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# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS



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## OTOW welcomes in 2015

By Doug Kates

Dec. 31 is the day hundreds of On Top of the World residents spend their afternoon taking a nap.

By 9 p.m., those same residents are happy that nap was long and peaceful.

This is the day the annual Entertainment Committee New Year's Eve Ball takes place.

"This is the event of the year," said 21-year resident Jack Gow, who has been in the East Activity Center auditorium at midnight for about 18 of those years.

"It is always a sellout. We see people we don't normally see during the year. It is very friendly. Everyone knows each other, and there is a lot of hugging, kissing and dancing at midnight."

Coming back for another year is a local, favorite band, "Flashback," which is so loved by residents, it is already booked for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 New Year's Eve parties.

Jack said no one even worries about what the entertainment will be each year. All they have to do is hear "Flashback" and everyone knows the music will be great for dancing.

The challenge, he said, is everyone wants to dance. But don't worry! While the auditorium dance floor might be a bit cozy, the Starlite Room is open and provides a little more dancing space.

Residents bring their own food. They bring their own beverages, but each table gets a complimentary bubbly for a midnight toast to the new year and everyone sings Auld



Jack Gow and Pauline Jones know where they will be on Dec. 31- the same place they were on Dec. 31, 2013 - the East Activity Center dance floor.

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Because the auditorium is conveniently located in the community, no one has a problem getting there and no one has a problem getting home - even if it is 1 a.m. in 2015.

One thing that will be different this year is the Entertainment Com-

mittee ceremony, which traditionally takes place at midnight. This is normally the time a baton is passed from the outgoing chairperson to the incoming chairperson. However, in 2015 the Entertainment Committee will be run by a president, working hand-in-hand with an Executive

Board.

So the baton hand-off ceremony will be changing for the first time.

One thing that won't be changing, according to Jack, is "exuberance!"

What does exuberance mean? Tonight will be extremely great. Happy New Year!

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# Year of community improvements ends with beautiful holiday lights

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone, time marches on and passes much too quickly.

I want to start off by thanking those residents and buildings that participated in the Holiday Lights Contest. The community was quite festive during the holiday season and I am happy to report the decorations were compliant with the local Fire Marshall's office as well.

## Improvements

The community underwent several major renovations at the activity centers with the refurbishments of pools, decks and fencing.

The front gardens are in the midst of ongoing renovations to the architectural elements, fountains and landscape. The lawn bowling court required repairs as well as the Billiards Room.

While the projects were large in scope, with weather impacting the timeliness of the projects, the community is now reaping the benefits of these upgrades.

The renovations to the recreational amenities not only make the community more cohesive in appearance, they provide value added improvements.

We are also seeing the visible signs and benefits that the community standards and enforcement actions have brought to the community. Overgrown, neglected and unapproved owner landscape alterations are being addressed with the benefits being a more visually appealing community.

Improperly installed HVAC units, as well as windows and door installations are being addressed. The management company is also addressing attachments to buildings (fences, lattice and art work). It's hard to imagine the damage these items can cause unless you are a unit owner who has ex-



perienced a leak from improperly installed windows or HVAC units. Those tiny holes drilled into balustrades and railings to support your artwork or a piece of lattice are the beginning of a future maintenance concern, specifically water intrusion into your unit.

We appreciate your compliance with the standards as the benefits impact each unit and the property values within the community.

## Dog Park

The dog park has proven to be a great amenity for the residents and their pets in the community.

The drainage concerns that impacted the tennis court, and prompted the relocation to the east side, are not as threatening to this green space.

Due to the park's popularity, the Board may want to consider expansion of the park with an extension of the fence line in the future.

I do want to remind residents that Pinellas County Animal Control, as well as the OTOW Community rules, state that all animals must be on a leash and under the control of their owner when outside the unit.

I have received reports of residents allowing their dogs to run free along the Lake Arbor shoreline and sidewalk area on the west side of the property. If you are indeed allowing

this activity I must ask you to discontinue this practice to ensure the area is safe for all unit owners to utilize.

## Water Service Off/On

Because a water leak not only impacts your unit, but has the potential to impact your neighbors as well, the Management Company requires that you be present to execute your order for water turn on service. If Management is not able to make contact with you at the time they arrive to provide service, the water will not be turned on. Please understand the results of water intrusion can be costly.

You may request the water turn on service through the service desk at the East Activity Center from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling the water turn on service phone number at 727-799-3417 (option 6), or by visiting our Website at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com), click on the Community Service Office link and type in your request and click submit when finished.

Please provide the date you would like the service executed so they may respond accordingly. Their field personnel will perform your request for service between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday between the hours of 7:30-11:30 a.m. There is NO CHARGE for this service during these normally scheduled business hours.

If you are in need of service **after normally scheduled business hours**, management offers **extended hours** for a nominal fee. The extended hours service is provided weekdays from 6-9 p.m. and weekends from noon until 9 p.m. Extended hours service requests are only available by contacting (727) 799-1115.

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are rendered. Personal checks are the only form of payment accepted. Once again, please remember that in all circumstances you **MUST BE PRESENT** for this service request to be carried out.

## Safety

This time of year brings not only our friendly Snowbirds to our state, but also those less than reputable members of society that look for easy crimes of opportunity. Please remember to lock your car doors when out running errands as well as when you return to the community. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle in plain sight of someone passing by.

Also keep doors and windows locked and do not store valuables such as golf clubs and expensive bicycles unlocked on your back patio.

Remember, scam artists also like to take advantage of the Florida weather in the winter months and phone scams are quite popular. Do not let yourself become a target or a victim. Hang up the telephone whenever you hear the following during a phone call:

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- Or if the callers instruct you not to speak to anyone, including your family, lawyer or accountant.

The Community Service Office is planning a Safety Seminar in partnership with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department in the upcoming months. This event will be posted in the OTOW newspaper and will require that you preregister to attend.



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# Community improvements do not

As I look back over the past year, I am pleased by the steady progress being made in advancing the necessary improvements in the On Top of the World community.

No surprise that it takes concerted planning and effort to keep this community looking nice and keeping up with all the obligations of your Board.

Many projects were started to update your facilities. Notably, the Lawn Bowling center is undergoing major work, including new fencing, shade covers, irrigation system, new concrete work and added landscaping.

Three buildings have had their walkway railings replaced in the past six months. There are four more railing projects scheduled through the end of June 2015.

Buildings 1 through 10 had their walkway lighting systems replaced and numerous other buildings had the interior lighting in the center cores replaced.

The Community Service Office continues to deal with serious water leaks and the collateral damages from improperly maintained water heaters. Unfortunately, this is a trend that is continuing. It's amazing just how many 20+ year old water heaters are still functioning. Unfortunately it is the water heater housing that eventually rusts out and leaks.

In all cases, residents find out just how important having adequate insurance coverage is when faced with extensive damage to their unit and adjoining units. The water heater is an owner responsibility and the owner's liability when not maintained. The Association actively seeks recovery for the costs of repair work in each instance.

The cost of property insurance for the Association moderated in fiscal 2014-15 and we expect this to continue to do so in the 2015-16 budget year.

The moderation is due primarily to the increased capacity in the insurance market place worldwide. Your Board believed it was prudent to reinvest these insurance savings into community safety-related community projects, including accelerating the replacement of non-compliant walkway railings and other capital improvement projects.

Other questions focused on what your 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 repairs and renovations, 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 maintenance operation 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.

## Social & Recreational Activities

Recreational activities are very dependent on resident directed and organized activities.

Were the Association to be the "go to" for programming, it would leave little room for resident involvement and creativity.

As this has evolved over these many years, you all know how wonderfully creative so many residents are. This allowance and respect for creativity is one of the really great aspects of this fine community. The recreation is about fun, camaraderie, and long lasting friendships, as well as the space to be creative.

## Community Update

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 40 and Building 41 are scheduled to have new paint coatings applied to

the front façade of the buildings in the month of January. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring Projects: Building 53 is scheduled to have its third floor tile replaced in the month of January, while Building 55 will have its first floor replaced. Please remember that this work is affected in the overnight hours to minimize any inconvenience to the community. Please exercise caution if you find yourself in proximity to these posted work areas.

Railing Improvement Projects: Building 7 is the next structure slated for improvements in late January, provided permitting has been approved by the county. A licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made. The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents of Building 7 should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Construction, roofing and large scope projects: January will see the return of roofing contractors to the On Top Of the World community, beginning with building 18A.

Residents will see materials being delivered around the first week of January, with work starting shortly thereafter.

The arrival of roofing equipment and materials will require the temporary relocation of resident's vehicles as the project progresses from each side of the building. Notices will be posted on bulletin boards to keep the occupants of the building abreast of the project's progress. The completion estimate for these improvements are roughly 4-5 weeks, weather permitting.

A stairway tower project at Building 61 should also be underway by late January, pending permitting from Pinellas County. The work will affect the outside stairwell tower features and will involve the use of high lift equipment. Temporary parking space closures may be required while the work is underway. The management company will post updates to Building 61 bulletin boards to keep residents

informed as the project progresses. Please exercise caution in and around these work areas.

Utility contractors will also be on site in January performing maintenance work to various storm drain boxes and pipes. The work will be affected along Finlandia Drive and Netherlands Drive and should only cause minimal inconveniences to traffic/parking patterns. Please be aware of any changes in traffic patterns and slowdown in preparation for stoppages.

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

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

The patching and painting of all building common areas, due to unapproved wall penetrations, is continuing across property. A large majority of this work is being performed in advance of contracted painting crews.

The management company is asking for resident cooperation in not drilling into or attaching any unapproved fastener to the structure. If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by which the management's construction and roofing departments affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) continues to be an effective preventative in the ongoing practice of structural maintenance.

As building's age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

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# slow down because new year begins



Work continued on the Lawn Bowl courts in December. A new fence and east wall are among the improvements.

## Inspection Services Division

With the start of a new year comes the influx of new items into storage rooms.

Many times these new items are randomly placed in other residents allotted space, or the items are of a nature that are not permissible for storage.

To assist in keeping these areas compliant and orderly, the Inspection Services Division of the management company started performing preliminary storage room inspections and tagging non-compliant items in December. Residents who would like to request an inspection, or have general storage room questions should visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. A representative will be glad to contact them regarding the matter.

Parking and vehicle registration enforcement efforts will be heavily enforced in January and through the spring. With the return of the community's Snowbirds comes higher traffic volume and in some areas parking may be at a premium. To ensure that all residents have ample parking, vehicles must be up to date on their registrations and should be operational and not in disrepair.

Please, also remember, that recreational vehicles or commercial vehicles

are not permitted to be parked overnight within the community without advance association approval. PODS or storage containers also require the advance written approval of the association and may be tagged and removed if found to be in violation of community rules. Residents are encouraged to report any vehicle concerns to the Community Service Office for investigation and action if warranted.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations.

Many times, decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Clutter enforcement is another

item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas. Building walkways in particular continue to be an area of violation, as many residents leave chairs, plants, and other obstructions that block egress and impede the emergency activities of first responders. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services Division of the management company.

The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clamshell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure.

The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points. As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet

building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

## Landscaping Projects

Leaf removal and disposal: The simplification or elimination of overgrown or unmaintained plantings and roadside maintenance (the cleaning and clearing of china curbs and parking lot entrance/exits) are now in full swing with the arrival of winter. For safety's sake, we ask that residents slow down, obey posted speed limits, and be aware of crews working in close proximity to roadway traffic. Their safety depends on your cooperation.

Landscape teams will also be performing their normally scheduled shrub trimming activities over the winter months. We ask that any remaining holiday lights be removed from shrubs at this time so management company crews can perform their scheduled work without delay.

Please remember that failure to do so may result in compliance notification and ultimately removal and disposal of the decorations.

Thank you for your cooperation concerning this matter.

# Original meals coming back to Karma Café

**COMING SOON**

The Good Karma Cafe original food vendor is coming back by popular demand.

All of our favorite heat and eat meals are coming back, such as lasagna, chicken alfredo, meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

Along with those meals will be great salads, sandwiches and wraps. This month we are also planning on offering milk, eggs, bread and butter, so watch for notices to be posted announcing the date.

**On Top of the World Village Post Office**

COMING SOON: The Community Service Office will soon be home to our very own On Top of the World Village Post Office.

From here you will be able to purchase books of stamps or individual stamps, mail out priority flat rate shipping packages, and pick up change of address cards.

Watch for notices regarding our grand opening to be posted.

**Front Garden Fountains**

Work to the front garden Globe should be completed this month. We thank you for your patience during



these renovations and ask that you pardon our dust.

**Lawn Bowls Courts**

Renovations at the lawn bowls court will be wrapping up this month.

As a reminder, residents who had anything stored at the courts will need to contact Barbara Thompson with the Lawn Bowl Club to make arrangements with SCA for those items to be picked up.

While work is being completed, please do not enter the work area unless you have permission to be on site. We appreciate your patience as we are working diligently to complete the project as quickly as possible.

**AAA Driving Course**

The AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite room on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, and Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 52 of this On Top of the World Newspaper.

**F.L.O.W Bus**

The Florida Licensing on Wheels bus will be on property on Feb. 11, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Activity Center north parking lot.

**SCA Shuttle Bus**

As a reminder, there will be no bus service on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, and Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. Service will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015.

**Suncoast Hospice Golfing for A Cure**

Save the date - Jan. 13, 2015 - for Golfing for Suncoast Hospice.

The Ladies Golf Club says to wear your best golf attire and join everyone for a fun-filled day of helping others. This is a new charity, replacing Rally for a Cure.

The event takes place in a new month and has a new format. Please watch for more information in the On

Top of the World newspaper.

**Water On/Off Service Changes**

Changes to the water on/off service began last December. For information on normal business service hours, after hour service hours, Saturday morning normal business hours and Saturday/Sunday after hours service times please stop down to the Community Service Office.

**Reminders**

Please remember to bring your recreation card with you when using the SCA facilities and plan to show it upon staff request.

Please remember that a designated "smoking" area has been established at the back of each swimming pool with the intent that non-smokers will not have to walk through smoke to reach their destination at the pool.

I would like to once again thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office. Let us know so we can share your good comments with the staff.

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That's what it was.

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**SECOND SCAM ALERT:** I've been getting some emails from various companies saying that the product I ordered was being mailed and I could click on some link to find information about it.

Since I knew I hadn't ordered anything from such companies, I knew it was a scam.

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**ER** try to verify a sender by clicking on a link from that sender. Verify it independently, and if you don't know how to do that, no problem. Just delete the message and thank yourself for being smart.

**Q.** My wife and I have been married for 10 years and we want to leave everything we have to each other. After one of us passes on, the survivor should come in and make a new Will.

We also have durable powers of attorney and advance directives and we've just named each other. What's wrong with that?

**A.** Everything is wrong with that, but I'll just focus on a couple of things.

First, what happens if you both die simultaneously or such that the other is not able to make a Will after the death of the first to pass on?

Second, what happens if one of you becomes incapacitated and then other dies? How can the incapacitated one make a Will?

As for your durable powers of attorney and advance directives, if you've not named any alternatives then what happens if one of you dies and the other is incapacitated?

I guess you don't care about these trivial matters, eh!

**Q.** When is the best time for us to make our Wills? We've been married since (early in 2014).

**A.** Where a husband and wife are involved, the best time to make a Will is **NOW!**

As for a single person, the best time to make a Will is **NOW!**

As for an unmarried couple living together, the best time to make a Will is **NOW!**

I sure hope I'm getting this across.

Why do I say this?

In life, we play the cards we're dealt. Trouble is, we don't always know what they'll be until it's too late to do anything to re-arrange them. So it's best to do any estate planning when you can.

I also believe that in doing any estate planning, it's best to plan reasonably and rationally based on the facts as they now exist. Yes, they may change, but if the facts that govern your estate planning needs change then you should change your estate planning documents.

**Q.** I went to an attorney for a living trust and she insisted that I also have to have a Last Will and Testament. I didn't wish to spend the money for a Will, since I was having a trust, but when I asked her to explain why I need a Will and trust, she said because the law requires it.

I'd like your thoughts.

**A.** First of all, I really doubt that she said that the law requires it. I admit I wasn't there but my thought is that you misunderstood what she was trying to say.

She was correct in saying that you should have a Will even though you are having a trust. This is what is

known as a pour-over Will, which basically leaves any assets that you didn't put into trust, "pored-over" and thus they wind up in the trust and thus they will be distributed in accordance with your trust provisions. So it is standard practice to have a pour-over Will and I suspect that is what she was trying to explain to you.

**Q.** I am in my early 80s. My late husband's daughter from a previous marriage is living with a financial planner who keeps telling us that we should have a Trust and then we should purchase some annuities and name the Trust as our beneficiaries.

He has already picked out the person we should go to for the Trust. I actually plan on leaving all that I have to his daughter and my son (also from a previous marriage). I can't think of any reason why not to do this. Can you?

**A.** Yeah, I can think of several reasons, but here are two reasons and then here's one suggestion.

**Reasons:** At your age, you should have no reason to buy an annuity from a man who will probably get a commission for the sale. Further, it is at least highly likely that there will be a high expense ratio, which means for you that it will cost you more than you need to pay.

**Suggestion:** You need to see an attorney, but do **NOT** see the one he suggests.

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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.

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Press Association members and guests attended the club's holiday luncheon on Dec. 4 at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.

## Press Association has fun for the holidays

Usually, the Press Association is busy making plans for the next newspaper ... or the reporters are trying to get their stories in before deadline.

But not on Dec. 4.

It was time for the Press Association to have a little fun.

"Sometimes it can get a little stressful trying to find your next story, trying to find time to write it, and submit it before deadline," said editor Doug Kates. "On this day, we just wanted to get together, have a good lunch and wish everyone a happy holiday."

Overall, a combination of 34 staff members and guests attended the luncheon.

This was the first time the Press Association has been to the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. The club was also saying "thank you" because the resort has been a major sponsor for the last three Holiday Lights Contests.



"They've been helping us out with a great prize for our community-wide contest, so we decided to come down and eat their food," Doug said.

In the month of November, the entire staff was required to turn in their stories early because the December edition of the newspaper had an early deadline.

Doug said the staff's response was incredible.

"There were 74 stories and columns in the December edition," he said. "None of them were submitted after deadline."

The same challenge held true for this January edition. You might be sitting back, reading this newspaper on a pleasant afternoon, but there were several challenges to get this newspaper out.

Again, the staff had to submit their stories early - even earlier than last month. Time was cut short because of the holiday season. And ... the newspaper had to be distributed early so everyone in the community could be wished a Happy New Year.

Plus, inside this edition is results from the annual Holiday Lights Contest. Photos had to be taken of all the entries, judging had to take place on the Internet and results had to be tal-

lied and posted before press time.

What a busy month!

But thanks to this great staff, we got it all done on time again.

The next Press Association meeting will take place at an odd time, so everyone on staff should take special notes right now.

We will meet 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Have a light breakfast and join us for a snack.

Meetings in February and March will return to the normal time of 1:30 p.m., the first Thursday, in the EAC Large Card Room.

The Appreciation Luncheon will be catered in the Large Card Room the first Thursday in April. Staff must qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon.

From everyone in the Press Association club, have a happy and rewarding new year!

Publisher Kenneth Colen wishes members of the Press Association a happy holiday season and a terrific year ahead.

(OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)



# Eydie and Steve entertained as a duo

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with the Baby Boomers.

Their live act contained solos, duets and comedy skits.

Steve appeared on Broadway in "What Makes Sammy Run" and both starred in the Broadway Musical, "Golden Rainbow."

Eydie was fluent in Spanish and recorded two songs, "Amor" and "Blame it on the Bossa Nova" which became enormous hits in Latin America. The success of those songs resulted in Eydie recording an entire album

in Spanish.

Steve spent two years in the Army.

Eydie continued to perform as a solo act until he returned to civilian life.

They were married for 56 years until her death on Aug. 13, 2013.

They had two sons, David and Michael. Michael died of heart failure at the age of 23.

They were personal friends of Steve Allen and Frank Sinatra.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## House takes 33 years to build, but finished product will be worth it

By Penny Page

A few months ago, Jean Doane donated the shell of a marvelous Victorian Dollhouse to the Fiddlers, Fixers and Fumblers Club.

Thirty-three years ago, the shell was purchased by Jean and her husband, who, at the time, owned an ice cream shop in Stillwater, Minn. They thought the dollhouse would be a perfect addition for their shop.

But the house was never completed and Jean decided now was the time to ask two On Top of the World clubs for help.

Jean, a member of our Art Guild, gave two boxes of materials to the Fixers Club to get the project started.

Together, with a lot of help and advice from fellow woodworkers, several residents dug into the project and put the pieces together.

Some straightened cut lines for windows and some put on roofing tiles.

Everyone patiently waited for the house to be relocated because the Snowbirds came back, the house stood three feet tall and was taking up a goodly amount of room in the woodshop!

The house was eventually moved to the Art Room and volunteers were then asked to help paint it.

Jean, Audrey Lerigo and Penny Page completed the house in the manner of the Painted Ladies in San Francisco. It was painted a pale teal with plum detail and a pale yellow door. It was truly beautiful.

But the house was not completely finished. There was no furniture in it.

The Art Guild asked for donations at its monthly meeting and since then furniture and a family were added.



From left to right, Audrey Lerigo, Penny Page and Jean Doane use their fine painting skills to add color to this Victorian Dollhouse. Upon completion, the project was donated to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

The house was given away to The Ronald McDonald House Charities in St. Petersburg, where it will be well

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Monday, February 9, 2015

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Monday, March 9, 2015

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# Ever wonder - who is a Baby Boomer?

By Rita Kress

On May 5, 1945, exactly nine months after World War II ended, "the wail of a baby was heard across the land multiple times."

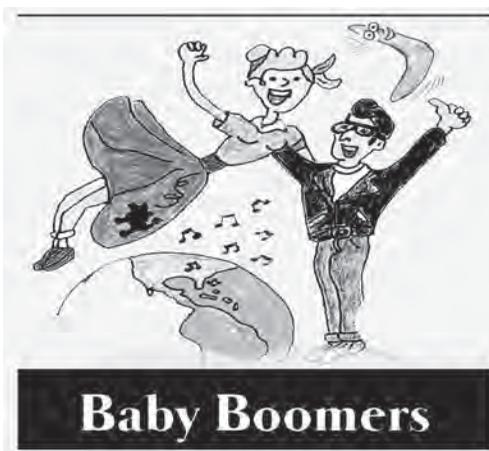
More babies were born in 1946 than ever before - approximately 3.4 million - 20 percent more than in 1945.

This was later described as the beginning of the so-called "baby boom."

What explains this baby boom?

Some historians have argued that it was the desire for normalcy after 16 years of depression and war.

Most likely, however, the postwar baby boom happened for more quotidian reasons. Older Americans, who had postponed marriage and child-birth during the Great Depression



and WWII, were joined in the nation's maternity wards by young adults who were eager to start families.

Some statistics:

- From 1946 - 1964, 76 million

American babies were born.

- Baby Boomers started retiring in 2007.

- This year, 2015, anyone born during the Baby Boomer era would be between 51-69 years old.

- In today's population, Baby Boomers currently represent about 29 percent of the U.S. population.

- The last of the Boomers will turn 65 in December 2029.

- The 65-and-over population segment will reach 71.5 million by 2030 and grow to 86.7 million by 2050. Possibly more than 80 million people will be on Medicare and Social Security at that time.

The On Top of the World Baby

Boomers Club meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

We are a very active group that does many activities, including day trips, cruises, kayaking, golfing, dances, potluck dinners, festivals, music concerts, dining out and much more.

Upcoming events include a Sock Hop on Jan. 17, 2015, for \$10. Live music will be provided by At Large. See Mary for tickets and info at our meetings.

On Feb. 1 will be our Super Bowl Party at the home of Jan and Steve.

Happy New Year to everyone from the Baby Boomers!

## Ken McBride in concert Jan. 9

By Rose Mulhill

We hope that everyone had a blessed and holy Christmas season and we wish all health, happiness and prosperity in 2015.

Our "Welcome Back Party" and Christmas dinner dance were very successful. Lynn and Joel Entertainment provided wonderful music for our dancing pleasure and Joel did a terrific impersonation of Elvis at our Welcome Back Party.

Felice Catering prepared a delicious dinner for both. Terry Connolly supplied a great mix of dance music for the Christmas party. An enjoyable time was had by everyone.

Our next big event is Ken McBride "Himself" in concert Jan. 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, the Irish Club proudly presents The Paul Duffy Variety Show. Paul hails from Dublin and at age 17 he was playing sax for the popular Irish band "The Miami Showband."



**Irish Club**

He is a gifted musician and at 26 had his own band. Paul plays saxophone, trumpet, flute, guitar, keyboard, drums, bass, tin whistle and bagpipes. He toured with The Commitments for six years. Greg Holt a fiddle player for Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team and multi-instrumentalist (fiddle, mandolin, keys, B3 organ, steel banjo, vocals), will also be featured in the show.

The goal of our club is to provide fun and entertainment, so please come and join us. Tickets are available Mondays and Thursdays 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.



On Top of the World  
Computer Club

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**The next AAA Driver Safety Course is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 19-20 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Cost is \$15. There is a form on page 52 you may fill out to register.**

# January meeting moved to 14th

By Jane Lee

As you might know from the December newspaper, the New York/New Jersey Club has been revived by a group of interested members.

With the revitalization, there comes some new ideas to try, and some tried and true ideas to keep repeating.

The excitement is in the air as most members are volunteering to help the club get on its feet again.

Come to the first meeting, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the East Activity Center Starlite Room and meet your prospective officers. Also, cast your vote



## NY / NJ Club

for them, and watch them be inducted.

You might not want to be an officer for the coming year, but you can help decorate, sell tickets, call members, or just offer support throughout

the year.

Come join the club for only \$5 and tell us what kind of meetings you want. Best of all, once you are a member, you can sign up for the first big event of the year, which is a luau to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25. Gordon Fowle, the luau guru, is once again getting out the little grass skirts for this happy occasion.

Members can buy tickets at the meeting for \$12 and non-members can buy tickets for \$17. You will more than get your \$5 membership dues back if you attend two or more functions a

year.

So, bring your checkbook and any and all of your friends on Jan. 14 to the first meeting.

Remember you don't have to be born or raised in New York or New Jersey, nor even have had to live there at any time, to be a member of the club.

The club is open to all On Top of the World residents who enjoy speaking or listening to those people from NY/NJ with the funny accents.

Of course, refreshments will be served with good hospitality.

## Stamp Collectors starting up

Welcome to 2015 and another season of stamp collecting.

We can work together to keep the hobby as much fun as we had when we first started collecting stamps.

Come see how informative and entertaining it will be. Don't miss these dates. Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7 in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center from 1-3 p.m. For more information, contact Jim Sundberg at 847-951-2284.

## Workshop has its own cleaning/safety crew

By Doug Erickson

The challenge of running a safe shop and keeping equipment in good repair is being met by willing and competent Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumbler volunteers.

It is a task that would be a full-time job for one person.

Earl Shettel takes the lead offering training and assistance. The following members have taken on servicing responsibilities; Lee Catalfomo – dust collection, Jim Calamas – band saws, Carla Dunlap – lathes, Doug Erickson – table saws, Norman King – drill presses, Joe Miranda – miter saws, Jean-Guy Pelchat – routers, Henry Santos – planers, Noland Shade – hand power tools, Steve Stiffler – shop sanders.

As a group, these members have more than 400 years of accumulated shop experience. We are fortunate to have their expertise.

If you need assistance using equipment, the individual servicing that tool will be able to help you.

There are always opportunities to take part in the maintenance program.

We invite you to become involved, as it will help you to understand the machine.

The maintenance crew has done a terrific job in getting this program in operation. As you notice things improving, please thank the individuals



## Fixers Club

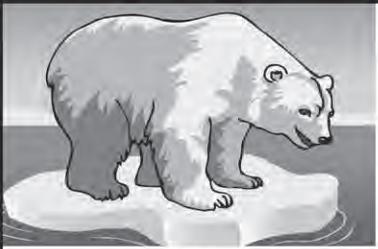
doing it.

Some of our older equipment does not have the safety features legally required. They are being retro fitted to meet national and state safety codes. Members will be expected to know the laws and comply.

A big step towards safety is keeping the shop clean, and members are doing that by cleaning up after themselves.

Now, if a machine is dusty, it is likely still in use. Members clean up machines and areas once they have finished their job, ready for the next person.

The Fixers annual meeting is Thursday, Jan. 8, at 9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room. Two bylaws will be presented and are posted in both shops. All members are urged to attend.



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# Who could ever imagine our immigrant friends could be so talented and funny?



## JESTERS

By Donna Ryan

Be a part of "Celebrating America," appearing at the On Top of the World stage in the East Activity Center on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoon Feb. 15 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are just \$5 and are good for any one of the performances.

Singing, dancing and comedy, as brought to our shores by immigrants, are just a part of an enjoyable evening or afternoon with friends and neighbors celebrating Valentine weekend at On Top of The World.

This is truly a celebration of our lives in song and dance, an extravaganza that will jar the memories of even the most forgetful among us.

Our Jester performers come from exotic locals all over the OTOW globe ... Ecuadorian and Mexican, Austrian and Swedish domains, Finlandia and Rhodesian hot spots, not to mention the far reaches of the Philippine and Sumatran Way.

Tickets are available in the East Activity Center each and every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Jesters table while the



Rehearsing a scene from the upcoming show are, Sue Calinski (Statue of Liberty), first row Susan Carlson, Mary Lou Wall, and Sherry Ivey, and back row Mike Kaplan, Joey Ditolvo and Mike Albano. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

supply lasts.

Come and see Sue Calinski as you've never seen her before (The Statue of Liberty), the fabulous Susan Carlson and all her jazz, the indescribable Mary Lou Wall in full dance

mode, along with the fabulous Sherry Ivey, Mike Kaplan fiddling on the roof, Joey Ditolvo and his incredible vocal chords, and a golden opportunity to laugh at our very own Mike Albano.

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experience for the measly price of just \$5!

Truly the bargain of a lifetime!

Our next general meeting will be 7 p.m., Jan. 14 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

# Guest speaker tells us Clearwater was once a charming village

By Anne B. Watkins

Our December meeting featured Bennie Gresham, who shared with us her postcard collection, saved over a period of 50 years.

Bennie hales from North Carolina, but has been a long-time resident, giving her an insight into the Clearwater area from the past.

She particularly pointed out the groves of trees, many of them citrus, which are no longer a part of the scene.

As an aside, I was told that in the 1970s, when the condos facing the



## Family History

nine-hole golf course were being built, one could get quite a noxious odor on the breeze, as that area was originally a

cow pasture!

Bennie also tied her talk into her family history, telling of when she, her husband, and son arrived in Clearwater in 1962. At that time, the area had a booming population of 34,000, but still retained the character of a charming village.

To illustrate, a DVD called "Lost Clearwater" was shown, with pictures of early beach activities and fashions, single-wide dirt roads, and old wooden buildings, including the Belleview Biltmore, which is just about to be torn down.

After Bennie's talk, we had our Christmas party, with a wonderful array of goodies contributed by all.

Next month our speaker will be Shirley Perry, talking to us about DNA.

Several of us have already had our samples submitted and received results, but still need explained just what they mean.

We hope Shirley will illuminate us on the subject.

You, too, are invited.

We meet next time in the East Activity Center Computer Room, Jan. 12, 2015, from 1-3 p.m.

## First rehearsal set for Jan. 5 - you can still join us

By Lilli Scheifen

We hope you all had a great holiday season with family and friends.

We had a wonderful party at the Beachcomber, which was decorated in its usual splendor.

All 40 guests seemed to be having a great time, and Santa Scheifen made an appearance, dispensing gifts.

Thank you for attending, helping to make it very special.

Now, back to basics.

Our show is coming up in March, and although that sounds like a long time off, before we know it, it will be lights, camera, action!

All aboard for "Sailing with the Love Bugs!"

Our director, Will Peterson, has scheduled the first rehearsal session



### Theater

for Jan. 5 at noon in the auditorium. He has sent out a note, advising us all to be there as he will disperse calendars and resolve any scheduling conflicts which may occur.

Please be there, as this is very important.

Bob Groves will bring his keyboard for rehearsals, and the keyboard will also be used for our show.

Any changes, if any, will be made as needed.

We are pleased to have Joyce Widman as our choreographer and are happy she could fit us into her busy schedule.

We are so fortunate to have so many talented people taking part in our show. It is always such fun to renew and make new friendships, all while working toward our ultimate goal – putting on a performance that will be enjoyed by our audiences and rewarding for us.

The dancers may have sore feet, and the singers and actors could be hoarse after many days, but it will be

worth it when the talent agents from New York and Hollywood sign us up for starring roles.

You don't doubt my word, do you?

I'm still trying to iron out the details from my last outing, and fame is surely just around the corner (which corner that is has yet to be determined – ha ha!).

It is not too late to sign up for the Workshop as we welcome one and all.

Sign-ups are Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., and the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., all in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our board meets at 6:30, and very important decisions are made, such as how many cookies we must have at each meeting! We must keep our members happy!

## Our group meets for good causes - Christmas was proof

By Phyllis Butler

Happy New Year to everyone.

Once again, the old year has ended and a New Year has begun.

Lots of empty pages to be filled with good deeds and interesting events. Or, in our case, lots of new patterns and new colors of yarn to create beautiful lap robes and shrugs.

Just before Christmas, Helen Duranti, our leader, took a selection

of walker caddies and lap robes to a nursing home to be given as Christmas presents to those patients who have no family or whose family doesn't visit them.

Our group meets every Wednesday morning in the Veranda Room from 9-11 a.m.

We all knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems.

We make lap robes and shrugs, which are distributed among several nursing homes and of course, the VA hospital.

We provide yarn for our projects, which is donated from several organizations and individuals, and is greatly appreciated.

If you knit or crochet, come visit us and consider joining in our efforts.



### Knitting

## Registration this month for Jack 'n Jill

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. 10 (Rain Date—Feb. 17).

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 forms are available to 18-Hole Ladies Golf League paid members only. Registration forms can be picked up at the Green House on the golf course starting Tuesday, Jan. 13. Registration dates have been set for Tuesday, Jan. 20, Tuesday, Jan. 27 and Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 7 – 8:45 a.m. at the Green House. Last day for registration is Jan. 28 if space is still available. A waiting list will be created after the tournament is full.

The registration fee is \$20 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.

We are encouraging those who wish to play to sign-up early! In past years, couples who were interested in playing and waited until the last minute to register found themselves placed on the waiting list. We have openings for only 72 couples because we want the participants to enjoy the day with play moving along at a good pace.

Any questions, call Gloria Sayer at 754-8872 or Donna Osborne 726-6550.



2014 Tournament Committee

WELCOME  
TO THE  
**JACK 'n JILL**  
TOURNAMENT

# Explore Tampa Bay with the Snowbirds Club



## Snowbird Club

By John Koning

Here at On Top of the World, we are nestled into one of the most picturesque and interesting areas in the whole country and we want to prove it!

Join us Feb. 6 as we explore the greater Tampa Bay area by charter bus, with a professional tour guide along to serve up reams of historic and anecdotal information.

Don't think about it too long though. We have filled one bus already and tickets for bus number two are selling fast.

If you already know everything there is to know about our area, don't worry. We are serving up a couple of other delicious treats to whet your touring appetite.

The first treat is a day at the Florida Strawberry Festival. Come along as we bask in this cornucopia of sensory delights. If you want, you can top the day off with a heapin' helpin' of the



Snowbirds recently enjoyed the Mt. Dora craft festival by charter bus

legendary Bobby Vinton, who will be in concert. This is not a coincidence. We planned the whole Feb. 26 trip around Bobby's visit.

The second treat we have for you is a couple of nights in historic Savannah, one of the most beautiful cities on the continent. Bask in the architec-

tural gems that make Savannah such a favorite and fill your belly with culinary delights from this cosmopolitan city.

Heck, we'll even include two dinners and two breakfasts!

Mark March 9-11 on your calendar, but remember that the first choice of seats on the bus go to those who

buy tickets first.

Stop by the Snowbirds' sales desk Monday and Thursday mornings for more information or to buy tickets, or go to [www.snowbirdsoftheworld.com](http://www.snowbirdsoftheworld.com).

Yes, you can download our events list and ticket order forms online.

## New event coming in January

# Nearly 250 celebrate at Canadian Club Christmas party

By Rick McLauchlan

Our annual Christmas party was held Dec. 10 in the East Activity Center.

Nearly 250 members and guests celebrated with an excellent turkey and ham dinner, followed by dancing.

A special certificate of appreciation was presented to Gisele Goyette for her 13 years of service in the Canadian Club.

Santa made his annual visit and helped with door-prize drawings before posing for pictures.

As of Dec. 8, our membership total was 315, including approximately 34 new members.

Please note that Canadian Club registration will start again on Jan. 5 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium every Monday and Thursday. Bring your recreation card.

January promises to be a busy month with social games starting on Jan. 8 and continuing on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the



EAC Large Card Room. Games will continue through March 26.

On Jan. 9, a new event has its debut. The Happy Hour/Cabaret will be held on the second Friday of each month in the Large Card Room. Come BYOB, a glass, snacks and socialize from 4-7 p.m. A 50/50 drawing will be held each night.

Next on the calendar is our trip to Tampa Bay Downs on Jan. 23 for



This is how the auditorium stage looked for the Canadian Club Christmas party.

lunch and watching the ponies. Tickets are \$21 and can be obtained by calling Rick Carr at 726-2247

The 40th annual President's Ball will be held at 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 in the auditorium. Join us for special festivities to mark this milestone. Tickets are \$28 for members and \$30 for guests.

A special sale day is scheduled from

8:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the auditorium. Sales will continue Thursdays and Mondays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 8, 12 and 15 in the auditorium..

The OTOW Canadian Club Golf Tournament will be held at 8 a.m. on Feb. 15 at the OTOW 18-Hole Course. For information contact Ian Hunter at 239-8086.

***Out with the old? We think not!***

**Veteran line dance DJ keeps up with technology**

By John Koning

With the dawn of a new year we look forward to all that is fresh and new, but we do so with gratitude and respect for those who came before us and made it all possible.

This month we begin a brand new tradition of celebrating one of our line dancers. We would like to pay tribute to long-term volunteer, Ednamae Jordt.

Ednamae came to us from Illinois in 1987 after sampling Florida winters for four years as a Snowbird. She jumped in with both feet, serving as reporter and captain for her Dorado building and writing line dancing reports. She recalls a time when you dared not leave the dance floor for fear of losing your spot among the more than 300 dancers.

One year, Ednamae filled in for an ailing Jester and stayed with the group for the next 14 shows. The last number she danced was "Singing in the Rain," a dance that she choreographed.

When asked what makes her so happy and content she replied, "My loving family and my GoodKarma



**Line Dancing**

Café coffee. Yum!"

At 92, Ednamae no longer dances, but she is still very much a part of our line dancing program as she announces the dances and sets the songs a-spinning.

As technology advances at break-neck speed, and dances evolve daily, Ednamae accepts it all with a sense of humor, preferring to age gracefully and lovingly instead of with bitterness and resentment.

Lovely ladies like Ednamae are an inspiration and a fine example to our younger dancers.

We line dance together on Satur-



Ednamae Jordt is January's line dancer of the month.

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# Members return from wonderful trip to North Carolina

By Terri Mikszenas

The On Top of the World Travel Club is up and running with its newly-elected slate of officers.

Members attending the first meeting passed all proposed bylaw recommendations made by the outgoing administration, began paying their 2015 dues and were able to sign up for upcoming trips.



**Travel Club**

Several club travelers just returned from an enjoyable trip to the beautiful Biltmore Hotel in Asheville, NC, created in 1895 by George Vanderbilt, and all decked out in its sparkling Christmas lights and decor.

In addition to the city tours, stops at Blue Ridge Parkway Village and country themed activities, our tour leader, Audrey Jones, surprised the group with a visit to the Jimmy Carter Museum in Atlanta.

I'd like to remind club members to sign up quickly and early with your deposit to reserve your place when new trips are announced, as both the Christmas Party planned for Island Way Grill and the trip to include the Grand Floridian and Gaylord Palms Ice! were sold out events.

You may be first in line by attending our monthly meetings when new events and trips are announced.

You can also learn about our trips Monday and Thursday morning at our table at the East Activity Center, by viewing our page on the Box Office, or on the OTOW-TV channels 96/732.

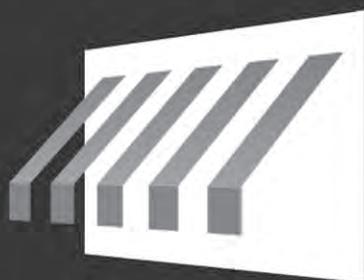
Let's begin the new year at our next meeting in the Starlite Room, EAC, on Friday, Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. New members are always welcome! Hope to see you there!



Our Clearwater ladies stopped off at the Macon, Ga., Hooters restaurant and almost had the staff convinced they were the pioneer Hooter gals from the original Hooters in Clearwater! Unfortunately, no one had the calendar to prove it!



OTOW Travel Club members stop for a photo on their recent journey to the Biltmore in Asheville, NC



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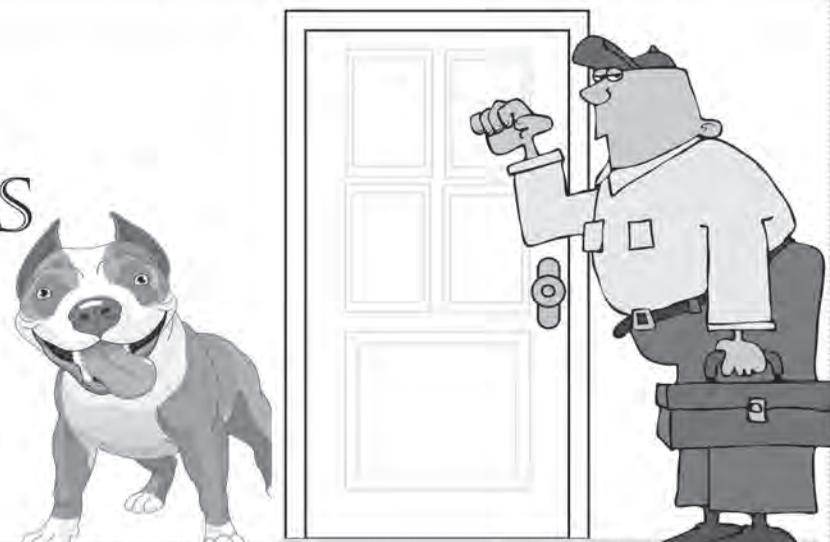
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# Incoming Good Neighbors' president wants to keep entertaining residents and try new ideas

Happy New Year to all of the residents of On Top of the World, and may the blessings of the New Year be with you all.

An introduction is needed. I am the new president of the Good Neighbors Association. My wife, Maureen, and I have been residents of OTOW for going on nine years and have been involved with Good Neighbors for the last four years. We are very eager to continue on the good works of the association in the coming weeks and months.

I look forward to working with all of OTOW residents and welcome your input and ideas. I will attempt to be at the Good Neighbors table (located just outside the Gift Shoppe) every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. Please stop by and introduce yourselves so we can both get acquainted.

We hope to continue all of the events you have enjoyed in the past with improvements, where needed, and hopefully provide new avenues for your enjoyment. Let's keep the lines of communication open and flowing.

Let's all make 2015 a wonderful year at On Top of the World.

Good  
Neighbors



President Jim Bjorgo



James Bjorgo is taking over as president of the Good Neighbors Club. Above, Jim assists OTOW Community Service Office employee Nancy Rogers with raffle drawings in December. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

## Steve Wayne returns for encore



Steve Wayne sang at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday late last year and has been invited back at the request of residents who loved his show. The time will be 9 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 8 in the EAC auditorium. Cost is free. There will be vendors on hand to share information about their products, and raffles will be taking place all morning.



Ralph Rogers entertained the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday audience in December.



## Next concert March 28-29

# Crowds leave Chorus concert in better holiday spirit

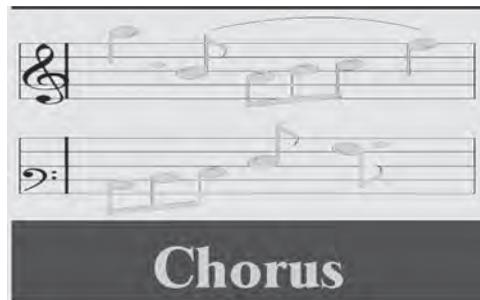
By Doug Kates

If you thought the On Top of the World holiday Chorus concert wasn't worth going to, then you made a mistake this year.

Not only did the Chorus sing such favorites as "Silent Night," "Let it Snow" and "I'll be home for Christmas," but the overall program left people leaving the East Activity Center in a little better holiday spirit.

Guests were welcomed by a beautifully decorated Christmas tree on stage.

A four-song sing-a-long had crowds at both shows standing, singing and smiling. Everyone knows "O Come All Ye Faithful," "White Christmas" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." Everyone in attendance



gave the songs their best shots.

And then there were the bonuses.

During the sing-a-long portion of the concert, the audience was not only asked to sing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" but was also asked to use hand gestures matching the words in the song.

It was crazy fun!

The audience had 5 minutes to re-

hearse the hand gestures and then it was time to go live.

They did a wonderful job.

Later, Janice Wisinski shared her version of "I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas."

She came out on stage dressed as a bare-footed, bad girl, who recited all her misbehaviors during the past year. In her rendition, she had the audience laughing out loud.

Carolyn Siegrist, Bernadette Krause, Nancy Wright, Betty Ross, Mary Ann Mercer, Lillian Foy and Ilene Bargerstock all performed solos.

Beth Kendall was the director, Betty Dethmers was the piano player and Bill Bledsoe rocked on drums.

The highlight of the night was the

singing of "On Top of the World It's Christmas," a song created by former OTOW chorus director Louise Kelly, who just happens to be turning 100 years old on Jan. 21. The chorus paid tribute to her by singing her holiday song.

The Chorus also acknowledged former member Floyd Thrower, who is credited as a singer, a stage hand, publicity person and sales person.

There were two shows. Combined, more than 250 people attended.

Rehearsals are now getting started for the Chorus' spring show. The first practice is 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6 in the East Activity Center auditorium. Any OTOW resident is welcomed to join us. The spring concert is March 28-29.

# No one will get seasick on our cruise

By Dave Beaven

Happy 2015!

Now that the holiday rush is over, it's time to start the peak season here at On Top of the World.

That means lots of comings and goings at the activity centers.

Lambda is starting off the year with a cruise party. January is a month when a lot of people go on cruises, so we figure we can go with that theme.

On Friday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., the East Activity Center Large Card Room will be turned into a cruise ship lounge for our January social.

We'll have some calypso music playing and serve a punch called Jamaican Me Loopy.

The dress code for the evening will include flowered shirts, sunglasses and



sandals.

Our "crew" of members will put out a lovely buffet for the enjoyment of our faux cruisers. The best part is that no one will get seasick.

If you are actually going on a cruise in January, congratulations! I hope that you have a good time. Many people are first-timers on cruises and ask some silly questions:

- Will this elevator take me to the front of the ship?
- Do these stairs go up or down?
- What time is the midnight buffet?
- What do you do with the ice sculptures after they've melted?

Those are real questions collected by crew members, and they do their best to answer them with a straight face.

If you're not cruising this month, come to our January social for the next best thing.

In case you don't already know, Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events in-

clude monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. 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 LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage:

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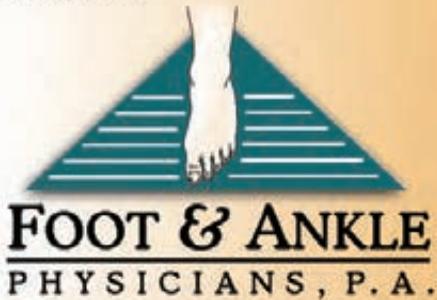
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# Bing and C.J. are grooming for success

If you think Bing and C.J. Sickles are an unlikely couple, it's because they are.

Think about this: What are the odds that an American kid from Pittsburgh would meet a girl from Cebu City, Philippines, marry her in Okinawa, Japan, and not even know they were married?

Let's face it. It's a long shot.

C.J. Sickles came to be overseas the same way many young men do. He was serving his country at Camp Foster in Okinawa when he decided to visit the Philippines on leave and was hanging around Ali Mall in Cebu.

It is the mall that was named for the legendary Mohamad Ali after his epic victory over Smokin' Joe Frazier in "The Thrilla" in Manila.

It was also the mall that changed C.J.'s life forever, for it was there where he met and fell in love with the beautiful Bing. The year was 1986.

The fledgling romance was subsequently put on agonizing hold when C.J. was sent to Korea on temporary assigned duties (T.A.D.) for three long months. During that time C.J. wrote faithfully and did some soul searching. Upon his return to Okinawa, he sent for Bing on a fiancé visa.

There was paperwork to be filled out for anyone who was contemplating marriage, so C.J. took Bing to the courthouse and they started writing. When they were finished, they were handed a document in Japanese and told to take it to the American consulate to be translated to English. When they received the translation, it turned out to be a certificate of marriage!

Well, I guess that cuts down on the catering costs.

As is the case in most military careers, there were several places they called home, but none as special as Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, where in 1989 the Sickles welcomed a brand new baby girl. They named her Abby.

C.J. rose through the ranks and finished his career as a Master Sergeant, overseeing a staff of 200 instructors and pumping 300 students a day through the Motor Transport School.

When, after 22 years in the military, the bean counters decided to amalgamate the North Carolina facility with another in Missouri, C.J. took



Pictured above, Bing, left, and C.J., stand in front of their full service dog care shop, which is only steps away from On Top of the World.

retirement over the inevitable move.

In the meantime, Bing had graduated from working the saw at a furniture manufacturer, all the way up to computer-aided design (C.A.D.), but quite frankly, she was bored. So she went back to school and became a certified dog groomer.

During a week's vacation in the Sunshine State, Bing and C.J. were struck with wanderlust. They sold their home in Hickory, N.C., and headed down I-95. After six months living in their R.V., they settled into a house in Riverview, Fl., and set up "Bing's Dog Grooming" business in south Tampa.

A couple of years later, when Abby moved out, C.J. and Bing started looking to down-size and simplify their life. That's when they first entered the front gate of On Top of the World.

They uprooted the business and the newly renovated "Bing's Dog Grooming" is now located a few steps east of that imposing OTOW arch, in the Sunset North Plaza.

As the name clearly indicates,

Bing is the boss and C.J. is the hired hand.

To be accurate, C.J. handles all the money and shmoozes the clients, while Bing does the business of making beautiful dogs.

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Bing and C.J. were sponsors at the Halloween Pet Costume Contest last October right here in our own dog park.

You can reach Bing's Dog Grooming at 727-223-8958 or look left as you approach state Route 19 on Sunset Point Road. Remember, you get a \$5 discount on your first visit.

Pictured below are Bing and C.J. (a little younger) with their marriage liscence imposed behind them. At first, the couple did not know this certificate officially made them husband and wife.



# Wendy Colquhoun named Artist of the Month

Happy New Year from all of us at the Art Guild! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season!

At our December meeting, we enjoyed a delicious array of appetizers and wines, followed by a demonstration of pastels by Karen Baker.

Then we voted for Artist of the Month - congratulations go to Wendy Colquhoun! Her painting will be hung in the lobby for the next month; stop by and check it out.

We have been keeping very busy with all of the different art class options:

On Mondays, Sharon is giving oils and acrylic lessons for beginner and experienced painters from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for members.

On Tuesdays, Wendy is teaching Chinese Brush Paint-



ing, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. These classes are also in the Art Room from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/ Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

On Thursdays, John will continue giving his popular drawing lessons from 1-3 p.m.. Classes are \$3 for members. Bring your own paper and pencils.

Art Guild members also hold an annual art show, which gives our members the opportunity to show and sell their work. This year, the show will be held on Feb. 22 from 1-4 p.m.

Membership is \$15 per year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings

Our meetings are the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of the EAC. New and old members are encouraged to share your ideas for future activities. Bring a current project, completed or in progress, for the group to critique. Completed pieces are eligible for the monthly Artist of the Month vote.

At our meetings we have a short business discussion and



Wendy Colquhoun has been named Artist of the Month. Her piece will be in the East Activity Center lobby this month.

refreshments.

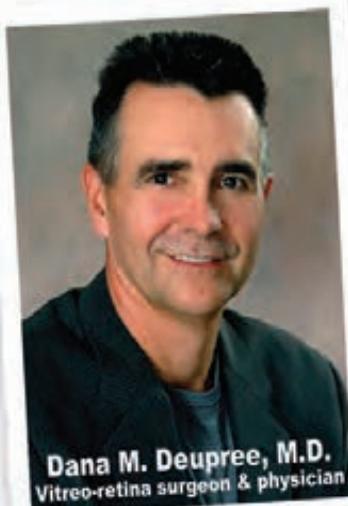
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Ms. Alice

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I always greet everyone with a friendly wag of my tail and a bark or a howl -- it's just my way of spreading the love and making new friends.

The No. 1 comment I always get is how I always look like a happy dog.

As you can see, Alice is ready for a brand new year and is quite excited about 2015. She will be thrilled to be named Pet of the Month for January and the first pet selected for the new year.

Woof, woof!

Ms. Alice is a goodwill ambassador for the residents of On Top of The World! Her owner is Barbara Morris.

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to [bootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bootss@tampabay.rr.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. 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. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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# Pennsylvania Club prepares entertainment for Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day

By Walt Copeland

Our holiday party was quite successful.

Our guests enjoyed the entertainment so much that we're going to see the same show following dinner on Feb. 22.

We're traveling by stretch limos, so we're limited to 15 for each vehicle.

Groundhog Day will be celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 29, in the East Activity Center at 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. It's a catered dinner with entertainment.



## Pennsylvania

On Feb. 11, we've scheduled a Victory Casino Cruise out of Port Canaveral. Cost is \$42 including transportation, buffet, entertainment and \$20

free play.

On Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, we'll be at the Early Bird Dinner Theater at 4 p.m. Cost is \$35. The comedy is "Caught on the Net."

On March 11, we're going to Atlantic City by air, via Tampa. Cost is \$249 per person, double occupancy, or \$289 single. We are staying at Harrah's Hotel Casino.

On March 17, Tuesday, we're going to a matinee dinner and show "West Side Story" at the Broadway Palm Theater in Fort Myers. We have

two limos that seat 30 people total. Payment is due immediately.

On April 12, Sunday, we're again traveling to the Broadway Matinee Theater for "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and a matinee luncheon. We're limited to 30 people.

Future events will be included in our 2015 itineraries at our table in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Please note, you don't have to be from Pennsylvania to join our club. Dues are \$5 per year.

# OTOW lawn bowlers hit the road while renovations wrap up

By Bob Laplante

Happy New Year!

With renovations being completed at the Lawn Bowls Greens, we hope to be able to return to play in the very near future.

The new fence has been installed and the concrete wall completed and painted.

As the On Top of the World Board of Directors had not included

## Lawn Bowling

non-emergency upgrades to the lawn bowl facilities in the current budget, some of the renovations will have to be rescheduled until the new budget year.

Although incomplete, it is anticipated that club members will be able

to access the greens and return to play early in the new year.

December has the prestigious, South East Tournament held at Mount Dora. Congratulations are extended to Marj Kells, Jackie Bedard and Ron Jones who place 10th overall and Trevor Colby who placed as a member of the Clearwater Lawn Bowls Team.

OTOW can be justifiably proud of the success of our club members'

achievements in tournaments.

The OTOW club has a full calendar of games and tournaments waiting to be played. If anyone is interested in trying out the game, the club offers instruction to prospective players.

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# Democratic Club will try a night meeting in January to boost meeting attendance

By Charlie Christ

Mac McGuire, membership chair, told us that he is checking on technical problems with our robo-calls system and a solution is forthcoming.

In an effort to correct the problem of low attendance, it was voted to have an evening meeting for January. It is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The topic for discussion will be on "Five Ways To Improve Elections."

Donna Lucas, By-Laws Committee Chair, reported that we are revis-



**Democratic Club**

ing our by-laws to "reflect the unique character of OTOW residents" and will submit them to the DEC prior to July of 2015.

The Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officer nominees for our March election. They are as follows: Co-chairpersons Betsey Steinman and Donna Lucas; Secretary, Mary Skaarer; Treasurer, Jack Starr; and Parliamentarian, Jim Schelling.

The required non-elective officers to complete the Board of Directors will be Membership Chair Mac McGuire and Club Correspondent Charlie Christ.

Our next meeting will discuss an OTOW Democratic Club vision statement and priorities. Mac McGuire

urged club members to consider "What is your biggest political outrage? for future discussion.

Members are urged to write letters opposing Florida house and Senate bills forcing schools to show the film, "America: Imagine the World Without Her."

Letters should be directed to the following address: Senator Jack Latvala, 26133 US19, Ste 201, Clearwater, FL, 33763, and Charles Latvala, 222 The Capitol, 402 S. Monroe, Tallahassee, FL, 32399

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**Philosophy Club**

## Express your views

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 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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# *Life is not a guided tour - don't take anything for granted and you will enjoy the new year*

For me, the start of a new year is a time of anticipation and reflection.

I remember growing up with practical parents.

A mother, bless her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it.

A father, who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can look back and see them now. It was a time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, a screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress, darning socks....things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy.

All that fixing, re-fixing, recycling, renewing. I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away, never to return.

So, while we have it, it's best we love it, and care for it, and fix it when



By Allen Winston

## *Winston's World*

it's broken, and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage, and old cars, and children with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special...our immediate family, a best friend that moved away, or a classmate we grew up with.

The people who we hold dear are valuable beyond measure, and we keep them because they are worth it.

In the past year, I've once again learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he (or she) handles four things: A rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a "liv-

ing" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes does give you a second chance.

I've learned that when you're curious, you find lots of interesting things to do.

I've learned my dog didn't want to eat my broccoli either.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back sometimes.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it might elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that all our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

I've learned that when you believe in a thing, believe in it all the way, implicitly and without question.

I've learned that life is a journey,

and most definitely not a guided tour.

I've learned the purpose of life is not just to be happy, but to also be useful, honorable, and compassionate, and to have it make a difference in those whose lives you touch.

I've learned that I am truly unique, that there is no one else like me.

I've learned that my heritage and ideals, my moral code and standards -- the things I live by, are the best gifts I've ever given my children.

I've learned you can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one.

Oh, and one more thing, I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

As for my New Year's resolutions, well, this year they are quite simple.

First, never stop learning. It's a never-ending adventure.

Second, learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether with family, friends, at work, or at leisure. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored.

Third, since life is uncertain, always eat dessert first.

And last, never sit and cry over spilt milk ... instead, get busy looking for the next cow!

Sounds naively simple, doesn't it?

Well, life can best be enjoyed when it's uncomplicated. Happy New Year everybody!

# *Need an excuse for that weight you put on?*

It's that time of the year when we pay for eating all that good food over the holidays. Here are some excuses:

I joined a health club and spent about 250 bucks. Didn't lose a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Heat makes objects expand  
So there you have it.  
I'm not overweight  
I'm just hot.

I have flabby thighs but fortunately my stomach covers them.

Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise," I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

Marge  
Mayer



## *Marge's Humor*

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years just getting over the hill.

Every time I start thinking about how I look, I find a bar with Happy Hour, and by the time I leave, I look just fine.



The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have become really good friends.

Don't give up the fight to lose weight. See you at exercise class.

## **SOMETHING TO WINE ABOUT**

A meal without wine is called Breakfast.

Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it.

Someone told me you can make ice cubes with leftover wine. I was confused -- what is leftover wine?

In wine there is wisdom.  
In beer there is freedom.  
In water there is bacteria.  
Alcohol is not the answer.  
It just makes you forget the question.

Wine a little. It will make you feel better.



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## A new year of shows, dances and entertainment begins

By Marvin Flam

Happy New Year!

Come join the fun – 2015 is ready to begin!

Each New Year's Eve, we welcome in a new year with more than 400 On Top of the World residents at the Entertainment Committee's New Year's Eve Party, which sparks a celebration into the wee hours of the morning.

When this party ends, we ask that you come and help us celebrate our 45 years of bringing you great shows, dances and Sunday-In-The-Park events at the East Activity Center (EAC) auditorium.

Great fun conveniently located right in your own backyard.

If you haven't attended Thursday night shows, make plans to come. 2015's lineup includes shows with theater-style seating and Cabaret Shows with table seating. The shows feature terrific performers, who have appeared in Vegas, Branson and on cruise ships.

If you haven't attended one of our popular dances on a Saturday night, make plans to come. Each dance has a theme and features one of the area's top headline bands.

In addition to dancing to all types of music, there are group participation numbers, contests with prizes, free tickets to win cash prizes, and an opportunity to celebrate your birthday, anniversary or special event with fam-

ily, friends and neighbors.

You may bring your own snacks and beverages. We provide ice and coffee.

If you haven't attended a Sunday-In-The-Park, make plans to come. They are free to all residents. The park is the EAC auditorium. You'll meet and greet friends and neighbors, and enjoy professional entertainment, which includes singers, dance troupes, a magician and a fashion show. You can dance to the music. Snacks and soda are provided and you can buy tickets to win cash in a 50/50 drawing.

Don't sit home and miss out!

Be a part of the fun!

There has been no increase in our

prices, and we offer a variety of discount packages and reserved seats for 2015 shows or dances.

This is your community and any surplus funds are put back into the community, such as operating the sound and lighting systems, chairs, tables and more.

Follow us on the building bulletin boards, at the activity centers, on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and the Box Office at: OnTopOfTheWorld-News.com.

Your executive board looks forward to personally greeting each of you at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and also at all our events.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**



**JANUARY 2015**

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FEB 7 - SAT - SWEETHEART DANCE - REBOUND

FEB 8 - SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - CLOUD 9 - AT THE EAC

FEB 19 - THU - ATLANTIC CITY BOYS SHOW





# Be active on and off the golf course to get the most out of the 2015 season

By Pete Milner

The 2014 agenda has been completed, and with a new slate of officers to lead our association into a new year, comes a new schedule of events.

Your vote has chosen the 2015 On Top of the World Men's Golf Association Executive Board, consisting of the following men: President Marcus Schell, President-elect Jim O'Neil, Treasurer Russell Caughey, Secretary Pete Milner, Trustee Three Years Les Whynot, Trustee Two Years Jay Schwalie, Trustee One Year Ken Nield.

Our first event of 2015 will be our annual meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Please plan on

## Men's Golf

attending.

The annual meeting is important to all association members. If there is important business to be voted on, which could impact us all, don't let just a handful of members bind us to rules or regulations that could turn out to be unpopular for the year to come.

If you don't know your new officers, come meet them.

Also, if you have a question or need specific info on a subject, what better forum could you ask for.

Good coffee and donuts too.

Our agenda for the beginning of 2015 is to start with 8:30 shotgun starts

as long as we can. Should we need to go to assigned tee times in the future, we will need volunteers to man the shack for check-ins and sign-ups.

If this turns out to be the case and you would like to volunteer, see Jack Yorkery.

We are always looking for new members. If someone moves into your building and is a golfer, suggest that they join us.

Please pay particular attention to our newly re-designed scoreboard. President Elect Jim O'Neil has gone to great efforts to simplify the info you will need. Look to it often for tee times, pairings, start times and which hole you are to start your round on.

Remember to sign up and check

in at least 30 minutes before your tee time. Should you fail to do so, you could lose your tee time.

**IMPORTANT** - When you sign up as a rider, you become responsible for half of the cart rental fee. Don't stick your riding partner with the whole cost.

The purpose of our association is to be able to play good golf, fun golf, meet interesting people and have a great time.

In my opinion (nobody asked) the most important part to the round of golf is the handshake on the last hole.

Enjoy this year's experience and look to our big green bulletin/scoreboard at the edge of the parking lot for our 2015 agenda and information.

# Golfers end year with a luncheon, start year with Hospice tournament

By Vayna Cormier

What a great feeling and joy to be back south and be so warmly welcomed by our 9-Hole Ladies Golf League.

Let me present to you our new officers for this season:

President Marge Jacobs, Vice President Pat Murray, Secretary Anna Hyden and Treasurer Nancy Parlatores.

We also have all the chairladies on the different committees, and a great group of volunteers.

They are really doing a wonderful job.

Thank you for accepting those responsibilities. We all appreciate your commitment very much.

On Dec. 4, we celebrated and all enjoyed our holiday luncheon at Wildflower Café, where the quiche are a delight. Some lucky ladies went back home with beautiful poinsettias.

## Weekly Awards

### December 2:

A flight: Ann Stewart, Laypa Buck, Carol Kapoor.

## Ladies 9-Golf

B flight: Doris Prekopa, Wendy Colquhoun, Connie Saylor.

C flight: Pat Murray, Marge Sivek, Mary Ann O'Neil .

D flight: Fran Pittman, Marnie Carr, Romy Brady.

Birdies: Mary Ann O'Neil on No. 3.

### December 9:

A flight: Carol Kapoor, Ann Stewart.

B flight: Anna Hyden, Doris Prekopa.

C flight: Marge Sivek, Sue Liesch

D flight: Fran Pittman, Romy Brady, Alice Wilson.

Birdies: Vayna Cormier on No. 3.

### Upcoming Dates

Some important dates in January are the Suncoast Hospice Tournament on the 13th and the general meeting on the 27th at 2 p.m. in the Veranda



These are some of the ladies who attended the 9-Hole Golf Christmas Party last month. In the front row, left to right, are Ginger Murphy, Nancy Parlatores, Connie Saylor and Claire Racine. In the back row are Wendy Collquhoun, Freddie Robinson, Sue Liesch, Karen Johnson, Marge Jacobs, Vayna Cormier and Romy Brady.

Room.

Please check your booklet for every Tuesday games.

I wish all our golfers and their families a very happy, healthy and wonderful New Year.



## Golfers practicing for Hospice Tournament

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association has run into a streak of bad weather.

So there is only one Tuesday morning tournament to report on this month.

The overall low net winner was Rose Mulhall with a 62. The overall low gross winner was Pat Eastman with 65.

Flight winners for Dec. 2 are: Flight A -- Pat Eastman, Becky West. Flight B -- Thelma Jacobson, Dot Graham, Carole Whynot, Gilda Gambacurta. Flight C -- Betty McKay, Trish Burch, Terri Mikszenas, Cindy Schell. Flight D -- Jackie Woloszyn, Rose Mulhall.

The highlight of December was our Holiday Brunch organized by Marie Belliveau, Becky West, Leora Hamm and Billie Pineau. About 50 ladies really enjoyed the holiday atmosphere created by the committee and loved the mugs filled with candy. Terri Mikszenas collected almost \$400 for our annual holiday charity -- Caring and Sharing.

The 2014-2015 officers are Presi-

### Ladies 18-Golf

dent Elaine Stretavski, Vice President Ellen Fier, acting Secretary Gail DuCharme filling in for Secretary Sharon Hackenmiller, and Treasurer Sherry Ivey.

They are busy performing all their many duties. For example, the vice president's duties are:

1. Reserve all board and general meeting spaces for the upcoming year.
2. Act as Sunshine News Representative.
3. Prepare and distribute the Association information and membership telephone directory.
4. Prepare and/or provide the framed awards for the Championship and Handicap Tournament winners
5. Update the award plaques in the pro shop with names of Championship and Handicap Tournament winners.
6. Order engraved trophies for all Hole-In-One recipients.
7. Select and purchase a gift for the outgoing president. Present gift at the spring luncheon.
8. Chair any fund-raising events re-



In her spare time, Vice President Ellen Fier can be found driving a golf cart. (Photo by Pat Eastman)

quested by the president.

9. Preside at all meetings in the absence of the president.

10. Work with the president on food for Fun Scramble and end of the year pizza party.

Way to go Ellen ... and you still have time to play golf!

### Upcoming events

Jan. 13, Suncoast Hospice charity tournament (rain date Jan. 20).

Feb. 2, board meeting 9 a.m. kitchen EAC.

Feb. 6, general meeting 9:30 a.m., Sunrise Room WAC.

Feb. 10, Jack and Jill Tournament (rain date Feb. 17).

## Ian Miller, John Adkins, Ron Parham win weekly titles

The regular season of the Thursday Golf League is in full swing.

In spite of the holiday interruptions, attendance has been great and new members have been joining each week. We anticipate the arrival of the second wave of Snowbirds to swell our ranks even further.

Weekly competitions have been close and accurate putting has been extremely important. Week two champion was Ian Miller. Fred Schick followed in second place and Dennis Trauffer took third. Paul Meyers had low gross honors. Only two skins were taken by Bill Cook and Clyde Hershberger.

John Adkins quietly walked away with first place on week three. A three-way tie-breaker was needed to decide second and third places. Bob Maynard and Patti Cook were second and third,

### Thursday Golf

respectively. Low gross was shared by Allen Pier and Clyde Hershberger. Skins were plentiful. Allen Pier took two skins. Joyce Monahan, Dave Pittenger, Tom McMinn, Bob Maynard and Paul Meyers all had one each. Joyce Monahan was the women's long drive winner. Gary Sandine and Don Hunter had the longest drives in their divisions.

Using his new adjustable putter (which allows him to miss putts at any length) Ron Parham took first place in week four. Gary Sandine placed second and Ian Miller was third. "Whine Connoisseur" Clyde Hershberger easily captured low gross honors in spite of what he called poor putting. Clyde,

along with Gary Sandine, Ian Miller, Don Baker and Allen Pier, all took one skin each. A great shot on hole No. 5 won Don Hunter closest to the pin honors.

The race to league champion is a tight one. The current standing are: Bob Maynard and Ian Miller with 12 points to share first place. Don Hunter and Ron Parham have 10 points each. John Adkins has nine. Fred Schick and Gary Sandine have eight. Patti Cook and Clyde Hershberger have six. Paul Meyers and Allen Pier have five.

Each week the winner receives seven points, second place receives five points and third three points. Low gross receives two points and one point is awarded for playing each week. The season champion is the golfer who accumulates the most points during the year.

Our annual four-person scramble is scheduled for Jan. 8.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 11 a.m. every Thursday.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdogolf@aol.com

First annual golf equipment sale and trade day will take place Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the OTOW golf course for OTOW residents only. Unwanted clubs will be accepted and passed on to local charities.



## Billiards in December had a holiday theme



### Que'T Billiards Club

By Reva Heymann

For the November tournament, we had a tie for first place and a four-way tie for second place.

We have a way to go, but we must be improving if we are so evenly matched.

The first place winners were Judy Garvey and Sophia (who just joined our club but has become a very strong pool player in a very short time).

We planned a "Guys and Dolls" match the first week in December. The players from the men's group and our group, who are willing to take part, were randomly matched with each other by luck of the draw. Then the matched pairs played in a tournament the next night. Though the skill levels



This is us! The Que'T Billiards Club. Come join us. We take all experience levels.

may be uneven, this type of tournament has been fun in the past.

We are also held a holiday get together in mid-December. We had a potluck supper (where everybody

contributes a dish). This is usually very interesting as we get to enjoy each other's specialty.

We had a joke gift exchange and played "Dirty Santa," which is when

someone wants something that another person has just picked. The Dirty Santa can take that gift away from the first person (who then has to pick again.) Hilarity usually follows.

## Team W (Wittman and Williams) first in Scotch Doubles

By Barb Sundberg

Dan Kane won every game, but one to run away with first place in A Flight on Nov. 17.

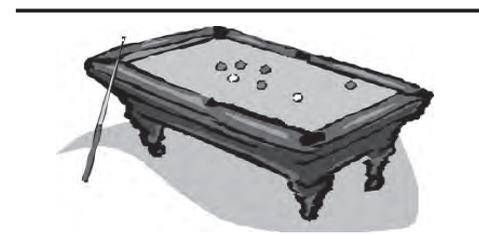
After a playoff, Denny Balderson took second place and Joe Lisbon settled for third.

On Nov. 18 in B Flight, Bill Robertson captured first place, Joe Doire claimed second and Nick Sapienza took third.

On Nov. 24 in A Flight, Dave Williams captured first place, Denny Balderson took second and Herb Jordan claimed third place.

On Nov. 25 in B Flight, first place went to Joe Doire, new members Joe Lisbon and Gil Small took second and third places, respectively.

In a tournament held on Dec. 1, Dan Kane took first place once again in A Flight. Allen Pier captured second place with Dave Williams settling for third. On Dec. 2 in B Flight, Terry Wittman walked away with first place and Bob Ellis captured second place. There was no playoff for third place



### Billiards

between Ron Baltrunas, Maureen Doire and Don Sorenson.

On Dec. 8 in the A Flight, Dave Williams captured first place, Dan Kane second place and Bill Robertson took third.

On Dec. 9 in B Flight play, Joe Ventimiglia claimed first place. No playoff was held for second and third places between Mario Rodriguez and Joe Wisinski.

On Dec. 15 in the A Flight, a playoff was held between Allen Pier and Denny Balderson. Allen captured first



Pictured above are the top finishers from the A Flight division on Dec. 1. From left to right are Dave Williams (third place), Dan Kane (first place) and Allen Pier (second place).

place. Denny settled for second and Dan Kane claimed third place.

They played Scotch Doubles on Thursday, Nov. 13. The team of Terry Wittman and Dave Williams captured first place, Maureen Doire and Ian Hunter took second place, and Dan Kane and John Shearer settled for third.

On Nov. 20, they played singles

with Dan Kane taking first place, Dave Williams claiming second and Joe Wisinski settling for third.

On Dec. 11, they played Scotch Doubles. The team of Joe Doire and Terry Wittman claimed first place, Ian Hunter and John Shearer took second place, and Bob Ellis and Dave Williams settled for third.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18 in nine-ball play, Dan Kane walked away with the first place spot with Frank English taking second.

On Nov. 25, Tony Baker took first place away from Dan Kane who settled for second.

On Dec. 2, the competition was fierce, but once again, Dan Kane captured first place with Bob Eads taking second place.

On Dec. 9, Tony Baker took first place. Ian Hunter claimed the second place slot.

Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in these heavily competitive tournaments. We use the round-robin format.



# SPORTS



## Monthly events help prepare us for annual tournament

By Harry Morrison

Happy New Year!

At our general meeting/supper at the Sunrise Room on Nov. 13, we elected the new executive board for the 2014/15 season.

They are: Harry Morrison, president; Becky Balderson, vice president; Ann Haskell, secretary; Phyllis Tetzlaff, treasurer; Joe Spahalski, past president and “last but far from least” Dean Baker, tournament director.

Our annual tournament is by far the biggest event we run each year and Dean puts in copious hours setting up/running and compiling the final

### Tennis

results. His objective is to ensure that players have a good time and to look at ways to increase participation.

One of the ways Dean has achieved this is by introducing a unique team tennis approach. Teams are composed of three players (Generally two males and one female) and the format is doubles play. Each player on the team must play one set with every other team player (total - three sets). Each team plays every

other team and points are awarded for wins.

This year the tournament will run from Monday, Feb. 2 to March 1.

As well, Dean has organized Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Men's Singles and Women's Singles events where “single knockout” is the format.

Dean is by far the greatest “Unsung” hero of the Tennis Association. Again, “many thanks” Dean for all your efforts on our behalf.

On Dec. 6, we held the first of three BBQs/Fun Tournament events. Free hotdogs, hamburgers and liba-

tions were served up and more than 60 people (members and their significant others) attended. Fun was had by all and a special thank you to the executive board for organizing this.

The next free BBQ Tournament will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. at the tennis courts at the East Activity Center.

Again, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to get a little exercise, learn a new game and have the time of their lives.

If you are interested, please contact me at 727-791-7907 or e-mail me at morrisonharbar@aol.com.

## Scott's Pharmacy rallies from 6-0 deficit to force tie

By Bob Rittner

As we enjoy the game, we recall the words of the great Vin Scully who said, “It's a wonderful feeling to be a bridge to the past and to unite generations. The sport of baseball does that, and I am just a part of it.”

### Cody's 10 Scott's 10

In a dazzling defensive display, middle infielder Joe Maley gobbled up every ball hit near him, and his four hits at lead-off, including a triple, helped Scott's rally from an early 6-0 deficit.

Cody's raced out to the lead behind a Chris Ferrugia home run and run-scoring hits from Trevor Dixon, Tony Alves and Rick Champ, who tripled. Later in the game, Paul Fice's homer seemed to secure Scott's victory.

But in the bottom of the ninth inning, Scott's erased a four-run deficit with seven singles, culminating in a bases-loaded hit by Lenny Segall. Scott's bunched its hits, only scoring in three innings, but after the second inning its defense held Cody's in check giving Scott's the opportunity to catch up.

### Softball

#### Scott's 9 Cody's 11

In a seesaw game, Cody's scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth and pitcher Guy Bertuzzi successfully navigated the heart of Scott's order in the top of the ninth to preserve the win.

Scott's scored three first inning runs before Cody's recorded an out, but failed to score again until the fifth. Meanwhile, led by Paul Fice's four hits, including a home run, Cody's forged ahead only to be caught after another three run inning by Scott's.

In the top of the seventh, Chris Ferrugia, Glenn Ohl and Ken Graham each got his third hit to give Scott's another three run lead, but Bob Rittner's two run homer created another tie in the bottom of the inning setting up the dramatic finish.

#### OTOW 15 Dunedin Elks 16

Paul Fice was 5-for-5, Pat Ken-

nedy 4-for-4 and Lenny Segall and Guy Bertuzzi each had four hits with a home run, but despite racing to a nine run lead, OTOW was caught and then beaten by the Elks in the last three innings.

#### Cody's 10 Scott's 14

A late surge by Scott's, sparked by a slew of seeing-eye grounders, broke open a tie game.

Cody's Paul Fice and Scott's Lenny Segall each went 4-for-4, and Bob Stoddard homered for Cody's in his first game of the season.

Paul set a league record by recording 14 consecutive hits over three games. The major league record is 12 by Walt Dropo, although Ted Williams has the modern record of 16 consecutive times reaching base by a hit or a walk.

#### Scott's 10 Cody's 11

Cody's clawed back from an early three-run deficit, scoring three runs in the bottom of the eighth while holding Scott's scoreless over the last two innings.

Cody's Jim Kemp singled and

homered in his first game back while Paul Fice continued his assault on pitchers with another perfect day at the plate. This time he included a triple and home run.

For Scott's, Trevor Dixon and Tony Caputo had perfect days at the plate while Lenny Segall homered.

#### Scott's 9 Cody's 12

Leading Cody's charge, Bob Fields made two spectacular catches in the outfield and contributed four hits as did Joe Maley and Paul Fice, now up to 21 consecutive hits.

For Scott's, Guy Bertuzzi had four hits and seven total bases.

#### Cody's 15 Scott's 17

Here are the highlights of the game: Scott's was behind every inning until the last.

Paul Fice extended his consecutive hit streak to 25 games.

Bill Lepping was the winning pitcher in his first game of the season.

Steve Yauk, after an extended absence, duplicated his marvelous catch of two months earlier.

Tony Caputo was 4-for-4.

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For more information, call 797-1168.

## **Bonesavers**

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tuft University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

## **Fat Burning Workout!**

Our new Fat Burning Workout class takes place 9 a.m., Tuesdays, in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

Men and women are welcome. Bring water and a towel. Be prepared to have fun and burn a ton of calories.

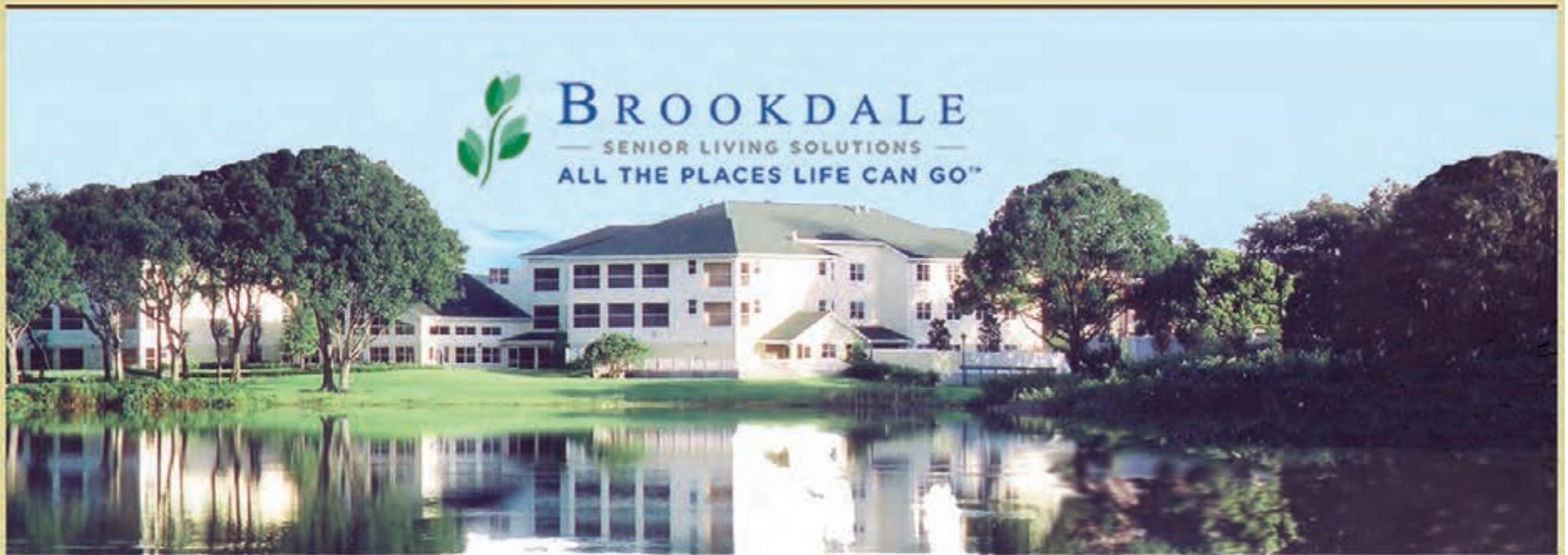
## **These exercise classes will help you keep those resolutions**

Hello Ladies! If you gained a few pounds over the holidays and are interested in keeping those New Year's resolutions, come join us at 8 a.m. during the week in the East Activity Center gym.

The gals are great, the music will get you moving, it's a fun way to start your day. Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting to improve muscle tone, and cardio workouts to music.

Each day we work different muscle groups with a different routine so you won't get bored. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning, as well. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

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# OTOW PET OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Your online vote will decide the 2014 OTOW Pet of the Year.

The 12 candidates are pictured on this page.

Polls will open at 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16 and close at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 19.

You will be allowed to vote for your two favorite pets.

Only two votes per computer will be accepted.

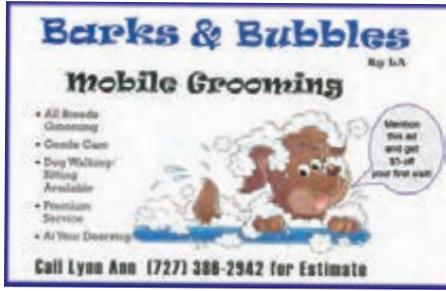
Both votes must be for a different pet.

The winner will be announced in the February edition of OTOW News.

Winner will also receive a free grooming from Barks & Bubbles, a gift certificate from

Pet Supplies Plus, and will march in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

To vote, go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) and click the Box Office link.



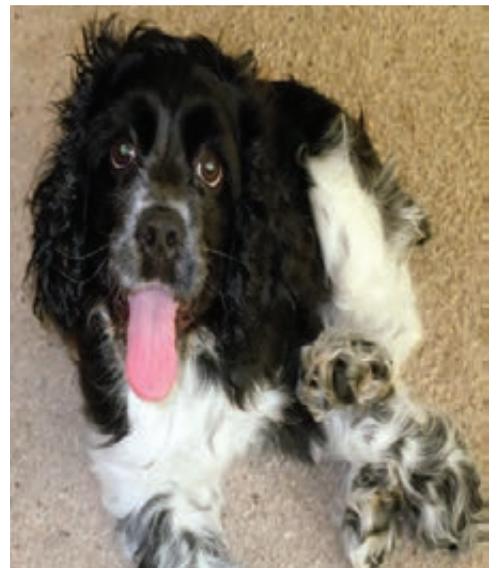
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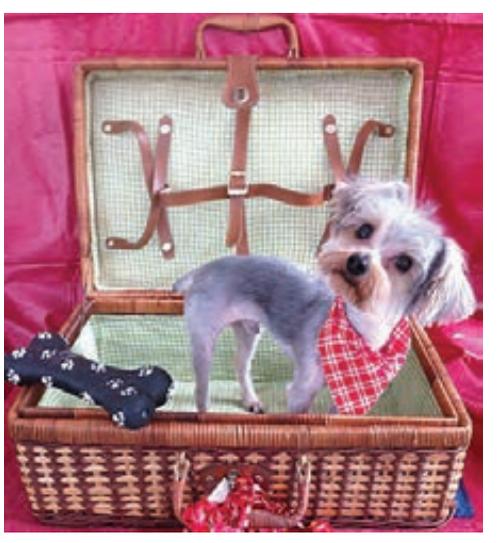
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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Here's a man who loves to 'go fly a kite!'



Happy New Year everyone — we hope you will all enjoy a happy and healthy 2015.

Wow! What a great turnout for our holiday pot luck supper! Who knew our neighbors were such great cooks? There was an abundance of delicious dinner fare, not to mention all of the scrumptious desserts, including a cake to celebrate Sal Schiachitano's and Marcia Allen's December birthdays.

Bill Clark treated us to pre-dinner music on his keyboard and Dave Williams introduced us to a fun Yankee gift swap. Joanne and Bob Wallend, Kathy Schamel, Dave Williams and Jay Chang: thanks for coming early and staying late to set up and clean up.

Winters are a great time to spend outdoors in West Central Florida, and if you've never tried kite flying, it may be just the thing to start off your New Year with something a little different!

Our resident kite enthusiast, CK Hydrick, has been an avid kite flyer for many years. Originally from Virginia, where he had to drive one hundred miles to get to the beach, he came to Clearwater in 1978 and now enjoys a very short trip to fly his kites.

He can be found many a sunny, breezy afternoon at the Safety



Photo: CK Hydrick prepares his kite for another soaring adventure at the Safety Harbor Marina. (Photo by Nancy Stiner)

Harbor Marina, Sand Key Beach or Treasure Island with one of his kites soaring above him. He's down to two now, but has had as many as ten, and plans to build his collection again.

CK volunteered for five years with Pinellas County Schools to teach children about kite handling and safety. Each year, he donates

dozens of kites to a local toy drive.

He also participates in and encourages everyone to come out to the annual Treasure Island Kite Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18, for a fun day of watching the kites fly.

At the festival, CK, along with scores of other kite flyers from as far

away as Canada, come to compete or just for fun. There'll be many different kinds, shapes and sizes of kites and flyers of every skill level.

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# Beautiful village display goes up for the holidays

We are so happy to announce that we have new building captains, Jim and Judy Ropp, who are also new to our building from the Bohemian Building.

They have been such an asset to our building and are off and running since recently taking charge.

They held Thanksgiving Dinner at their place, which was open to anyone in our building. Twenty-seven were in attendance and fun was had by all. All of the side dishes were made by the attendees and were absolutely delicious. When Jim and Judy remodeled their first floor condo, they planned it so they could have groups of people in to enjoy the open space.

Not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day we each do have so much to be thankful for and for so many reasons. After all this is paradise, for a starter! I've seen enough snow on the news, and I'm glad I don't have to shovel snow any more nor rake and bag leaves.

Our annual Christmas building decorations setup was well-attended.



Fifteen people helped. Jim and Judy Ropp provided for cheese and wine, which was an incentive to help.

Our Christmas party, with 38 signed up, to be held December 17, will have been over and the New Year on its way by the time this article comes out.

Max and Judy Mieth set up their annual village scene once again this year, as in the last 15 years. However, he stated this will be his last year because of health reasons. Most everyone in our building, as well as those in other buildings, have been invited to see how



Max Mieth, along with his wife, Judy, once again set up their annual village scene this year, as they have for the past 15 years. The display is admired by many OTOW residents who come by each holiday season especially to see it.

the display has grown over the years. It is quite impressive and a treat to see in person (see photo above).

Don and June Richardson celebrated their 60th anniversary with their best man (Don's brother) and maid of honor (June's sister), who are also married since that wedding.

Welcome to the many newcomers to our building, too numerous to mention in this article. I will recap who they all are in next month's article.

From our building to yours, we wish each and every one a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2015!

# Season was a whirlwind of parties, gifts and visits

This past month was a busy one for the Mallorca family.

We really got into the holiday spirit! If you were fortunate to travel along Franciscan Drive you would have seen the beautiful decorations adorning our building.

As usual, all the people interested in decorating met in the early morning. Terry Kuplen had coffee and Danish waiting for us. After we enjoyed the light refreshments, we were put to work by Dick Kuplen.

Some were asked to decorate the trees, while others spent a lot of time either getting the lights ready to be strung, or actually wrapping them around the trees and along the face of the building. This year it seemed that it took a bit longer to put up the lights.



Thank goodness Dick and Terry, along with Rita and Jim Rudderham, spent quite a bit of time the day before decorating the balconies!

After the decorations were put up, we enjoyed a nice lunch on Josie Marsiglio's front patio.

And to top off a terrific day, Helen Pawlikowski hosted a cocktail party for the workers. As evening approached we went outside and "ooh-ed and aah-ed" at the beautiful display of lights.

Josie hosted a marvelous cocktail party that was also dinner. There were close to 30 people in her apartment. She did a super job of making sure we all had plenty to eat and drink. She admitted she had been cooking for a week!

The day after Josie's party, we celebrated the holiday season with our annual Christmas party at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Everyone brought a dish to pass. The turkey and ham were provided by the social committee. After a delicious dinner, Vito Conforti led the gift

exchange. This was enjoyed by all because we could "steal" another's gift if we wanted it.

There were plenty of laughs throughout the evening. We particularly enjoyed having our friends from the Monaco building join us, as well as special friends from other buildings.

Congratulations to Helen Pawlikowski and Ginger Currier for coming in second place in duplicate bridge! These are two very good bridge players who are on the same wavelength. It's always fun to watch the two play, both as partners and as opponents.

We wish all our friends and neighbors a healthy and very prosperous New Year!

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# This 'green thumb' is also an excellent ethnic chef

The "Emerald Isle Garden Club" consists of exactly one member with one green thumb.

Singlehandedly, resident Ewa Politanski beautifies our building and its surroundings.

Recently she bought several dozen small poinsettia plants which she, and her white 3-year-old poodle named "Baby" planted on the edge of a small plot near the closest entrance to Sumatran Way. This addition made the entire area look festive in a beautifully natural way.

But Ewa was not finished. She and other diligent members of our community decorated our building and put up a gorgeous Christmas tree in the core. Ewa gilded the proverbial lily by adding her own touches with finely decorated ribbons adorning the entire tree.

Ewa was born in Kielce, Poland, but came to the U.S. almost 25 years ago to visit her brother in California. At a Polish club in the area she met her future husband. They have been married 24 years. Her husband was transferred to the Clearwater area which is how she ended up here three years ago.

As anyone who lives in the vicinity of the Politanski condo can attest to, Ewa is an excellent cook. The aromas that emanate from her kitchen make you feel like knocking on her door with knife and fork in hand.

Her specialties are, of course,



Polish dishes such as galumpkis (stuffed cabbage); pierogis (dumplings stuffed with potatoes, cheese or sauerkraut); cheese blincis (blintz or blinis, which are thin pancakes); gulasz, which I'm sure you can turn into -goulash (which takes on many different interpretations).

Ewa also makes bigos, which is a traditional Polish hunter's stew made with sauerkraut, Polish sausage (kielbasa), and pork.

(I tried to make pierogis once but they turned out to be tiny, rock-hard, little suitcases, useful for absolutely nothing, neither eating nor packing!)

There are other interesting ethnicities represented in our building: people from Singapore, St. Croix, Montreal, Quebec, and even someone from New Jersey! Stay tuned; I am hoping to interview more of our interesting entourage in the future.

Our next building meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday,



Ewa Politanski, Emerald Isle's "green thumb" resident with her little poodle, "Baby," pose in front of the poinsettias she recently planted by the building. (Photo by Sue Naylor)

Jan. 28 in the Veranda Room of the East Activity Center. Time is 2 p.m.

Emerald Isle residents have been on tenterhooks since my December column. Somehow the answer to the riddle was inadvertently omitted from the issue, causing many sleepless nights here. The riddle was, if you count

backwards from 5-1 what number do you end on? The answer is 5. Counting backwards has you counting from one to five, thereby ending on said 5.

And here's another brainteaser for you. How many dwarfs did Cinderella live with? Answer will be found in February's column.



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



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## A look back at the OTOW News

(January, 1990)

By OTOW Staff

- Twenty-five years ago this month, the On Top of the World Organ Club was preparing for Orientation Day. The goal was to give residents a chance to actually learn how to play the organs sitting in their living rooms.
- Theater Workshop was preparing for its spring show "The Second Time Around" directed by Vi Black. The Jesters' previous meeting was attended by 170 members and preparations were under way for "Showboat Frolics."
- The Lapidary Club was learning how to work with turquoise. Dora Chambers was named president of Good Neighbors. Louise Kelly directed 69 residents during the holiday chorus concert.
- The Kitchen Kutups Club was preparing to bring snacks and mingle with residents at Village Manor in Dunedin and the Polish-American Club was preparing for "An Evening In Poland" dinner event.
- OTOW had four softball teams and one travel team. The Canadian Club, 265-members strong, was preparing for a day at the races. Sybil De Lio sang "Blue Christmas" at the New York-New Jersey Club holiday party. The Pennsylvania Club was meeting at the Ramada Inn.
- The Shalom Club was entertained by "The Copperfields," while the Shrine Club welcomed guest speakers from the Medical Air Services Association.
- Columnist Sterling Rowe wrote, "The 21st Century will soon be here. We didn't do too well with the present century ... so let's all start to act like civilized human beings."
- Other clubs reporting news for the month included the Mid-Atlantic Club, The Participation Club, the New England Club, Singles Club, Satellites Club, Great Lakes Club, Fun Club, Married Women's Club and Line Dancing.
- The Satellites Club held their annual Silver Tea Party with music provided by the Salvation Army Band.



The Yoshimitsu holiday party was held at Sea Sea Riders. A great time was had by all.

## A big thanks to those who helped decorate building

Doesn't our building look great as you turn left from the Belcher gate?

Well, we have Bob Anderson, John Schinn, Harry Urquhart, Jim Sundberg and Dolly Newcome to thank for brightening up our building.

Our building's Christmas party was held again this year at Sea Sea Riders in Dunedin. The food was delicious and a great time was had by all those who attended (see photo above).

Dorothy Churchill enjoyed a visit with her son, Brian. He came down again this year for his birthday. They went shopping and spent a day at Tampa Bay Downs. One of Brian's favorite spots is Frenchy's on Clearwater Beach.

However, he was disappointed because the day they went down to



the beach, Frenchy's was closed for renovations, so they celebrated his birthday at the Palm Pavilion Beachside Grill and Bar, close by Frenchy's.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

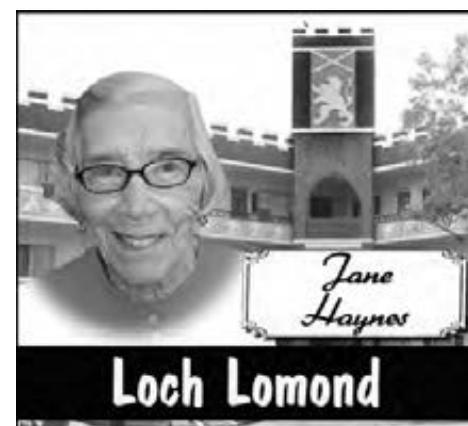
## Annual party function is to collect for the Haven

We at Loch Lomond have recently met several of our new neighbors for brief moments as we socialized for the holiday season.

We have become very proficient at doing our core and outdoor decorating. Phil Woods and Sophia Kuglares and others planned a schedule for setting up our very attractive tree, holiday pieces, wreaths, and welcoming all of us back together with a core party. What a terrific amount of fun it was.

Sometimes the wind blowing through the core is wicked. This year, however, the temperature was low, but the wind subsided, the crowd was large, and food and drink were magnificent as usual.

Thanks to our Canadian couple, Dot Graham and Marge Kells, we were all on our feet playing such an enjoyable and noisy game.



We again collected many items for the women and children of the Haven, always a worthy cause.

Earlier, Lucille (Lu) Greenhaigh and Lyle Johnson held a big "open house" for several evenings of sit-down socializing.

Look for the poster regarding building meetings.

Health and happiness to all.



**Have a  
safe and  
enjoyable  
New Year!**

# Resident celebrates 75th birthday 'like a princess'

Our neighbor, Rita R. Waples, and her husband Robert (Bob) flew to Philadelphia, Pa., to visit family in that area.

Rita was celebrating a milestone: her 75th birthday. Rita's three children gave a fabulous party. Rita said "I was Princess for the day." (See photos.)

All Rita's family came, which consists of two sons and one daughter, their eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also attending were her two sisters and many of her old friends and neighbors.

Many of the family and friends were from Lansdowne, Pa. Rita lived in Lansdowne for 50 years.

Rita said she was very lucky to have a loving husband, James F. Murray (deceased) who is father of their children. She said, "Now, God has blessed me with a second wonderful husband, J. Robert Waples. We have been married for six happy years."

Rita loves living at On Top of the World. Congratulations, Rita! Happy birthday and many more years to come.

We wish all our neighbors and their families a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for the news lately for the building articles. In the next few months, I will introduce some of our



Bob and Rita Waples prepare to enjoy a meal during a Pennsylvania celebration party to mark Rita's 75th birthday.

new neighbors. Please keep giving me stories, as I enjoy reporting them.

Now some news from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger:

"I want to thank all the individuals who helped to decorate our building. They were a tremendous help, since



Rita and Bob Waples (center couple) recently celebrated Rita's 75th birthday at a festive celebration in Pennsylvania with family and friends.

I can't do it alone anymore. Everyone pitching in made it an enjoyable day and the building looks great!

"Please read the bulletin boards next to the mailboxes. This is the easiest way to communicate with everyone.

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## Big welcome to our new Flamenco reporter

As a new reporter for our building, I can only hope to do as well as my predecessors Dawn Rubio and Nancy Geyer.

With your help and patience I know I will be inspired.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are now past and the New Year is upon us. During the past year we have welcomed new owners and tenants. Friends have moved away and sadly we had losses of good friends who were vibrant and made us smile. They will be missed.

Even though Thanksgiving is past, we still (and always will) have a lot to be thankful for: waking up another day, enjoying the weather without a snow shovel and seeing the sunrise and beautiful sunsets etc.

We all gathered at the Beachcomber for our annual Christmas gathering. Everyone had a good time, the food was delicious and service was great! It was good to see Pete and Nancy Geyer again.

Several ladies of the building met at Charlotte Smedley's condo for a Cookie "exchange." Everyone brought cookies and each took samples home. Yummy! We also enjoyed cheese and crackers, juice, coffee and tea. Thanks to Charlotte for an informal and nice time.

I wish you all a happy and Healthy New Year! Happiness is good. Remember, the place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to make others happy.

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## Asian tour allows couple to admire ancient artifacts

Sheila and Les Meneilly have just returned from a fantastic 22-day trip around China.

They left New York and arrived in Shanghai, where they boarded the cruise ship for 17 days. First stop was Bangkok where they visited the temples. Bangkok is the capital and most populous city of Thailand (formerly known as Siam).

Next stop was Ho Chi Minh City where they toured the tunnels that the Viet Cong used during the Vietnam War.

Then on to Hong Kong. Les' brother lived in Hong Kong for many years while he worked for Exxon. Les wanted to see where his brother lived during those years.

Then on to Shanghai and then to Nagasaki, Japan, where they visited the Nagasaki Peace Park, commemorating the atomic bombing of the city on Aug. 9, 1945. They also visited the Atomic Bomb Museum next to the park.

Next came Beijing and the Great Wall of China. I asked Sheila if they walked on the Wall and she said "Of course. Wouldn't miss it." She explained to me that the sections of the Great Wall around the Beijing municipality are especially famous. The Badaling Great Wall near Zhangjiakou is the most famous stretch of the Wall, for



this was the first section to be opened to the public in the People's Republic of China.

Their last stop was Xian. This is the location of the Terracotta Army which is one of the top attractions in China because of its historical significance and uniqueness (see photo).

The hundreds of detailed life size models represent the army that triumphed over all other Chinese armies and who were the decisive factor in forming a united China. The figures had lain underground for more than 2,000 years before farmers discovered them in 1974. So far, 1,868 terracotta warriors and chariots have been unearthed.

The army of terracotta statues was made to be buried with First Emperor Qin Shihuang as a show of his glory.



While on a recent Asian tour, Sheila and Les Meneilly are shown at the expansive and popular Terracotta Army attraction in Xian, China.

Thousands of life-size, vivid terracotta warriors in battle formation were revealed in the course of excavation of the earth and timber vaults — a whole army which would accompany its emperor into immortality. The sight transports you back to the ancient warring states period.

Every figure differs in facial features and expressions, clothing, hairstyle, and gestures, providing abundant and detailed artifacts for the study of the military, cultural, and economic history of that period. Both Sheila and Les said that this was the grandest part of their trip.

## Trips and visits are enjoyed by residents

English Tudor has a few stragglers still coming back from their trips this summer.

Terri and Steve Helton went to Kansas City, Mo. recently to see her daughter graduate with her paralegal degree.

Roosevelt Thomas III was in Montgomery, Ala., to visit his sister and daughter. He also has a new 1-month-old grandson to see in Rockford, Md.

Esmeralda McGill and her daughter flew to Knoxville, Tenn., to see Esmeralda's granddaughter graduate from high school. She graduated with two scholarships and two Pell Grants for Pellissippi University, where she is starting this fall in the veterinarian field. She and a friend drove down to Florida to spend some time with her grandmother before classes started.

Cecile Sangiamo is back from Italy after visiting her son and family for a month (see the October issue of this paper for a story on her trip there).



Dorothy Carpenito is back after more than three weeks of visiting all of her children in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Long Island, N.Y.

One of Dorothy's highlights in Pennsylvania was visiting the pretzel factory in Lititz. She was interviewed in the local newspaper because she had visited the factory 50 years previously. The factory used to make edible pretzels on the tour, but due to today's stringent

health laws, they are now made with a play-dough material to demonstrate that they still are made by hand.

My brother came from Santa Ana, Calif., to visit me for two weeks. This was his first visit to Florida. He really liked the property and the people.

We had a lot of new volunteer elves to hang the holiday decorations and decorate the core. And they did a fine job.

Our outing for the month was Johnny's Italian Restaurant again, to everyone's enjoyment. Don't forget to watch the bulletin board for future events.

I am working on my 2015 resolutions. No more leaving my column in the draft folder and then wonder why my column wasn't printed and no more titling two files the same and sending the November, 2013 column in November, 2014. (But I paid for it, because residents wanted to know how they had missed certain events.)

### 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. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

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**New residents got chance to attend party**

*Decorating the house was so much fun,  
It seemed I'd never get it done.  
But now 'tis January one,  
Undecorate? I'd rather sit in the sun.*

Carol Futej, our resident social director, says there was a very nice turnout for the building party Dec. 6.

There were 21 in all. It was fun being with old friends, meeting new ones and breaking bread together. It seemed Santa left a gift bag for everyone. Even had two with coal in them! Francis Rice and Dan Manet receive nice pens with which they had to promise to write 100 times "I will be good and nice next year" before they could get their good bag.

Also Susan Salmieri turned out to be the Tweetie bird and had to try to sing the Twelve Days of Christmas — everyone helped her. Helen Valentine was the Grinch. She tried to steal Christmas but she didn't succeed. Pat Dooley, who now lives in another building, thanked us for inviting her. I told you we had fun, thanks to Carol's planning!

Jan. 10 will be our next building outing, probably at Cody's.



The place and time will be posted on the bulletin board.

Jay and Beth Crossen attended their first building party. They moved in two months ago from Quincy, Mass., where Jay was in the plumbing business. I visited them and they had a lovely decorated memory tree in the window. Inside the door I was greeted by a huge coon-mix cat, Cody. They also have Abby but she is shy and I didn't see her. So glad they all chose Melbourne as their home.

Marge and Bob Hamelinck put new windows in their condo. They

really enjoy the way the world looks outside now, and I imagine they will enjoy lower power bills.

Susan Salmieri returned from a high school reunion in Philadelphia in October. She won't reveal how many years... also she went on a nice cruise in November. Those were her Christmas gifts to herself.

Bonnie White is going to be a grandmother for the first time, with the baby due in May. She is so excited and is busy making a special baby blanket.

I'm hoping to have special news next month that I am really a great-grandmother! I'll be able to put a name to that "Cookie" I told you about last month.

Ann and Ron Mroz's son and family visited in December, and all had a great time. It is so nice to have family to celebrate the holidays.

The holidays are over and I know you are all looking for a little slower pace this month. Only one federal holiday in January (Martin Luther King Jr. Day is on Monday the 19th), but every day is a holiday when you are On Top Of The World!

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## Crowning touch to decorations was done by a pro

How lucky were we!

Just when we thought all was lost and we had no creative skills left in us, the elevator opened and Joyce Metcalf's daughter JoAnn stepped off the elevator and offered her creative skills to decorate our building's five-foot wreath (photo at far right).

JoAnn, who lives in Atlanta, Ga., but graduated from Clearwater High School, is a wedding floral designer who helped make our wreath even more beautiful. It's now up on the building and visible while approaching our building from Switzerland Way. Everyone says it has never looked so good and we all agree!

Thanks also to the rest of our building's decorating committee: Chickie Brophy, Joyce Metcalf and Joyce's granddaughter.

JoAnn M. Jones, her husband Tuck and their daughter were visiting from Georgia and enjoyed fishing, family, mom's cooking and especially the Hersey's Kisses, which seemed to disappear or evaporate!

We were all sad to see Ron and Polly Irwin leave our Englander. The Irwins were original owners since 1992 when the building was established, and have been wonderful neighbors. We bid them adieu and wish them good blessings at their new home.

Bettyann Walker is our new neighbor and is still in the transition process of selling her home and moving to On Top of the World.



Is this your cat that has been roaming around? See story for more details.

We hope to learn more about Bettyann in the coming weeks once she is settled in. Welcome to the neighborhood, Bettyann!

Although we are a small building, we still manage to get a crowd together



Englander resident Joyce Metcalf is shown here with her daughter, JoAnn, who created the beautiful bow on the Englander Building's wreath. (Photos by Terri Mikszenas.)

for our annual Christmas dinner. This year, we met at Carrabba's Italian Grill in celebration of the holidays. Our New York Yankee fans were happy to learn that our "Yankee Swap" was not specifically directed towards them. We had lots of fun, caught up on each other's lives and made plans to do it again next year!

Look at the photo at the left. Is this your cat? This cat has been roaming in the fields near Lake Arbor on

OTOW's West side for several weeks. Sometimes it sleeps on a patio, other times in the meadow or on the pathway in the sunshine. No one knows who the owner is and whether or not it has a home or if it is being fed. If this is your pet, please know that some people are throwing rocks and sticks at it to shoo it away.

Wishes are extended to everyone for a happy New Year – full of fun, laughter, family, faith and good health!

## Resident and pal go on a fun golfing vacation

We are happy to welcome newcomers Hector and Dascilda Allen and Ed and Marina Rivers.

May they all spend many enjoyable years with us here at the Granada Building. Welcome back Marg and Eric Edwards. As soon as they were settled in Eric could be seen with paint brush in hand, "cleaning up" their walkway. Thanks, Eric.

Pat Dalziel had a lovely visit with one of her golfing girlfriends from Illinois. The two of them drove to the "Golf Hall of Fame," where they enjoyed the tour, despite not being "Hall of Famers" themselves.

They then visited with Pat's son and daughter-in-law who live in Ponte Vedra. Then they drove to St. Augustine, where they spent another day.

Still not finished with their trip, they then stopped off at The Villages to visit with another Illinois golfing buddy.



Upon arrival back in Clearwater, Pat admitted she was very happy, but slightly "worn out."

Stan and I are anxiously waiting to see our granddaughter, who is coming home for the holidays from New York, as well as our grandson, who is visiting from F.S.U.

Until next time — stay healthy, happy and warm and have a happy New Year!

## Reporter bids adieu as this column will be her last

Sometimes it just seems to be one of those days...

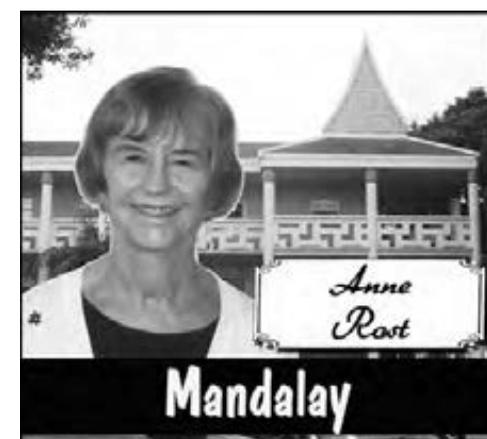
Later, you wonder if perhaps you should have just stayed in bed, and slept all day. But there's no redo on time!

I had one of those days recently. It started early. While brushing my teeth, I became aware of a dripping noise. My toothbrush buzzes, not drips. This was a steady, business-like drip. It turned out to be coming from the ceiling. Not good!

After a visit to the Community Service Office, I continued on my way to the grocery store, and there followed my list carefully, checking it twice. All items were accounted for.

Home again, I assembled all the listed ingredients needed to produce a special treat to take to a party that evening. Oops! Oven not working. Dead. Deceased. An ex-oven.

It was just one of those days, I thought. But then, two very nice workwomen arrived from management and stopped the leak, while a neighbor gave me the use of her kitchen.



So it actually turned out to be a good day! How fortunate to be alive and active in a well-run community with good friends and neighbors nearby.

On this note of gratitude, I end. I will no longer be reporting for our building as of this column. I give my best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to my fellow "Mandalasians," and to all residents of On Top Of the World.

*The OTOW News thanks Anne for her help in writing this column since 2011.*

# Long-time resident departs OTOW to be closer to family

Wow! As you are reading this newspaper it is now 2015.

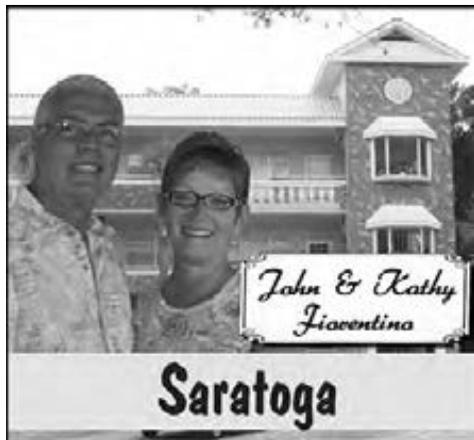
It seems that 2014 just flew right by us. If you are like my husband and me we are asking "Where did it go?" Now as we begin 2015 let's remember to get the most out of each day — don't waste a moment as those moments are very precious.

Our building recently held a potluck and meeting. There were about 25 of us in attendance. Everyone that attended brought a covered dish or a dessert to share with all of us who were present.

During this get-together, Laurie Wookey discussed that he would really like to get a building committee started again. He is looking for people to volunteer to be the secretary and also someone to help organize luncheons and future gatherings and help with decorating the building for holidays.

None of this would involve any money other than when there would be luncheons or gatherings, and at that time each person would pay for their own meal or the cost of the food brought to the gatherings. If anyone is interested or would like to know more, please contact Laurie Wookey.

We at Saratoga are losing one of our long-time residents. Sophia Chi left



us at the end of December to move closer to her daughter in Texas. Before she left there was a luncheon held for her at Sunset Grill. She will be greatly missed but as she has told us all "family comes first." Good Luck, Sophia, in your new home and new state. We all will miss you and wish you the best.

Fred and Judy Churchsmith spent most of December cruising the blue oceans. I'm sure there will be stories and pictures to share with all of us.

Paul and Phyllis Farrell just got back from Canada where they welcomed a new grandson — a great "Christmas present" for all concerned.

We at Saratoga want to wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year!

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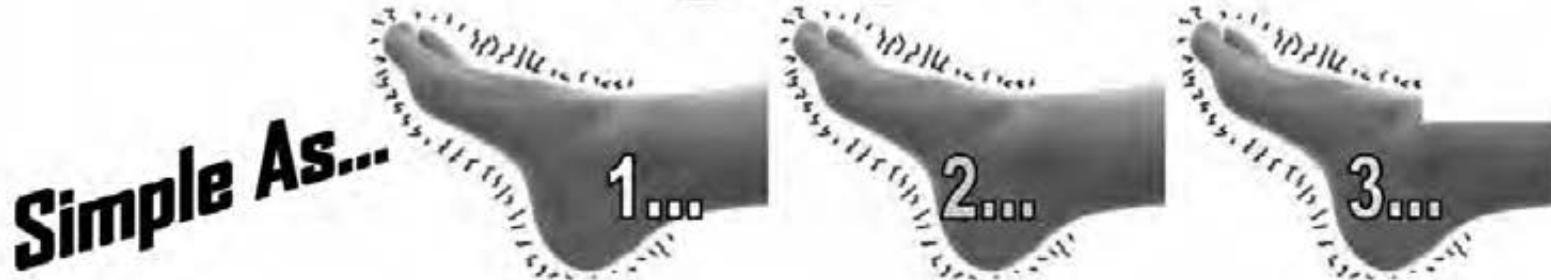
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# Azores building officers re-elected

December started with decorations going up – and what a great job!

Marie Pirrello and Petie Fornuto decorated the big tree and first floor core. Carole Kilgore decorated a second tree and decorated the rest of the second floor core. Peggie Longfellow did the tree and decorations on the third floor core. Fantastic job, ladies. It is appreciated by all of us.

On Dec. 4, we held elections for the building board. The existing board was reelected: Kathy Ford, building captain; Russ Heiserman, assistant captain; Doris O’Meara secretary; and Brenda McLeod, treasurer. Marie Pirrello will continue as entertainment chair and Jeanette Boyer our sunshine lady.

The election was followed by our annual core party. Forty-plus in attendance. Tons of great finger foods with infinite variety plus a most wonderful desert table. Petie Fornuto distributed the Christmas carol song sheets, and John Giancola led us in singing all the old carols. Some reported that we could be heard at great distances and that many neighborhood dogs joined in! A great time was had by all.

Dec. 7 seemed little remembered compared to other years. We hoisted our flags, but I noticed very little mention of the event on TV. I suppose that Pearl Harbor is drifting



into the forgotten past like many other important events, crowded out by current events and concerns.

On Dec. 16, we had a party! Thirty-one Azoreans invaded Island Way for dinner. It was a great dinner with good food, excellent service and lots of time to visit. What a delightful place to have a party.

Our food drive is about on schedule; as I write this, we have about 10 boxes. Bettie Warner reports that people are bringing items in every day. Hopefully we will meet our goal by the pick-up date. I’ll report the final results next month.

Jean and Gordon Fowlie announce the arrival of their first great-grandson. Jean has put up with Gordon for over 60 years – it may work out yet! Jean recently celebrated 61 years as a RN.

Congratulations you two for all the good things going on in your lives.

At the core party I met a new lady in our building, Betty Shaw. She moved here from Atlanta and enjoys knitting, walking, hiking, biking and travel. She has two daughters, one granddaughter with another on the way. She is still working from home doing paralegal stuff. If you get a chance, drop by to say hello and welcome to the Azores. She is a delightful lady.

We have had some interesting travel occurring in our building. Carmel and Victor Tomich had a great cruise. Carmel said they had a great time!

Joe and Jean Spahalski just returned from a Royal Caribbean cruise out of Cape Canaveral. The ship developed problems so they went in for repairs. Deep sea divers removed one of the huge props. The cruise line was quite generous with on-board credit plus great discounts for future cruises. Joe rather enjoyed the adventure and has booked two more cruises with them.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board; the sign-up sheet for the Snowbird return party should be up by now. Don’t forget my wee box for information – don’t make me track you down. The list of methods employed by the CIA has been released, so I have some new how-to ideas for extracting information. More next month.

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## Visits to and from family 'make the season bright'

For Thanksgiving, Walter and Carol Kellogg had 15 at their home.

They enjoyed their daughter, son, grandchildren, and two friends. They can be very proud grandparents because their grandchildren were very polite. Every time someone walked by they wished them a Happy Thanksgiving.

Rod and Ilene Bargerstock spent the day with six members of their family. They got to see their daughter and her husband from Melbourne; a granddaughter and new great-granddaughter, who they haven't seen yet, from Greenville, S.C. (see photo at right); and two of their grandsons, who actually did most of the cooking, even making homemade noodles!

Susan Kisamore and her daughter, Sue Morris, moved Thanksgiving up a few days and had a nice time the weekend before with Susan's daughter and granddaughter from Port Charlotte.

Nineteen years ago Sue used to play pool from her bright pink wheelchair. My husband, Gary, has recently met and picked up Sue and pushed her, in her non-pink wheelchair, up to the pool room. They both have their own cues, and Gary said that Sue is quite good.

Since we bought the condo, this is the first Christmas Gary and I have spent here. It is certainly different from what we were used to in Colorado.

We see palm trees with lights on them instead of pine trees, and we went and watched a decorated boat parade.

Gary is used to putting on a winter coat, boots, hat, and gloves, and then stepping out into the snow to decorate outside. This year he had on shorts, was barefoot, and was still sweating. I know you all know what I'm talking about.



Rod and Ilene Bargerstock's new great-granddaughter, who they have yet to see.

Since I was later than normal getting my article written, I can say a few words about the On Top of the World Chorus. Gary and I went to their program on Dec. 13. We thoroughly enjoyed it. The chorus did a very good job. The soloists were wonderful, including our building secretary, Ilene Bargerstock. When Janice Wisinski performed "I'm Getting' Nuttin' for Christmas," we could not help but laugh. Thank you to everyone for all the time you put into this production.

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## Former radio station execs make OTOW their home

Where did 2014 go? It just flew for me.

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over, we can continue on with our normal activities. But thank God, we're here to enjoy the festivities.

The Core party brought out a good crowd, even though it was a bit chilly. Lillian Foy led us in the singing of a few Christmas carols, and everyone enjoyed it.

Our Holiday dinner was at Kally K's, and 30 of us enjoyed the get-together. Our Press luncheon was on the same day at the Safety Harbor Spa, but I attended both.

Many thanks to the following men who installed our huge "Noel" signs on both sides of the building: Skip Heller, Peter O'Keefe, Jerry Watlington, Dave Mathewson, Mike Foy, Joe Farrell and Bob Maynard. They also put the wreaths up. The tree in the lobby was decorated by Rita Tombari, Audrey Decker and Lillian Foy. It looked beautiful.

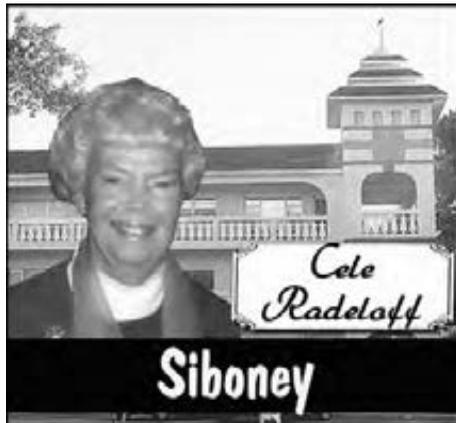
Do hope you attended the Chorus concert. Our neighbors, Rita Tombari and Lillian Foy, are members, and we enjoyed the music, especially "Feliz Navidad" and the sing-a-long!

Bob and Barbara Stone recently spent a week in Kissimmee for a family reunion. There were 25 members present, including Bob's brother from Texas. Others came from New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Florida, totaling four generations.

Many of the nieces and nephews had not seen each other since they were youngsters. Bob and Barbara's daughter made the arrangements for all of them to be in three time-shares.

Several of the family members spent a day at Disney World while the others enjoyed the pool. A fun time was had by all.

Let me introduce you to a very lovely, interesting couple who hail from Harford County, Md. They are Shirley and George Suggs, who have been married for 29 years, having met



at a dance and who have four children and six grandchildren.

They also lived in Naples, Fla., for 22 years where George retired from the Naples School System as an administrator.

He was in the Air Force and served in Vietnam. At one time, he was stationed at MacDill AFB, but primarily he was at Clark AFB in the Philippines.

He is talented in many ways, plays the drums and has produced three movies. Space doesn't allow me to elaborate, but his life is similar to "Forrest Gump's." He was also general manager for radio station WETT in Ocean City, Md.

Shirley is just as interesting, having been a secretary at Bendix Radio and then an account executive, selling radio advertising at WLIF in Baltimore. She attended the Peabody Institute and then taught piano to 40 students. They both love to dance, their favorite genre being country western. George has even taught line dancing.

This couple has travelled all over the United States. George said that he has never found a community that offers so much for such a reasonable price as On Top of the World. And... he's shocked at the free golf!

So, welcome to the Siboney, Shirley and George. It was a pleasure meeting you.

The next Siboney meeting is on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Sunrise Room at 7 p.m.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2015!



Malaguena residents enjoy a holiday dinner at Island Way Grill on Dec 15. Left to right in this view are Candice Peace, Fred Peace, Jean Norris and J.T. Norris.

## First holiday dinner in several years; may be more

More than 30 Malaguena residents enjoyed a holiday dinner at the Island Way Grill on Dec. 15.

As usual, the service and food were terrific. We had the large back room to ourselves, which was good because there was a lot of chatter and laughing going on. The group was a mix of longtime residents as well as new residents.

Holiday dinners were a tradition for many years, but for a variety of reasons, hadn't taken place for the past several years. This dinner was organized by the Malaguena wing captains. We hope to bring it back every season.

I'd love to write about Malaguena



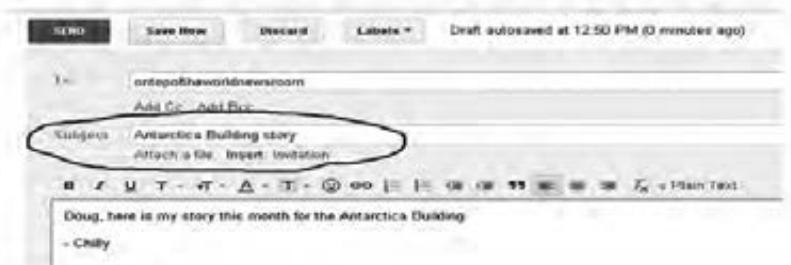
residents' interesting hobbies, trips you've taken, family reunions, or crafts. Please contact Phyllis King if you have a story you'd like to share.

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# Reporter's fondness for poinsettias fully realized here

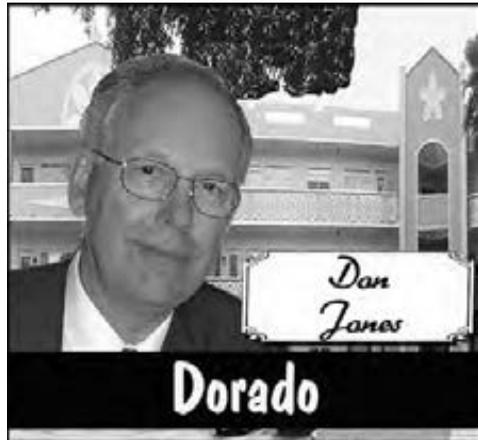
It was in the 1970s that I first came to On Top of the World to visit my wife's parents who had moved into their apartment on Ecuadorian Way.

When we came to Florida with our three children to visit, we were very impressed with the beauty of OTOW and the wonderful weather that we had day after day.

It was just a few days before Christmas and I could not believe that right downstairs from the apartment was a beautiful poinsettia flowering. It was tall and had obviously been there for years. It was almost a tree but, at about two feet tall, it had numerous flowers on it and it was blooming right out of the ground.

The fact that a poinsettia could be planted in the ground and would bloom on its own without the rigorous "wintering over" procedures that are necessary up North caused me to think.

My experience with poinsettia flowers had been to try to keep them dormant and in a dark place. I had to



keep them from freezing, so I would dig them up or take them out of the pot and keep them inside.

The whole experience was tedious and usually very disappointing, so Florida seemed like the right place to have poinsettia plants. The exposure was right and the temperature also was just right.

When we finally got our chance to retire and move into our apartment in the Dorado building, I was again impressed with the beautiful flowers



Reporter Don Jones created this photo montage showing the West side entrance to OTOW and an array of colorful flowers typically found in our community.

and the warm sunny days that we tend to take for granted.

We finally had time to "smell the roses" as that old saying goes and we, like so many other retired folks, get busy enough to forget that maxim. I enjoy my daily walk looking at the birds and flowers. This renews my interest in all the beauty in the surrounding area. I am then reminded again to take time to enjoy our environment at OTOW.

The accompanying photo (above) is a composite of the entrance to the

West side of OTOW and some photos of the flowers that I have enjoyed around our own Dorado building.

The flowers planted at the West side entrance should be our cue to "Take time to smell the roses." It is a beautiful display of white and red poinsettia flowers planted especially for this season.

Happy New Year to all and remember, Dorado residents are all invited to the holiday party on Saturday, Jan. 3, at Sea Sea Riders in Dunedin.

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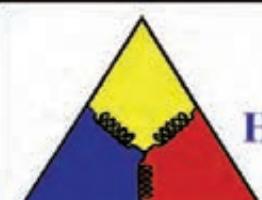
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# 'Four Virginias' make the scene at building holiday party

Without a doubt this year's holiday party was the best ever!

Thank you Pat Volheim and Reta Carney for so successfully organizing and producing this gala. Kally-K's, reknown for serving good food, held up, and the use of the beautifully-decorated party room gave way to spirited fun and games and amiable chit-chat.

One of the games was to guess the number of M&M's in a jar. How bizarre that the winner of this contest was none other than Esther Marchiso who has an extensive M&M collection on display in her home.

The main prize, won by Lenny Tousignant, was a special bottle of "Running Bear" Chardonnay. The history of this fine wine and its origin is a story I hope to tell in the near future.

Among the ladies (all of whom were beautifully attired, not that finery is necessary for them to look good) were "The Four Virginias" who are part of New World French building, namely Virginia McGinnis, Virginia "Ginny" Tousignant, Virginia "Gin" Upton, and Virginia Chilcote (Virginia McGinnis' daughter), who



is now a resident at On Top of the World! (See photo at right.)

Gift certificates were presented to Pat Volheim for her many hours of work to get this show on the road, to Ellen Feldman for organizing the monthly luncheons, and to me for my feeble efforts "to get the news that's fit to report." We three are most appreciative of these gifts.

The word "thanks" brings to mind how lucky we are here at NWF to have as a resident a man of the cloth, Allan Bendert, who gives the blessing before meals.

After the party, all were invited to the home of Donna Cameron to



"The Four Virginias" were on hand at the New World French holiday party. From L-R they are Virginia Chilcote, Virginia McGinnis, Virginia Tousignant and Virginia Upton.

sing carols to the touch of her fingers on her new piano.

How good it was to see some of those that I consider "old timers" like Chick and Betty Johnson, John Dill, and Selma Feldman who, when I moved here 18 years ago and lamented that I had as yet no friend, said to me, "I'll be your friend." She has, as well as everyone I have met since.

There is some news that is not

happy. John and Gwen Briggs have made the decision to sell their condo and no longer be Snowbirds from Manitoba. They will be missed and I will miss the sound of their diesel truck which always alerted us to their comings and goings. Good luck to them!

My parting words as always are to keep checking the bulletin boards for notices that can be of importance and/or interest. Happy New Year to all!

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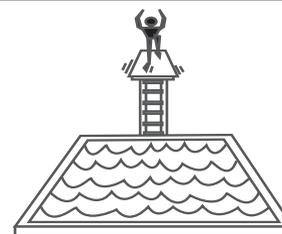
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## Calendar of Monthly OTOW Activities — January 2015

1	Thursday	3:00 PM	Art Guild Board Meeting	Art Room
2	Friday	1:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Starlite Room
4	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Auditorium
5	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
5	Monday	10:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Board Meeting	Veranda
5	Monday	1:00 PM	No.24 Americana Social	Veranda
6	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Hoosier Club Meeting	Art Room
6	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Canadian Club Ticket Sales	Auditorium
6	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Mens 18 Hole Golf Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Stamp Collectors Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Tuesday	4:00 PM	No.72 Valencia Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Tuesday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
6	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting	Veranda
7	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
7	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Billiards Meeting	Sunrise Room
7	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Theater Workshop Board Meeting	Auditorium
7	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
8	Thursday	9:00 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
8	Thursday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
8	Thursday	9:00 AM	Fixers Club Meeting	Large Card Room
8	Thursday	5:30 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
8	Thursday	11:30 AM	Press Association Meeting	Veranda
9	Friday	6:00 PM	Irish Club Dinner	Auditorium
9	Friday	5:00 PM	Canadian Club Social	Large Card Room
10	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
11	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
12	Monday	8:30 AM	Blood Pressue /Health Screening	Veranda
12	Monday	10:30 AM	NY-NJ Club Board Meeting	Veranda
13	Tuesday	12:30 PM	Art Guild Chinese Paint Brush	Art Room
13	Tuesday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
13	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Small Classroom
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study Show	Auditorium
14	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
14	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Jesters Board Meeting	Sunrise Room
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Jesters General Meeting	Sunrise Room
16	Friday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Large Card Room
17	Saturday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Social	Sunrise Room
18	Sunday	5:00 PM	Karaoke Karaoke Singing	Auditorium
19	Monday	11:00 AM	Chorus Board Meeting	Crafts Room-Kitchen
19	Monday	1:00 PM	No.23 Swedish Traditional Meeting	Veranda
20	Tuesday	12:30 PM	Art Guild Chinese Paint Brush	Art Room
20	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Large Card Room
20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	No.47 Bohemia Meeting	Starlite Room
21	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Italian Club Dinner	Auditorium
21	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Cards	Sunrise Room
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Starlite Room
22	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
22	Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
22	Thursday	4:00 PM	No.75 Mandarin Meeting	Sunrise Room
24	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
24	Saturday	6:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Social	Crafts Room-Kitchen
25	Sunday	6:00 PM	Snowbirds Club Party	Auditorium
27	Tuesday	12:30 PM	Art Guild Chinese Paint Brush	Art Room
27	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Large Card Room
28	Wednesday	12:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Art Room
28	Wednesday	2:00 PM	No.58 Emerald Isle Meeting	Veranda
28	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Canadian Club Dinner/Dance	Auditorium
28	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Starlite Room
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	No.89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room
29	Thursday	5:00 PM	Pennsylvania Club Party	Auditorium
29	Thursday	6:00 PM	Lawn Bowlers Meeting	Crafts Room-Kitchen
30	Friday	6:00 PM	Softball Meeting	Sunrise Room
31	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Large Card Room

New Year's Day  
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
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- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Daily OTOW Activities

MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 Tennis..... Tennis Courts  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise... Large Card Room  
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Club Ticket Sales. Auditorium  
 8:30 Computer Club..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room  
 10:00Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 10:00Chorus Rehearsal..... Large Card Room  
 11:00Duplicate Bridge..... Large Card Room  
 11:00Contract Bridge..... Yellow Room  
 12:30Theater Workshop Rehearsal.. Auditorium  
 12:30Mahjongg..... Rainbow Room  
 12:30Canasta..... Small Classroom  
 1:00 Tai Chi..... East Side Gym  
 1:00 Art Guild Oil and Acrylics..... Art Room  
 6:00 Bingo..... Auditorium  
 6:00 8-ball tournament..... Billiards Room  
 6:00 Poker Group..... Yellow Room  
 6:30 Poker Group..... Small Classroom

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 Tennis..... Tennis Courts  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 8:30 Computer Club..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Fat Burning Workout.... Large Card Room  
 9:00 Snowbirds Club Salsacize. Sunrise Room  
 9:00 Spanish Speaking Class..... Yellow Room  
 10:00Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 10:00Philosophy Club Meeting..... Veranda  
 10:30Ballroom Dancing Class..... Auditorium  
 11:00Yoga..... East Side Gym  
 12:00Ceramics Class..... Crafts Room-Kitchen  
 1:00 Line Dancing..... Auditorium  
 1:00 Billiards 9-ball tournament. Billiards Room  
 1:00 Canasta..... Small Classroom

3:00 Jesters Rehearsal..... Auditorium  
 3:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing..... East Side Gym  
 5:30 Dominos..... Small Classroom  
 6:00 Chorus Rehearsal..... Auditorium  
 6:00 8-ball tournament..... Billiards Room  
 6:00 Pinochle..... Large Card Room  
 6:00 Mahjongg..... Rainbow Room  
 6:00 Poker Group..... Poker Room  
 6:30 Euchre Cards..... Starlite Room  
 7:00 Bible Study Class..... Veranda Room

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 Tennis..... Tennis Courts  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise... Large Card Room  
 8:30 Computer Club..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 9:30 Zumba Gold Exercise..... Auditorium  
 10:00Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 10:00Learn Chinese Class..... Small Classroom  
 11:00Duplicate Bridge..... Large Card Room  
 12:30Theater Workshop Rehearsal.. Auditorium  
 12:30Pinochle..... Small Classroom  
 1:00 Tai Chi..... East Side Gym  
 1:00 Art Guild Painting Pals..... Art Room  
 5:30 Poker Group..... Poker Room  
 6:00 Poker Group..... Yellow Room  
 6:30 Poker Group..... Small Classroom  
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards..... Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 Tennis..... Tennis Courts  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Club Ticket Sales. Auditorium  
 8:30 Computer Club..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym

9:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing..... Sunrise Room  
 11:00Yoga..... East Side Gym  
 11:00Contract Bridge..... Large Card Room  
 12:30Writers Ink Meeting..... Computer Room  
 1:00 Art Guild Class..... Art Room  
 1:00 Jesters Rehearsal..... Auditorium  
 3:30 Italian Speaking Class... Computer Room  
 6:00 Billiards Scotch Doubles.... Billiards Room  
 6:00 Canadian Club Bridge..... Crafts Room  
 6:00 Canadian Club Cards.. Large Card Room  
 6:00 Poker Group..... Yellow Room  
 7:00 Canasta..... Small Classroom

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 Tennis..... Tennis Courts  
 8:00 Ladies Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise... Large Card Room  
 8:30 Computer Club..... Computer Room  
 9:00 Ceramics Class..... Crafts Room  
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym  
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room  
 9:00 Jesters Rehearsal..... Veranda  
 1:00 Theater Workshop Rehearsal.. Auditorium  
 1:30 9-ball tournament..... Billiards Room  
 5:30 Poker Group..... Poker Room  
 6:00 Poker Group..... Yellow Room  
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta.... Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:30 Line Dancing..... Auditorium  
 8:30 Computer Club MeetingLarge Card Room  
 11:00Duplicate Bridge..... Large Card Room  
 1:00 Tai Chi..... East Side Gym  
 1:00 Theater Workshop Rehearsal.. Auditorium

SUNDAY

12:00Scrabble Club..... Yellow Room  
 12:30Pinochle..... Small Classroom

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## Roll out a warm welcome for a new Chetnik resident

Our Building Christmas party on Dec. 11 in the Sunrise Room went smoothly (see photo).

Bill Jacobs, Phil Meissner, and Newton Marker set up the tables. Betty McKay arrived early to help me with the raffles. Thanks to all my helpers. This was a big concern to me since I was responsible for making most of the arrangements.

Orange Blossom Catering came in and set up the tables and had a wonderful buffet beautifully presented. Everyone received a door prize raffle. There was also a money raffle.

Ten door prizes were awarded, which consisted of table centerpieces (which I obtained from church craft shows), Betty Ponzi's pretty Christmas bow, two bottles of wine and two others plus three money prizes also.

A Christmas Quiz created by



Gail Bush and conducted by Bob Bush was won by my friend Judy Goldsberry. She was presented with two bottles of wine.

Carol Carroll announced that she was going to tell all the Chetniks who didn't make the party that they missed a very good time.

We welcome a new Chetnik to the building, Rajfa Hiltman. She lived



Chetniks had a fine time at the annual building Christmas party held on Dec. 11.

in Dunedin for five years having come over from Yugoslavia. I met her lovely daughter Sanda who still lives in Dunedin.

Here we are in a new year. If you are like me, I have no new resolutions to break because I haven't made any. May God's blessings be upon us all!



The Modernage holiday party was held Dec. 10. Some 34 building residents attended, among whom were (left-right) Karin Swain, Barbara Sensale and Marge Sivek.

## Refer to bulletin board for building meeting info

On Dec.10, our building celebrated Christmas at Johnny's Restaurant, with a crowd of 34!

Thanks to Marge Sivek who made all the arrangements. Debbie Russell took quite a few pictures that turned out well, one of which is shown above.

You will soon be asked for your yearly dues. Please be kind and give when you are asked. We use the money from our treasury for many things.

In the past we bought two barbecues on which to prepare the bratwurst and burgers; also the clock and the cart. We also buy the coffee for meetings and gatherings, etc.



Watch the bulletin board for the date of our yearly meeting and be sure to attend. You will vote on matters and put in your ideas, too.

Have an enjoyable and healthy 2015 to all.

## Ready to get on with lots of activities in the New Year

Happy New Year, Capistrano friends and neighbors!

Well, the Christmas tree is stowed for another year or if you had a live tree it's trashed and you are still cleaning up the needles from the rug.... The decorations have been gently returned to their boxes, the strings of lights are carefully wound so next year they won't come out of the box tangled (but we know they somehow will) — Christmas is over for another year.

Skype the grandkids and they are already complaining about having nothing to do.

New Year's Day — the start of 2015. Wow, where did the time go? Some of us will celebrate a little, maybe have a nice dinner, and hoist an ale or two to toast the New Year, go to bed early and maybe dream of the days when we could ring in the New Year until all hours of the night singing and dancing and having a ball.

Many of us traveled over Thanksgiving and Christmas visiting friends and family in the north and other parts of the U-S-of-A. Some returned with the sniffles.

Karen and I did a Thanksgiving cruise and met high winds, rough seas and cold weather. Our itinerary included some of the worst cruise ports according to reports on the Internet.

If you didn't get a chance to visit the botanical gardens in Indian Rocks



and the park on West Bay Drive, try to do it before the decorations come down. Quite enjoyable.

We visited the Dunedin Christmas parade and activity and it was really nice. Be sure to visit next year, since it is worth the time.

The Capistrano holiday party had good attendance. About 27 people showed up at our usual Kally K's event.

The recently-elected board members took the oath of office administered by Frank Massaro. Welcome to Joan Baptist, who replaced Sue Calinski as secretary (the only change in board membership). Marvin Maziarz, Janet Stafford, and Don Drake will remain in their previous positions of president, treasurer and vice-president, respectively. The board will present an operating budget at the January meeting.

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# Organizers of holiday events did some great work

Happy New Year! Hope one and all of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday.

We were in snowy cold Maine with family for this Christmas. Lots of hot cocoa and snow shoveling. No we do not miss it one bit.

2014 skipped by all too fast for many of us. Seems impossible a year has passed since our son treated us to a marvelous Hawaiian holiday.

It was really grand seeing Orrin Fanter's smiling face amongst the merrymakers this year at the Christmas dinner. Was a good turnout and all had a fine evening (see photo at far right).

Kudo's go out to Howard Roehde for organizing again this year. We want to thank Howard and Russ Lamesfield for many fun times over the past seven years. They are passing the building activities baton to Kirk and Karen Safee. Russ and Howard will have helpful hints for them if needed.

Please mark your calendars. Saturday, Jan. 3: Holiday decoration removal and pick up. A hearty thank you to Charley Coffman for making the building look so grand with lights and Karen and Chris Tuttle for the beautiful



core tree. It's a huge job and what goes up must come down. Many hands make light work, so please volunteer.

Saturday, Jan 10: Building meeting to be held on Finlandia side. Meeting agenda: Treasurers report. Updated phone list and possibly e-mail list; bike room; dues; building decorations; input for future activities.

And last but certainly not least the storage rooms. Volunteers are needed for the storage room subcommittee.

Here's a good New Year's resolution: Get cracking on your storage area. If not done by us, On Top of the World personnel will do it



A part of the rather large group of attendees at the Viennese Villa holiday dinner.

for us. Another trouble spot is blocking entry with items, preventing others from accessing their area. This will not be tolerated by the management. They will inspect and clear out items and our building will have to pay the bill for this service.

The bi-monthly social hour is in full swing much to everyone's delight.

Look for a posting in the core and elevator. Come join the fun and get the latest news.

Hope it's a grand New Year for you and yours in our On Top of the World community. Happy birthday and anniversary to all celebrants.

Any news fit to print, send to [fresca@maine.rr.com](mailto:fresca@maine.rr.com).

Happy New Year to all from the staff and volunteers of the OTOW News!

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# G.C. resident explores Greece to find family's roots

One of our residents, George Kolitsas, recently took a trip to Greece to explore his family's homeland.

This was his first visit there. It was a worthwhile trip and an adventurous one to visit Athens as well as George's father's birthplace in "Batsi," a small village on Andros Island surrounded by mountains, fishing boats and beautiful blue waters.

The morning after his arrival, he headed to Rafina and stayed overnight to catch a fast-ferry to Andros the next morning.

It was a coincidence that while he was purchasing his ticket to board the ferry (a two-hour trip to the Port of Andros), he was told that the captain of the ferry was also named George Kolitsas, probably a distant family member, but unfortunately, they did not get to meet. However, everyone on the ferry greeted George as he boarded the ferry.

What a memorable visit it was for George, to see his father's hometown, to feel not only the culture, food and ambience, but the mountain breeze and air of such a quaint village.

Later, back in Athens, he did an Acropolis/Parthenon walking tour where he watched the changing of the guard of the Evzones, protectors of the Parliament building. As seen here in the accompanying photo at far right, he had his photo taken with one of the guards.



He then proceeded to Amalia's garden and entered the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Wall, which is preserved as it was when it fell.

Then up the steep, worn slick stones and gravel paths of the Acropolis (see photo top right) to the ruins of the Parthenon with its many embedded stories of gods and goddesses — the sacred place where the gods lived away from mortals.

From the top of the hill St. George's Greek Orthodox church can be seen sitting on a mountain hill. People still go there for prayers and in the evenings you can take a tram up to the church.

George also went on the "Hidden Athens" walking tour, where he was able to encounter an untouched small enclave of 15 families who gather together and share their food in the evenings. They have their own Greek Orthodox church and the first college



George Kolitsas pauses during his visit to Athens and his father's birthplace on Andros.

built in Athens. George met with a 75-year-old gentleman who has lived in his home since birth.

This is one trip that George would recommend (just come with good walking or hiking shoes). At the end of the tour, he was worn out and ready to come back to the States. "All in all, an interesting two weeks," were his words.

By the way, George is involved in the Jesters, the On Top of the World Theater Workshop and in several little theater playhouses in the local area.

Thank you, George, for sharing your wonderful adventure trip to Greece with our community.



George has his photo taken with an ever-ready Evzone guard in Athens.

## An invitation to join the Bohemia walkers

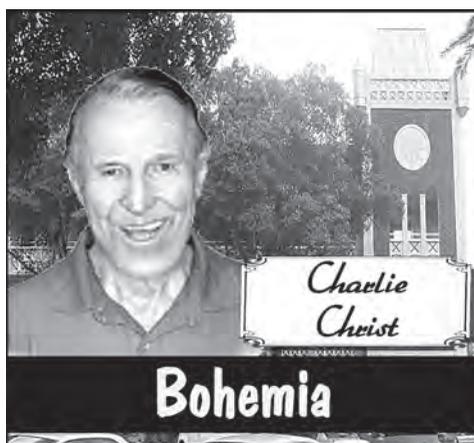
Good News — our holiday luncheon was a smashing success, thanks to all who attended and some great organizing efforts (see photo).

All the planning and many hours assembling the baskets and prizes paid off when at least 50 residents attended and thoroughly enjoyed making merry and dining at the Clearwater Country Club. Donations collected were divided between the Heart Association, the Breast Cancer Foundation and St. Jude's Hospital.

John Deneham and I joined some others and actually finished the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. Hopefully, there will be more joining us next year.

Time to put in a plug for our "Walking Club." It's actually very helpful for weight maintenance, general health and companionship.

We walk in the mall, on sidewalks, and — weather permitting — along



the Clearwater beaches. Club members will soon travel to Biloxi for the second time. So not to worry about putting on a few pounds, ladies. There'll be no problem working it off later, right?

Finally, on to January events. Removing our holiday décor on Jan. 3, Beef O'Brady's the 7th, building meeting the 20th in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center, and



Carol DeLisle, left, and Glenda Shinabarger pose with the Christmas wreath that was made especially for the holiday luncheon.

finally, Tampa Bay Downs Day Jan. 28. (See the bulletin board in the hallway).

Don't forget Capogna's for spaghetti dinner on Mondays at 5:30.

I'll be getting your comments and info for our next issue ASAP. Take care and God bless.

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To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

# OTOW Change of Address Form

Building # \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Date Leaving OTOW Home: \_\_\_\_\_



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See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 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 Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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### Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
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### Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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### Friday Afternoon

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### Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- 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.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation 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.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- 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 Community Service Office.

# Residents ready to go forward in New Year



**Roman Byzantine**

## And now for something a little different

*(This is dedicated to our Buffalo, N.Y. family.)*

Seagulls sing, are you list'nin?  
At the beach, surf is glist'nin,  
a beautiful sight, a sunset tonight,  
walkin' in a Florida wonderland.

Stored away are the snow skis,  
here to stay in our short sleeves,  
we sing a new song, "This is  
where we belong!" Living in our  
winter wonderland.

On the beach we build a  
sandman, then pretend that we  
are shoveling snow. He'll ask, do  
you miss it? We'll say, "No man."

We feel younger every minute,  
don't you know.

Later on, we'll conspire, grill  
some shrimp in the fire. The  
plans that we made include sun  
and shade, walkin' in our  
winter wonderland.

— Author Unknown

"Till We Meet Again"

Happy New Year to one and all!  
We ready to face the New Year  
with a song in our heart and a smile on  
our face, or something like that.

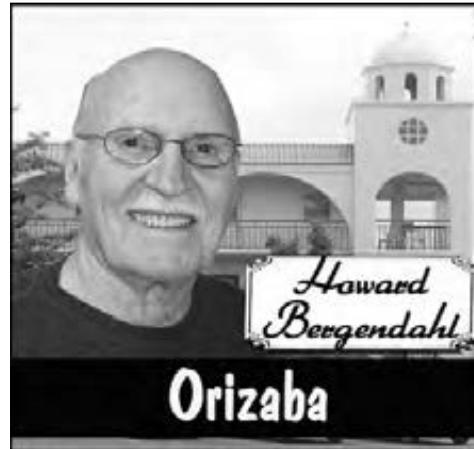
We closed the 2014 celebrations  
with an outing to the Bon Appetit  
Restaurant and were very pleased at  
the turnout. We had over 20 attendees  
and the service and atmosphere  
were delightful.

Some of our attendees were  
dressed in their Sunday-go-to-meeting  
clothes and others just looked splendid.  
I was glad to see Joe and Josie Gonzales  
had brought their son and daughter-in-  
law. We hope they had as good a time  
as the rest of us.

I heard some remarks about this  
being the first time that some residents  
had seen Andy McEvoy dressed, but  
when I spoke to him about this he  
said that the nice sport coat that he  
was wearing was found in the billiards  
room on a hook, apparently abandoned  
(just kidding!).

Kudos to Jackie Blair for making  
some fine arrangements, I'm sure a  
good time was had by all.

Flo Gracia and Andy McEvoy  
will be teaming with Jackie Blair and  
I to update the telephone list, so be



**Orizaba**

ready with any updated numbers  
or other information that you may  
have. This would apply mainly to the  
newer residents so that we may have  
emergency contact numbers, etc., to  
call if needed.

Birthday greetings to Flo Herman.  
She celebrated her birthday in December.  
As for the Herman family, they have a  
family gathering that might be for their  
anniversary or for Hanukkah or for Jack  
Herman joining the 90-year club or just  
because they like being together. Our  
best wishes to them because they are  
great neighbors.

The On Top of the World  
inspection group visited our storage



Photo of sunset at the building luncheon.  
(Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

rooms and found some violations. They  
notified the owners of the spaces and  
many have complied with instructions  
quite quickly. I have seen some nice  
adjustments to storage room spaces and  
also realize that there is still some room  
for improvement. If you have anything  
that doesn't belong please remove it,  
and if someone has moved and left  
items in the storage area please notify  
the Community Service Office.

Congratulations to all who  
decorated their units for the holiday. It  
gives the building that special feeling!

## Kudos to all our building decoration helpers

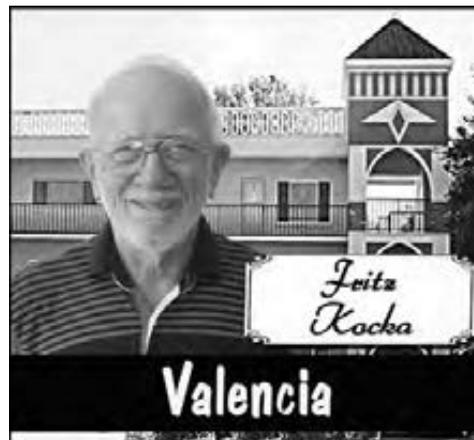
Well, that happy little baby kicked  
that old grumpy man out of here,  
which means clear sailing for the  
next 365 days.

We "loafers" wish to thank the  
five neighbors who decorated the  
three floors of the core with beautiful  
holiday finery.

Also, thanks to Lois Dworkin and  
Judy Groth for their work in organizing  
our Dec. 8 Valencia Christmas  
party, held in the second floor core.  
Delicious finger food was supplied by  
the residents.

Art Dischoff did his usual  
outstanding job on the keyboard,  
although the singers were off-key  
(just kidding!). Holiday libations  
included egg-nog (regular and  
hi-test) and Japanese sake. A good time  
was had by all.

Watch the bulletin board for the



**Valencia**

date, time and location of our January  
meeting, at which election of building  
officers for 2015 will take place. Dues  
of \$10 per occupant will also be  
collected at that time.

Happy New Year to all.  
Stay healthy.

Mama sez: The most wasted day  
is one without laughter.



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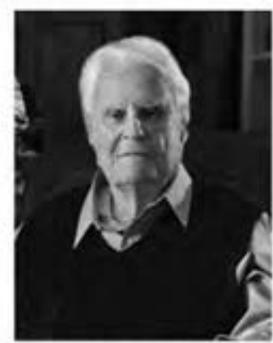
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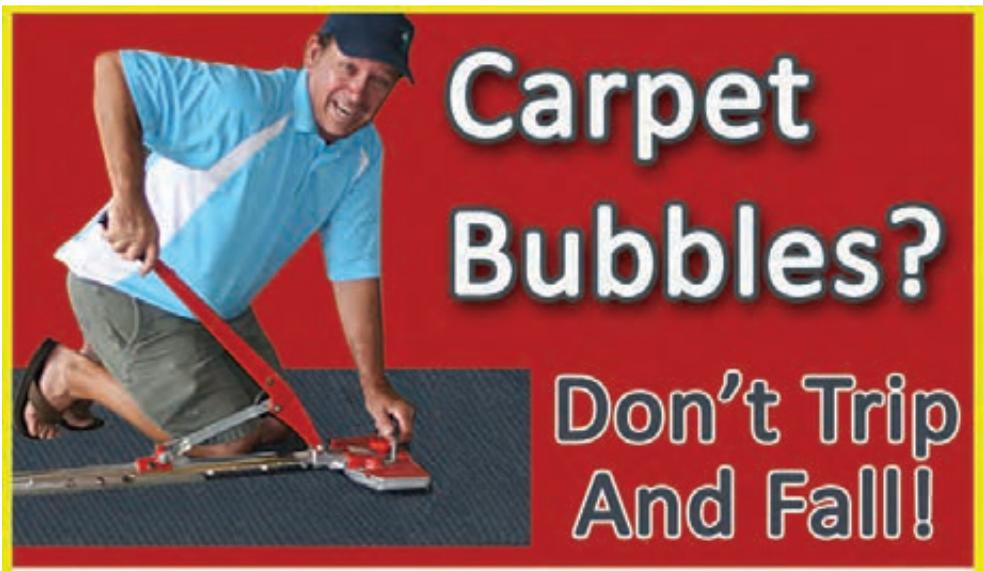


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