethesda, Md., for the happy event — the Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise — to quote the late country singer, Ernie Ford.

Gables had a very nice Christmas party at Kally-K's with 28 present. It was a first time for some of our new residents. Bob and Jocelyn LaPlante did an admirable job.

Irene Marshall was honored for taking on the duties of building captain, "keeper of the keys," etc., etc., etc., and was given a lovely basket filled with holiday goodies.

We started off the poems by our resident poet, Russ Zurkan, which were appropriately about the holidays and ready by Bob LaPlante. Margaret Copland sang "Silent Night" to end the evening with greetings to all for wonderful holidays.

Some residents went North for Christmas, sent some Christmas greetings in which they report "freezing up there" and cannot wait until they are back in the more moderate Florida climate.



The Zurkans enjoyed a week-long holiday cruise — something they plan for each year and really look forward to. Guess they just decide to treat themselves to a nice experience.

Several of us had a celebration to honor Helen Dreeben, hosted by her daughter, Sally. Members of her bridge group, her Sunday night Mahjong group, and her Gables friends enjoyed the fellowship.

Some trees were trimmed at Gables recently to improve the overall look of our building. Residents on the Denmark side are especially happy for the visitors' spaces that have been created and the lovely new landscaping they now enjoy — a thoughtful act by Management to improve the overall look for their parking lot.

After mailing packages to various relatives, a job which this writer expected to get accomplished in one day but ended up taking three days (my poor back just wouldn't allow me to get all finished in one day,) next year I intend to sit at my desk and write checks and messages to enclose in an appropriate card.

Margaret Copland sang in her choir at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church for Lessons and Carols on Dec. 18, which included beautiful selections by the bell choir, a solo by a boy soprano, and sung music which was appropriately selected to reinforce the Bible lesson which had been read.

She invited many friends to attend to help put everyone in the real spirit of the holiday. This is lots of work, but well worth the effort.

Margaret also took time to be a two-hour "bell ringer" for the Salvation Army on a Saturday in December. It was a first time experience for her and one that was most enjoyable.

The New Year is here. My message for all is to make the most of it. Enjoy each day, no matter our situation, be kind to ourselves and others, and laugh and smile as much as possible.

Happy New Year to all and to all a good night!

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# This year's Holiday Lighting Contest brought at least one building a little closer together

By Doug Kates

Avila II resident Emma Jablonski went door-to-door trying to find neighbors who wanted to participate in the On Top of the World holiday lights decoration contest.

But when it became apparent no one wanted to help, and no one appeared interested, Emma faced reality that she was going to have to decorate on her own this holiday season.

Emma started working on small decoration projects in front of her own condo. She even registered her building for the contest, even though she was the only one involved.

But in the span of one December weekend, something really special took place.

"I started decorating and a few people started poking their heads out," she said.

Little by little, other residents asked what they could do to help.

Six residents volunteered to help put up Christmas lights and a beautiful star.

Other residents decorated their gardens, hung wreaths, purchased poinsettias and put up ribbons.

Those who couldn't help, physically, donated money while others went shopping for supplies.

There are only 20 condos at the two-floor Avila II building, but by the time the contest officially started, Emma said about 80 percent of the residents had chipped in.

"Everyone came together as a team," Emma said. "We knew we were competing against bigger



Iris Grau and Norma Ross show off a very large holiday decoration. Other ornaments, right, decorated the front yard.

buildings, but we decided it's not about the competition. It's about celebrating the season and the birth of Jesus Christ."

Even when a Parkway inspector stopped by and told residents there

was a problem with some of their lights, the discouragement was very brief. Strings of lights were rearranged to make sure everything was perfectly legal.

Emma said she didn't think the

building was going to win, but seeing her building come to life brought a couple tears to her eyes.

To see which building won the contest, turn to pages 33-34.

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## We should try to get out more with residents

For the residents of Building 44, if you missed the Christmas party on Dec. 9, you missed a good one. Phyllis Hastings did a beautiful job of the planning as well as the table decorations.

The luncheon was held at Alfonso's Restaurant in Largo on Clearwater-Largo Road. We even had a private room, so everyone could visit and talk to each other. It was very festive.

You know, for some unknown reason, even though many of us have lived here for years, most of us do not know our neighbors who live next door, much less the ones on the second and third floors; and that's sad.

As a few comments were made after lunch, we suggested we have a



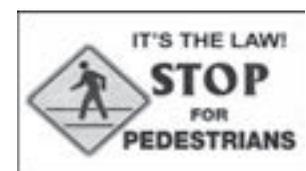
monthly meeting and really get to know each other. We could just have coffee and dessert, or go out for lunch as we have done a few times in the past.

It would be nice to form a building

board and someone could be building captain and have a few assistants, and maybe even do monthly projects, as we did years ago.

Most of us go out to eat now and then anyway, so why not with neighbors and friends from our own building?

As building reporter for, I hope 2012 will be our best and most active year, especially here at Building 44, French Renaissance II.



**OTOW "Mystery Buildings" Report**

**Southern Colonial is home to former homicide detective, his wife and dogs**

*This is the first in a series of reports from buildings that have not had a regular OTOW News reporter in a very long time, if ever. Feature writer Diane Cavanaugh will visit a different "mystery building" each month and report on its activities.*

**By Diane Cavanaugh**

When you meet Tom Belezarian, he is soft-spoken with a dry sense of humor. It is a revelation that he was the Lead Homicide Detective, and a law enforcement officer, for 32 years in Worcester, Mass. He was also Master of Ceremonies for firefighter and police officer activities in the area. Tom grew up in what he refers to as a "tough area," and would often speak with the local beat cops who strolled his neighborhood.



Tom did not have a real "future goal," and so the officers suggested he "join their gang" and become part of the police force. Obviously it was the right decision!

Tom was successful in every area of law enforcement, including being in undercover narcotics: unshaven, with long hair, and driving a police-owned taxi. He remembers dealers doing drug transactions on the hood of the taxi. He would then pretend to have a customer, wave the dealers away, calling their location into the local department for the arrest.

Nine years ago he visited On Top of the World, and enjoyed the peace and quiet of Clearwater. He and his wife, Pat, have become involved in many organizations; one of which is "Jesters." Tom will be singing and doing comedy sketches.

They are kept company by their Markey (Maltese/Yorkie) puppy, who greets walkers along the Swedish Drive pond. He has two children and two grandchildren still in Massachusetts.

Tom is also involved in Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers, our local group of carpenters, who repair wooden toys to distribute to needy children in Pinellas County.

Pat is a Diabetic Educator for Morton Plant Hospital, coordinating programs for Pinellas.

This is a couple, that when you examine both their work and play, reflects a life of service to the community. An asset to OTOW!



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# Happy New Year!

*from the staff at On Top of the World News*

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# Santa, Mrs. C. make surprise visits to Englander dwellers

It was nice to see our building all aglow this year and the wreath with red and white lights is stunning on our building! Did you all notice the new bow? This bow tails are about five feet long, but on our huge wreath it looks small and Christmas package size. A few of us were out watching the installation. Robert Hall, who also lives here at OTOW, has the install down to a science and does such a fine job putting this wreath up each year. It's amazing how much patience he has with all the wiring, attaching and advice from onlookers.



even make great gifts for your extended families. The luncheon always offers a festive be-ginning to holiday season.

The Englander residents were busy during December with various activities. Some were making improvements to their condos – new floors, kitchen counters, painted patios and even newly-poured cement patios installed to keep our property values up. Other people were seen all dressed up day after day attending their club and function Christmas parties.

If you listened carefully, you could have heard a beautiful concert while Ron Irwin practiced his Christmas tunes on the piano. Relatives arrived for a Christmas in Florida and a visit with grandma and grandpa to see lots of lights in place of the northern snow fall.

This year's holiday luncheon was a very nice gathering of a small and intimate group. But still, there's never a void of news and seasonal wishes for each other. In keeping with the theme of safety within our own homes, the door prizes this year were OTOW's recommended water alarms that are battery operated. When dampness or water is detected they let off a high shrill noise that should alarm anyone within earshot.

The lucky door prize winners were Maureen and Frank McGuire and John and Chickie Brophy. The OTOW ser-vice department has these for sale if anyone wishes to purchase one or more for their own home. They would



Santa and Mrs. Claus made surprise visits to each of the Englander residents and found Polly Irwin baking some special holiday cookies, Ron cuddled up in his PJ's and others reading, watching football or wrapping gifts.

Marc and Cindy Schell's grandchildren came for a visit and got to sit on Santa's lap at the OTOW Children's Christmas Party. I'll bet the proud grandparents would love to show you the pictures of their youngest grandson's first sight of

Santa Claus. Guess they don't really start liking Santa until they know how many presents they can get!

Let the New Year begin as we all wish for a happy and most healthy 2012... Happy New Year!

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# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## JANUARY 1 - 31

2	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
3	Tues	10:00 AM	C	Shriners Meeting
3	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters — Tampa Bay Women Speakers
3	Tues	12:30 PM	V's	Americana Building Meeting
4	Wed	9:00 AM	S	Photo ID's
4	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
4	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
5	Thurs	10:00 AM	C	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
5	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
6	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Singles Travel Club Meeting
6	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
7	Sat	6:00 PM	A	Singles Club Meeting
7	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Game Night
8	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Volunteer Meeting
9	Mon	1:30 PM	Starlite	Bingo Volunteers Appreciation Pizza Party
9	Mon	12:30 PM	CL1	Family History Group
9	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
9	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Blood Pressure Screening
10	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
10	Tues	5:00 PM	S	Mandalay Building Meeting/Potluck
10	Tues	6:30 PM	CR & K	Hoosier Club Meeting
11	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Jesters Meeting
12	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: "Three Men & A Maestro"
12	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee
12	Thurs	12:30 PM	CR & K	Lawn Bowl Club Luncheon
12	Thurs	9:00 AM	L-Blue	Fixers, Fiddlers & Fumblers Meeting
12	Thurs	7:00 PM	S	Bohemia Building Meeting
13	Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Show: Cahal Dunne
13	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
13	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
14	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
14	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Rainbow Club Meeting
15	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
15	Sun	2:00 PM	S	Rancho Del Mundo Building Meeting/Potluck
15	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny (Free)
16	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
16	Mon	3:00 PM	S	Brahman Building Meeting
16	Mon	7:00 PM	S	Valencia Building Meeting
17	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
17	Tues	7:00 PM	CR	Bible Study
17	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters — Tampa Bay Women Speakers
17	Tues	7:00 PM	S	España Building Meeting
17	Tues	1:00 PM	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
17	Tues	1:30 PM	V's	Mallorca Building Meeting
17	Tues	7:00 PM	V's	Republican Club Meeting
18	Wed	6:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
18	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Hoosier Club Euchre Tournament
19	Thurs	12:00 PM	S	Mens Golf League Annual Meeting
19	Thurs	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
20	Fri	5:30 PM	S	Queen Victoria Building Potluck
22	Sun	7:00 PM	S	Shalom Club Meeting
23	Mon	5:00 PM	S	Mallorca Building White Elephant Sale
24	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
24	Tues	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
25	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
25	Wed	5:00 PM	S	Hoosier Club Chili Supper
26	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: "The Fabulous Van Dells"
26	Thurs	7:00 PM	S	Irish Club Meeting
26	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
26	Thurs	10:00 AM	V's	Emerald Isle Building Annual Meeting
27	Fri	5:00 PM	A	Canadian Club Presidents Ball
28	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
28	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
29	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny (Free)
31	Tues	4:00 PM	CL1	Irish Club Parade Committee Meeting
31	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters — Tampa Bay Women Speakers
31	Tues	7 AM - 7 PM	S & Starlite	Election Day: Presidential Primary Elections
31	Tues	2:30 PM	V's	Ladies 9-Hole Golf General Meeting

### CALENDAR KEY

- A ..... Auditorium
- C ..... Card Room
- CR ..... Craft Room
- CL ..... Classroom
- K ..... Kitchen
- L ..... Lecture Room
- R ..... Rainbow Room (W)
- S ..... Sunrise Room (W)
- V ..... Veranda



***New Year's Day  
Sunday, Jan. 1***



***Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, Jan. 16***



***Florida Presidential  
Primary Election Day  
Tuesday, Jan. 31***

# DAILY CALENDAR

## MONDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Wood Carvers Class  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 11:30..... Contract Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Crafters Group (2nd Monday)  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)  
 5:00 ..... Jim R.'s Poker  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:30 ..... Bingo  
 7:00 ..... Euchre

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Photo IDs  
 9:00 ..... Chess Club  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning  
 5:00 ..... Mahjong  
 6:30 ..... 8-Ball Tournament

## TUESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Ladies 18-Hole Golf  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 9:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Lessons  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Horseshoes  
 9:00 ..... Caring & Sharing Group  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Ladies 9-Hole Golf  
 10:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Game  
 10:00 ..... Starting Spanish Conversation  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 10:00 ..... Philosophy Club  
 10:30 ..... Ballroom Dance Class  
 11:00..... Starting French Conversation  
 11:00..... Yoga  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Ceramics  
 12:30 ..... Oil Painting Class  
 1:00 ..... Poker  
 1:00 ..... Canasta  
 1:00 ..... Line Dancing  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 2:00 ..... Lapidary  
 3:00 ..... Italian Speaking Class  
 5:00 ..... Min's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Dominos

6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Bid Euchre  
 6:30 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 6:30 ..... Tom's Poker  
 7:00 ..... Canadian Club Mahjong  
 7:00 ..... Bible Study Club

### West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 6:00 ..... Mahjong

## WEDNESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Weight & Strength Training Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Sewing Class  
 9:00 ..... Zumba  
 9:00 ..... Tai Chi  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Veterans Project  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Craft Workshop  
 9:00 ..... Veranda Consignment  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Cribbage  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00..... Tap Dance Class (Beginner)  
 11:30..... Tap Dance  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Painting Pals  
 1:00 ..... Social Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Double Deck Pinochle  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)  
 2:00 ..... Lapidary  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Sheila's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:00 ..... 500 Card Game

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 6:00 ..... Don's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Ladies Que't Billiards Club

## THURSDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Lessons  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Novice Duplicate Bridge Game  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00..... Yoga  
 12:00 ..... Bob B's Poker  
 12:00 ..... Contract Bridge

12:30 ..... Euchre  
 1:00 ..... Drawing Class  
 1:00 ..... Writers Ink  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)  
 2:00 ..... Lapidary  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Canadian Club Game Night

### West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Snowbird Line Dancing  
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning  
 1:00 ..... 8-Ball Matinee  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:30 ..... Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

## FRIDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Weight & Strength Training Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Ceramics  
 9:00 ..... Pinochle  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Hula Hoop Exercise Class  
 12:00 ..... Pinochle  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Dancercise  
 1:00 ..... Mahjong  
 1:00 ..... Social Bridge  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 1:00 P.M. .... Chess Club

## SATURDAY

### East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .... Mens Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Computer Club Meeting  
 8:30 ..... Line Dancing  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 12:00 P.M. .... Min's Poker  
 12:00 ..... Putting  
 1:00 ..... Casual Bridge

## SUNDAY

### East Activity Center

4:00 P.M. .... Putting

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<p><b>SUN</b> 15</p>		<p><b>SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2PM - FREE</b>  <b>CARLO</b>                  FREE REFRESHMENTS - 50/50</p>
<p><b>THUR</b> 26</p>		<p><b>THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$15</b>  <b>THE FABULOUS VAN-DELLS</b>                  FUN - FAST-PACED SHOW - 50s-60s NOSTALGIA</p>
<p><b>SAT</b> 28</p>		<p><b>SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8</b>  <b>HIGH JINX</b>                  DANCE MUSIC BY COOL BREEZE</p>

**PREVIEW OF FEBRUARY EVENTS**

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| FEB 9 - THE WORLD FAMOUS PLATTERS     | FEB 23 - ATLANTIC CITY BOYS SHOW |
| FEB 11 - VALENTINE DANCE - SATELLITES | FEB 25 - DANCE - REBOUND         |
| FEB 12 - SUNDAY IN THE PARK - WALLY J | FEB 29 - SUNCOAST SYMPHONY       |

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**Tuesday Morning Specials**

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side.....9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

**Wednesday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Thursday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Friday Morning**

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side.. 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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## Resident Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- If space allows, residents with current Activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Service Department.

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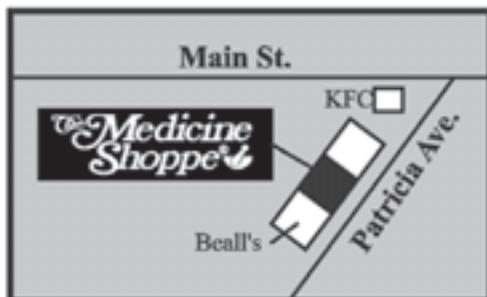
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Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

### FOR SALE

Jazzy Select power chair, swing-away mount, U1 Gel battery, 3 years old, price negotiable; Medline wheel chair, ex. cond., one year old \$125. 799-8114

Ladies' bike with bell, basket & lock \$25; Panasonic VCR \$25; camera tripod \$15. 726-6550

Two 3-wheel "Bag Boy" golf carts, like new \$75 each. 799-4465

Desk chair, black vinyl, ex. cond. \$20; medium-size storage tubs \$5 each. 733-1647

20 Elvis albums and four 45-rpm records in jackets \$235 OBO for all; dollhouse, 1940s, good condition, includes furniture \$85. 724-1282

Two MSN WebTV's with keyboards; one printer. Best offer. 669-2744

Golf cart, Sun Mountain 3-wheel push cart, excellent condition \$60. 797-6534

Two bicycles: 26" men's Schwinn, very good condition; 26" tandem (built for two), very good condition. 725-0753

Clean charbroil grill with cover and full propane tank \$45. 726-5079

Computer desk \$20; two new bingo cushions, never used \$10 each. 791-9086

Beautiful Czechoslovakian crystal chandelier "Bride" \$120 OBO. 723-0890

Dining set, solid oak, pedestal style with 4 wrought-iron chairs, like new. Table is 42" in diameter, plus 18" leaf (included) \$325. 797-8931

Men's 26" bicycle. 797-6630

Leather sofa, queen bed, 3 TVs, Epson printer, Oreck sweepers, 5'x7' area rug, file cabinets, many other household items. 723-0934

Comforter, twin, allergy down alternative, white \$45; picture with frame, 39"x41", garden scene with water fountain \$45; chandelier, med. size w/5 bulbs, gold color \$15. 723-1399

Wooden rocking chair, goes well with Early American décor \$20 OBO. 797-8354

Power lift recliner, forward/backward tilt, mint condition \$275. 238-3635

Dining room table & 4 chairs; 2 black leather Encore lounge chairs with ottomans, excellent cond. 446-1122

Kenmore portable washer, like new, \$300 (Sears sells it for \$699), free apartment-size dryer with purchase. 910-988-0347

White-wash dinette with 4 upholstered arm chairs w/casters. 726-8497

Quilted bedspread, twin size, green with small red flowers, hardly used \$30. 207-449-2641

4 upholstered Parson's chairs in soft gold brocade fabric \$100. 726-8304

Patio chaise and pad, excellent condition \$30. 796-1513

Monitor, 19" Acer, color, widescreen LCD flat panel, like new \$29.98. 515-4104

Lovebird, peach face, 9 months old \$10 without cage, \$25 with cage. 810-515-6124

Refrigerator, Frigidaire, 17 cu. ft., white, top freezer, excellent condition \$125. 726-0614

### WANTED

Mah-Jong player to join our 1 p.m. Wednesday group. We play at private homes. 723-2475 or 724-5987

Two responsible OTOW residents wish to rent or borrow a kayak to be used on the west-side lake. 482-1720

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