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First party of the year sells out despite adding more space to venue

Your Entertainment Committee was trying to figure out how it could allow more residents to enjoy the annual New Year's Eve Ball in the East Activity Center auditorium.

It was too late to break down walls and extend the auditorium to fit a larger crowd, so they came up with a more realistic approach.

They rented the Art Room for the night.

This new idea, for an already popular event, gave the Entertainment Committee the freedom to sell more tickets, but within days, even tickets for the Art Room were sold out.

So, not only will the New Year's Eve party have a record crowd this year, but it is completely sold out again, and no tickets will be sold at the door.

"This will be the largest number of residents

to attend this party in more than 15 years," said Entertainment Committee President Marvin Flam.

Those able to get the extra tickets cheered.

"We were so happy that now we can share the evening with our friends at On Top of the World," said Joyce Young.

"We returned to On Top of the World at the end of October and were disappointed the event was sold out. Now, we are so excited to get the extra tickets. Thank you Entertainment Committee. You guys are great!"

More than 500 residents are expected to fill the auditorium, Art Room and Starlite Room for the biggest, single event of the year at OTOW.

Music will be provided by Flashback and dancing will take place throughout the auditorium.

There will be a countdown to the new year and complementary champagne will be popped at midnight.

Everyone in the crowd will have hats, party favors and noise makers. The auditorium will be properly decorated for such a great occasion.

Residents are welcome to stay and continue dancing until 1 a.m. into 2016, and many even go out for breakfast when the party officially comes to a close.

"It is very gratifying to help our friends and neighbors join us to celebrate the new year," Marvin said. "It is gratifying for the Entertainment Committee volunteers to see the response for their efforts and see the residents support us."

"I can give you a big hug," said resident Ann Mascari. "Thanks! Thanks!"

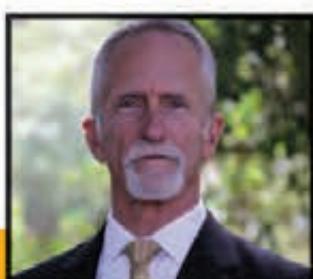
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2016 Pet of the Year

Whose pet will march in the St. Patrick's Day parade?

Every March, a special On Top of the World pet is honored during the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day parade.

This month, you will decide which pet receives that honor.

Throughout 2015, this newspaper has crowned a Pet of the Month, which has included dogs and cats.

Now that all 12 months have an honoree, it is up to our online audience to decide who becomes the 2016 On Top of the World Pet of the Year.

Polls will open Jan. 8-10. You may vote for your two favorite pets by visiting the online voting site. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click the link for the Box Office and click the special link for the Pet of the Year voting booth.

The polls will only be open for three days. Once you enter the poll, you cannot return. You may place only two votes per computer.

For a complete poster of all 12 candidates, see page 22 in this section. You will notice there are 11 candidates for Pet of the Year.

New this year ... once you have reached the online voting site, you will be able to click on each candidate's picture and review the OTOW News article which ran in the newspaper.

The Pet of the Year winner will receive a complimentary bath and groom from Barks & Bubbles Mobile Grooming and will be featured in an OTOW-TV video.

The winner also will receive a gift basket from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater.

So far, three dogs have won the annual event. Could this be the year a cat takes top honors?

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Personal Safety Seminar set for Jan. 27

On Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium, the Community Service Office will be hosting a repeat of the Personal Safety and Consumer Information seminar that was given in September of 2015.

This event will be conducted by Pinellas County Consumer Protection, as well as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. They will provide important information on topics, such as how to avoid being the victim of a scam, identity theft, assistance with consumer issues and how to keep yourself and the community safe.

Registration will be required and signup sheets will be made available in the Community Service Office, as well as the community newspaper (Page 65). Please submit all completed forms to the CSO during normal business hours. The final day for registration is Friday, Jan. 22.

For more information on the event and when to sign up, watch for notices to be posted in the activity centers and building center cores.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, Jan. 28 and Friday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 65 of this newspaper.

East Activity Center Renovations

The Large Card Room is currently undergoing renovations and will be closed until work has been completed.

We appreciate your patience during this phase of the project and will



be posting updated notices periodically with any new or updated information as it becomes available.

If you have any events scheduled for this room, please see Nancy in the Community Service Office so she can get you relocated.

One Blood

The One Blood bus will be here on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers will be taking blood donations directly after the safety seminar. They will be giving away a One Blood fleece blanket and a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Plus, they will be passing out to all donors a free Perkins Restaurant breakfast Voucher.

F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus (or F.L.O.W) is scheduled to be in the community on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

They provide a convenient method to renew a driver's license, obtain

a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

They also offer the department's critical safety services, such as emergency contact information registration and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol. No written or driving tests are given from mobile units.

Reminders

The emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life-threatening emergency please dial 911.

The number to submit a service tickets over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to report general building issues in the common area only. Please do not leave emergency information on this line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

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

Smoking is prohibited 25 feet from the East and West Activity Centers. When smoking, please maintain this distance from all centers. SCA staff will be reminding residents when necessary. Remember to discard all extinguished butts in the proper receptacles. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request.

The East Activity Center pool is

now non-smoking. There is a designated smoking area located outside the pool gates at the north parking lot by the pond. For your convenience benches have been placed there for seating. The West Activity Center pool will also be designated as non-smoking. We are currently in the process of establishing a smoking area.

Recreation Card Reminders

When renewing your recreation card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

SCA Staff

As always, I would also like to 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.

The entire SCA staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season.



Vice President Leslee Colen talks about past and future projects during the On Top of the World Association Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, in the East Activity Center auditorium. She went into detail on improvements to the East Activity Center Large Card Room. The overall meeting addressed budget information, policies, insurance and more. Plus there was a question and answer period.

East Activity Center

- Exterior door replacement (in progress)
- Good Karma Café- additional vendor
- Good to Go Catering- offering gluten free and sugar free products
- Downstairs Renovation Project /Downstairs hallway refurbishment
- Designated smoking area (benches outside southeast corner of the pool)

Always improving: Review of

Calendar year 2015 was a year that encompassed a great deal of work around the 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. There was steady progress made in advancing the necessary improvements in the On Top of the World community.

Many projects were started to update your community and the facilities. Two elevator modifications were completed in the last six months. Three more are planned in the next six month cycle.

Seven building fronts and five backs were painted or waterproofed. In the coming six-month cycle, five more building backs and eight fronts will be painted and water proofed.

Two building railing project were completed and two more are planned for the next six months.

Four building reroofs are planned over the next six months.

Laundry room dryer vent replacements are ongoing. Ten systems have been completed to date.

Concrete sidewalk replacement is ongoing. Sunset Garden loop is scheduled for resurfacing and nine parking lots will be completed by June of 2016.

Potable water line work was completed on five buildings serving 415 units.

Building walkway repair continues and three walkway repaints were completed.

Additionally, the fitness center in the West Activity Center got all new equipment and resilient flooring this summer. The solar array is going at about 85 percent efficiency, given the winter angle of the sun. With the solstice behind us, we will see the efficiency boost to near 100 percent in late spring.

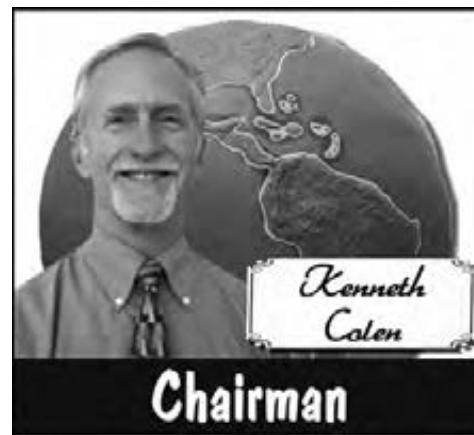
The other great addition was the post office in the East Activity Center. The high utilization has surprised even the postal officials.

There are new storage racks built next to Arbor Lake for boat storage. This is so classy. The area has now been dubbed the "On Top of the World Yacht Club."

Reserve your slot through the Community Service Office.

Finally, landscape improvements made at the East Belcher Gate has been very well received.

The Community Service Office continues to deal with serious water



leaks, and the collateral damages from improperly maintained water heaters. It continues to amaze me 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, the residents found 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 their 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 remained reasonable in fiscal 2015-16 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 marketplace worldwide.

Your Board believed it was prudent to reinvest these insurance savings into community safety-related projects, including accelerating the replacement of non-compliant walkway railings and other capital improvement projects.

Thank you all for contributing to a very successful annual meeting on Dec. 16, 2015. Thank you also for your votes of confidence in returning your Board. It really is a privilege to serve this community.

During the meeting, 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, and elevator repair and renovation are contracted to third parties because of the extensive scope of work both entail.

Another area of concern expressed by several questions was residents/renters who may have underage persons in the home. This is a concern for the Board as well.

The only ways your Board can be informed of these matters is to (1) get lucky and actually see the infraction; or (2) become informed by a resident with first-hand knowledge.

The Board cannot act on hearsay, thus it is important that if you report a rule infraction, it may not be done anonymously. You need to be willing to identify yourself. This information is kept confidential.

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 and 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: The rear of Buildings 32, 54 and 55 are scheduled to have new waterproofing coatings applied in January. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Railing Improvement Projects: No improvements are scheduled for January. Additional structures are being assessed at the current time.

Construction, roofing and large scope projects: The new year traditionally marks the start of roofing improvements as the weather at this time of year is usually favorable for these types of projects. The first project slated for this year is Building 15 and residents will begin seeing materials and equipment delivered for the job around the first two weeks of January.

This will require the staged closure of the building's two parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for the safe and efficient operation by the contractor.

Bulletins will be posted in the building coordinating the contractor's activities during the projects duration.

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

The installation of new benches is another community improvement project that began in December and will continue through the spring of 2016. These new "environmentally friendly" benches will be placed at locations convenient to bus stops and routes regularly traversed by many of the community's pedestrians. This project will required the removal and disposal of the current cement benches, then improvements to the surface grade will be made, and finally installation of the new bench.

A project affecting the third floor walkway on the south side of Building 42 is anticipated to begin in January.

A specialty concrete restoration company has been contracted to remediate a portion of the second floor southwest wing. These repairs will involve the exposing and cleaning of the rebar, treating it with a retardant, and then closing the area with a specialty concrete product that is stronger than the existing concrete.

Notices will be posted in the building regarding the exact start date as soon as permitting from Pinellas County has been issued.

New walkway lighting fixtures are slated for installation at Buildings 57, 59, 47 and 46 in the winter and spring months of 2016.

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2015 projects and 2016 plans



The solar farm on the west side is currently working at 85 percent proficiency. By spring, it should be at 100 percent proficiency.

Residents may see Parkway maintenance teams operating in the walkways as this project progresses. Please watch your step in and around this work if you encounter it.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway construction department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules.

This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but has the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of this OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

Building Walkway Repairs

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents: Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second- and third-floor walking surfaces. Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust.

Repair crews will do their best to

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

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

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

Awnings Inspections

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

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.

Plantings

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.

Personal Items

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter Enforcement

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

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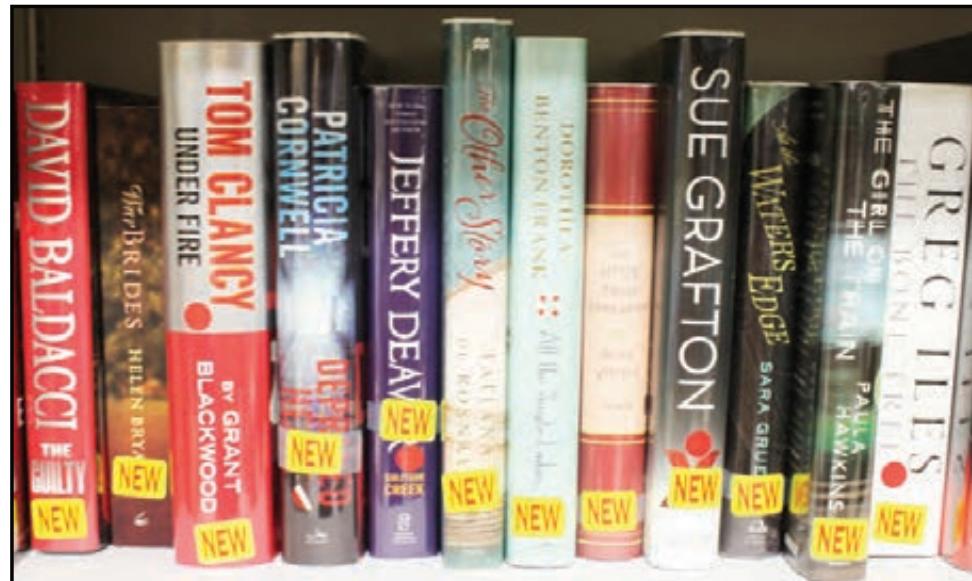
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In December we added 12 new titles, which include, "The Guilty" by David Baldacci, "Starlight on Willow Lake" by Susan Wiggs, "Bazaar of Bad Dreams" by Stephen King and "All Dressed in White" by Mary Higgins Clark."

Some other mystery/thrillers are "Playing with Fire" by Tess Gerritsen, "The Golen of Paris" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Reckless" by Sidney Sheldon and "The Theory of Death" by Faye Kellerman.

The author of "Sarah's Key," Tat-



You can identify new books in the library by the bright yellow 'NEW' sticker.

ana De Rosnay, has a new book out titled, "The Other Story," as does popular writer Adriana Trigiani, whose new book is "All the Stars in the Heaven."

Nora Robert's latest, "Stars and Fortune" has been added to the shelves and so has Laura Amy Schlitz's

"The Hired Girl."

We make every attempt to obtain large print when available, as that is the preference of many members. You will find all of our new books on the first shelf on the left as you enter the library. They are labeled with a "New"

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We have also started labeling books that are part of a series, so it will be easy for readers to follow the sequence of the series. There will be a label and we will write the series number on it.

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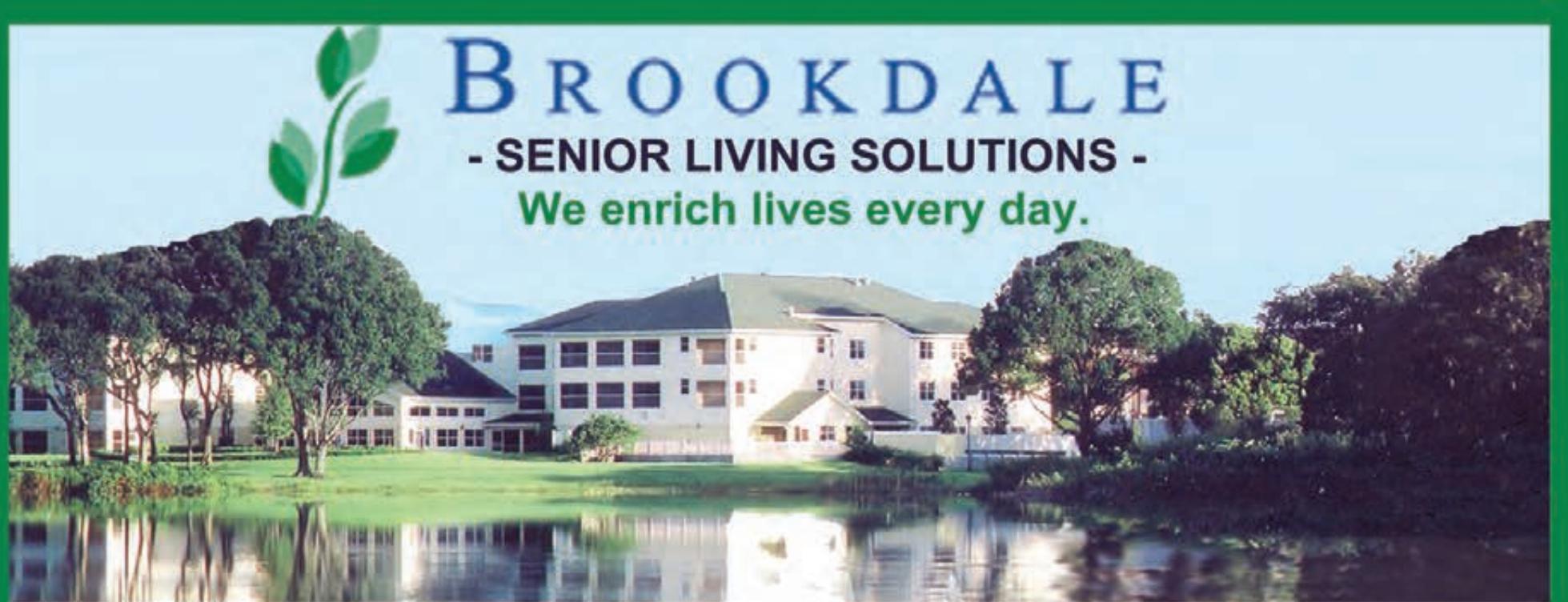
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
03 This Calendar Pulls Out	04 Snowbirds Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Starlite Room Entertainment Comm. Board Meeting 10:30 AM - Veranda	05 Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Sunrise Room	06 Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room
10 Entertainment Committee Volunteers Meeting, 2 pm, Starlite	11 Health Screenings Blood Pressure Screening 8:30 AM - Veranda Mens 18 Hole Golf Meeting 10:00 AM - Sunrise Room German Interest Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room	12 No.24 Americana Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Irish Club Meeting 4:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen Stamp Collectors Meeting 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room	13 Jesters Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Veranda Jesters Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda
17 Snowbirds Club Party 1:00 PM - Starlite Room	18 Health Screenings Free Eye & Ear Testing 9:30 AM - Auditorium	19 Ladies 18 Hole Golf Tournament 8:00 AM - Golf Course Ladies 18 Hole Golf Dinner 6:00 PM - Auditorium Republican Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen Canadian Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Sunrise Room No.47 Bohemia Meeting 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room	20 Italian Club Dinner/Dance 5:00 PM - Auditorium Irish Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen
24 Entertainment Comm. Sunday In The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium	25 Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 10:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen	26 Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Starlite Room Ladies 18 Hole Golf Luncheon 1:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen Ladies 18 Hole Golf Luncheon 1:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Sunrise Room	27 Good Neighbors Person 8:00 AM - Auditorium No.89 Siboney Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room
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ESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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07	Canadian Club Social 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda	Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Irish Club Concert 6:30 PM - Auditorium No.75 Mandarin Meeting 3:00 PM - Sunrise Room	No.53 Nagoya Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room
14	Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium Canadian Club Social 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room Fixers Club Meeting 9:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen	15 Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room Canadian Club Social 4:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen	16
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28	AAA Driver Course Class 9:00 AM - Starlite Room Canadian Club Social 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room	29 AAA Driver Course Class 9:00 AM - Starlite Room	30 Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room

The East Activity Center Large Card Room will be closed indefinitely for renovations. If you had a function this month scheduled for the Large Card Room, please see Nancy in the CSO.



First Place Overall • Merlyn and Raymond Cooper • Building 71, Unit 4



2015 Holiday Lights Contest Winners

Second Place • Ground Floor Division • Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segall • Building 11, Unit 4



Honorable Mention • Ground Floor Division
Connie Stanley and Ken Campbell • Building 9, Unit 22

More than 1,000 votes were cast from Dec. 18-20. Merlyn and Raymond Cooper were the overall winners by a large margin. They won a two-day, two-night stay at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. This is the second time in three years they have taken the crown.

In the Ground Floor Division, Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segall took second place to win a gift certificate from the Sunset Grill. Ken Campbell and Connie Stanley took third place. The difference was only 17 votes.



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Upper Floor Division

First Place Ground Floor Division • Barbara Morris • Building 3, Unit 19

In the Upper Floor Division, Barbara Morris overwhelmingly took first place, followed by Robert and Laurie Gaul in second place, and Thomas and Kim Petrillo in third place. Difference between second and third place was less than 50 votes. First and second place receive gift cards for the Sunset Grill.



Second Place Ground Floor Division • Robert & Laurie Gaul • Building 18A, Unit 27

This year, more than 1,000 voters registered. This was a worldwide event as some voters came from England, Switzerland and Canada. In the states, voters came from such cities as Seattle, Baltimore, Charlotte, Atlanta, Knoxville, Indianapolis and Dallas to name a few. Other voters came from the states of Michigan, Oregon, Illinois, Virginia, Arizona, Mississippi, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina and more. There were also a few local votes. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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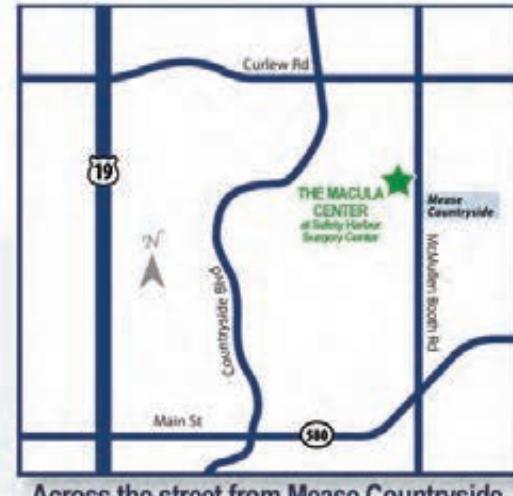
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A. It is my opinion that you should always have title insurance when you buy a home and it has nothing to do with the honesty of the seller. It has to do with common sense on your part.

A title insurance policy is your best defense against some unknown claim that may exist. It assures you that the title insurance company will not only defend against a claim, but will also pay the costs of defending against the claim, including attorney's fees.

Also, if you buy a home and you give a mortgage to a lender, such as a bank, mortgage company or credit union, they will require a policy that insures that their mortgage is a first lien against the property.

That mortgagee policy does NOT insure you. It just insures the priority of their position.

My point, though, is this: If a lender wants a title policy, should you not also have one? Yeah, you should.

Q. If I sell my home, do I have to pay capital gains taxes?

A. Not necessarily.

If you are married, then you and your spouse get an exemption of



\$500,000.

If you are single, then you get an exemption of \$250,000.

You have to have lived in the home for three of the last five years in order to claim these exemptions.

Q. I am a single woman, 83 years of age. I have no close relatives and one cousin who lives in (a far western state). I haven't spoken to her in several years, although I do know she is still alive.

I want to leave everything I have to a charity.

I have two questions: Should I have a will or a trust? And who should I name as my personal representative or trustee?

A. In your case, and since you do not have any relatives to whom you apparently intend to leave any of your

estate, I do not think it is important for you to have a trust.

The sole purpose of a trust would be to avoid probate of your assets and that is a worthy cause, but on the other hand, for you to do so would require you to go to the expense of a trust and also you would have to transfer your assets from your name into the trust.

You could certainly do that, but I don't know why you would need to worry about it one way or the other.

So, I suggest you just consider a will, durable power of attorney and living will with health surrogate designation.

For that, you need to think who you want to be the personal representative, and on your durable power of attorney and health surrogate designation.

I do not recommend close friends, as this is almost always a heavy burden. Consider your attorney, or if you wish, talk to someone at your bank.

Q. I just discovered that my husband of 30 years was married twice before we got married and he never got divorced from either one of them. What are my rights in the event he dies before I do?

A. I assume you want to know what your rights are in the event you decide that you won't injure him.

These are somewhat complex issues and I should really not try to answer them in this column.

I can tell you that if both his previous "spouses" are deceased, then you are his lawfully married wife. If one or both of them are still alive, and if they never got divorced from him, then your marriage is a nullity.

It'd be wise to see a domestic relations attorney right away.

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The instructors in these videos, Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski, will be attending Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday on Jan. 14 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

In addition to coffee and doughnuts, free entertainment and local announcements, you can meet Cammy and Jessica and learn more about their adult exercise programs.

In their videos, Cammy and Jes-



Cammy

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Jessica

sica use miniature balls, noodles and hula-hoops to enhance their workouts. At Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday, Cammy and Jessica will help

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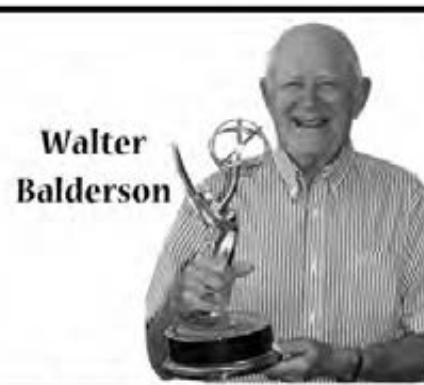
Peter Lawford's rise and fall from Rat Pack

Peter Lawford was born in England to considerable wealth. When he decided to become an actor, he came to America and was estranged from his family. He lost his right to become the heir to the family fortune.

At the age of 14, he severely injured his right arm in an accident when he went through a glass door. This prevented him for going into the British Army, which his family preferred.

Peter came to America during the heydays of Hollywood and was immediately signed by MGM, the creator of many gigantic musicals for more than two decades.

College musicals were very popular during and after the war. Peter was given a leading role in "Good News" co-starring June Allyson. The movie



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was a big hit and launched Peter onto a successful movie career. It was soon followed by another big hit, "Easter Parade."

However, things changed drastically when he married Patricia Ken-

nedy, the sister of then Senator John F. Kennedy.

Peter was able to bring the stars of Hollywood into the White House and soon this became a problem. As rumors stirred, Robert Kennedy, the attorney general stopped the influx.

The President was to vacation in Palm Springs at one of Frank Sinatra's properties. Frank had taken expensive security measures, but due to the break with Hollywood and the White House, the President stayed at a property owned by Bing Crosby instead.

This was shocking because Bing was a staunch Republican.

Before the split with the White House, Frank had formed the Rat Pack.

Peter was invited to become a

member and the Rat Pack expanded to include, Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop and Peter Lawford.

Later, Sinatra and Lawford feuded and Peter was dropped from the Pack.

With Hollywood behind him, Peter did enjoy a three-year run on NBC-TV in the "Thin Man" series.

Peter was married three times. The last wife was daughter of Dan Rowan, emcee of the popular TV series, "Laugh In."

When Peter Lawford died in 1984, his body was never claimed at the morgue. He was cremated and the ashes put into a crypt at Westwood Village Memorial Park. Finally his widow came, got the ashes and scattered them into the Pacific Ocean.

Pet of the Year voting starts Jan 8. See page 23 for details

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Water color demonstration set for Jan. 8



By Judy Mills

Happy New Year from all of us at the Art Guild!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

At our December meeting, which was also our Christmas party, we enjoyed a delicious array of appetizers, desserts and wines following a demonstration of how to make holiday cards using our old paintings by Rosanne Moon.

What a great idea for recycling our art!

For our next meeting on Jan. 8, we will be having a water color demonstration by Lorraine Ulen from Art Tryst Studio. We hope you will be able to join us.

We have been keeping very busy



Pictured above are Bob Hammond, left, and Dale Stackhouse, who are taking advantage of the Wednesday afternoon Painting Pals class to create the next wonderful piece of art.

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On Mondays, Sharon Evans will be giving oil and acrylic workshops for beginner and experienced painters at 9:30 a.m. in the Art Room. Sharon attended University of Maryland and is a graduate of Eckerd College. She has been teaching since 1980 in the Clearwater area and since 1984 at On Top of the World. She has been a winning participant in many art shows in the area. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for

members.

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. At this time, her very popular class is full so be sure to call her to get on the waiting list. 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 and network with your fellow artists.

On Thursdays, John Fier will con-

tinue giving his popular drawing lessons from 1-3 p.m. Classes are \$3 for members. All skill levels are welcomed. Please bring your own paper/sketch pad 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 28. Start assembling your collection now!

Membership is \$15/year which goes from November to 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.

At our meetings, we have a short business discussion, refreshments, a unique demonstration and voting for artist of the month.

The winning project will be displayed in the lobby of the EAC for the following month.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!

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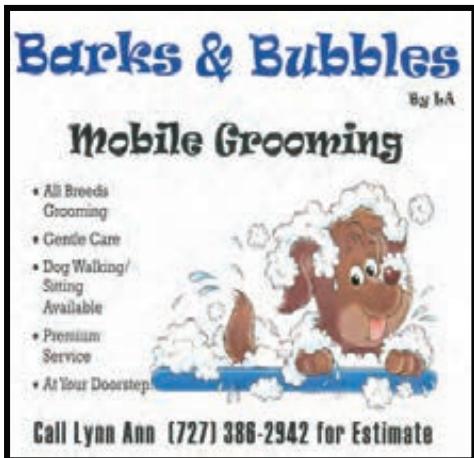
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Eleven candidates will be competing this month for On Top of the World Pet of the Year honors.

Those contestants are pictured on this page and qualified by getting name Pet of the Month during 2015.

Anyone in the world is allowed to vote, as long as you have access to a computer.

You are allowed to place two votes per computer.

Polls open Jan. 8-10.

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New this year ... once you have reached the online voting site, you will be able to click on each candidates picture and review the OTOW News article which ran in the newspaper.

The Pet of the Year winner will receive a complimentary bath and groom from Barks & Bubbles Mobile Grooming and will be featured in an OTOW-TV video.

The winner also will receive a gift basket from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater.

Plus, the winner will be invited to participate in the annual Irish Club parade and get recognized as our Pet of the Year winner.

So far, three dogs have won the annual event honor. Could this be the year a cat takes top honors?

It's up to your vote.



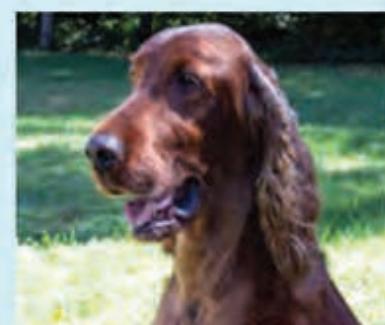
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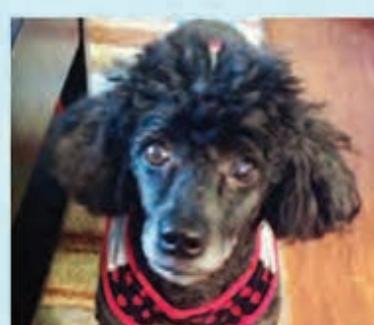
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OTOW residents prepare to take one kayak to the lake and store one kayak for the afternoon.

New boat racks available to OTOW residents who properly register their watercraft

By Kathleen Santosuoso

New and neat boat racks are now available to On Top of the World residents who register their watercraft.

"We're thrilled to have the new kayak racks," said On Top of the World kayaker Katarina Tepesh. "It's a great improvement over the previous storage system."

The clean racks and organized line of kayaks and boats now complement the shoreline landscape of tall grasses, water birds and fishing pier.

Parkway Maintenance built and installed the new wood kayak and row-

boat racks. There are now 60 available spaces.

The improvements were a result of the high demand for kayak racks and a desire to make the shoreline look better. There are now spaces for twice as many kayaks as there were before. Also, the kayaks are up and off the ground.

Kayaking is a popular sport in the Clearwater area and in other parts of the country. On Top of the World residents from Florida, Maine, Pennsylvania and other states bring their kayaks with them when they travel.

Others take up the sport once they move here. Trips to Caladesi Island, Honeymoon Island, Weeki Wachee, and Homosassa are easy day trips for kayakers. Of course, a quiet tour around Lake Arbor is always a peaceful way to start the day.

Anyone who wants to store a boat, kayak or canoe on the rack, must register with On Top of the World and receive an assigned number and spot.

Your registration sticker will match your spot on the rack.

Registration will be renewed on a yearly basis in March for a \$10 annual

fee. Stickers will be issued through the Inspection Services Division in the Community Service Office.

Unregistered boats, or boats with an expired registration, are subject to removal and impound.

You cannot store a boat at Lake Arbor prior to registering.

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Evelyn and Roger Guzman and their ongoing pilgrimage of faith

Evelyn and Roger Guzman are globe-trotting On Top of the World residents who have circumnavigated the world three times – once by air and twice aboard the luxurious Queen Mary II.

It's unlikely that their deep sense of fernweh can ever be satisfied, but their latest adventure might have done just that.

Roger and Evelyn met while they were university students at a Catholic leadership conference in the Philippines.

After nurturing two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, they hope to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary next year.

The profound love they feel for each other, for their family and for God, is palpable.

That's what makes their latest trip so meaningful. It was, above all else, a spiritual pilgrimage with a heaping helping of historical beauty, and a good measure of significance thrown in.

In September of last year, Evelyn and Roger flew from their Mississauga, Ontario, home to Medjugorje, in western Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is a destination where more than 40 million people from all faiths and locations go to find peace and spiritual healing.

While there, they heard mass at Saint James Church and attended talks about the Virgin Mary's messages to nuns and priests.

They climbed the Apparition Hill where Our Lady appeared to six children. It was a challenging climb, but worth every step.

The next destination on their trip was the beautiful city of Dubrovnik, affectionately known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. They soaked in the beauty of the Croatian countryside on a three-hour drive, followed by a walking tour of this historic and religious site.

From there they were off to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, where they enjoyed a city tour with highlights that included Saint Mark's Church, believed to have been built in the 13th century, the Stone Gate and the Assumption Cathedral.

Vienna was their next destination. There they cruised the Danube River, toured Vienna, admired the Ringstrasse

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A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

with its marvelous buildings and the St. Stephen and Votive Churches.

They topped off a nearly perfect day with dinner, music and wine in a traditional tavern in Grinzing.

From there, it was off to Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, where they toured the city and admired Prague Castle, which dates back to the 9th century and is now the official residence of the president.

The Guzmans were amazed by the Astronomical Clock and enjoyed learning about the St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Town Hall, the Cathedral of Our Lady of Tyne and the Charles Bridge.

They spent time in the Stradov Library, but not nearly enough for their liking.

In her journal, Evelyn wrote:

"We have always prayed to Infant Jesus of Prague and had our requests granted, but never in a million years did we think that we would be visiting him right in the church where he is personally venerated. So, we bought a silver rosary in remembrance of that."

Krakow, Poland, was their next eagerly awaited destination, where they toured the city and visited the Wavel, the Cloth Hall, Market Square, St. Mary's Basilica and the Masterpiece Altar.

In nearby Wadowice, they visited the home where St. John Paul II was born and lived for 18 years.

From there it was on to Lagiewniki to hear mass at the Divine Mercy Basilica, where they also visited the resting place of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

The next day they heard mass at the Black Madonna, the third most visited place of Our Lady.

The last whistle stop on their journey was Wieliczka Salt Mine, where more than a million people each year come to marvel at the complete under-



Krakow, Poland was a notable stop on the Guzman's latest European adventure.

ground church and chapel, recognized on UNESCO's list of cultural and natural heritage sites.

For Evelyn, it was a trip of immense pleasure and intense pain.

That's because she took a tumble on the slick cobblestones of Vienna. In her typically joyful way, Evelyn pressed on through the pain and Roger was there by her side as he has always been.

Knitters had a great year and hope to fill every request in 2016

By Phyllis Butler

Happy New Year everyone.

Once again we have a new year with a clean slate to record our passing.

What deeds, both good and bad, will fill our days in this new year?

Each of us will choose as each day passes. May all our choices be good ones and our new year a happy one for all.

In retrospect, our past year was a good one. Our group continued to meet every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room and we continued to knit and crochet like crazy.

As an estimate, last year we produced and delivered more than 200 lap robes, 15 shrugs and more than 100 walker caddies.

In addition, we produced almost 600 scarves and sent 500 to our troops in cold weather.

Our most popular product has been our walker caddies. They are not knitted or crocheted, and the story of their origin is interesting.

In 2006, we took a delivery to one of our local nursing homes. They were so happy with our products, they invited all of us to lunch.

Of course, we were happy to accept, and thoroughly enjoyed a delicious meal.

While there, one of the residents came in and asked if we also made walker caddies. She explained that



Knitting

these were fabric bags, which hang on the front of her walker. Hers was so badly worn that the objects she put in kept falling out.

Song Brooks, one of our members, was sitting there and asked to see her bag. She pulled out a measuring tape and promptly measured the bag from all sides, writing the measurements on a napkin. We assured the lady (or Song did) that we would try.

The next week, Song brought her first prototype to the knitting group for critique and ideas.

Of course, everyone had some.

Since then, Song has perfected the idea, and the walker caddie has become one of our most popular items.

Since that day in 2006, we have produced and distributed more than 1150 caddies.

When someone from our group makes a delivery, the first question asked is "Did you bring walker caddies?"



Song Brooks shows off a new walker caddie.

Song has been our main producer of the bags, which are made of 100 percent cotton fabric and sewed, rather than knitted or crocheted.

Song, however, is also an accomplished knitter and crocheter, and over the years has produced many lap robes in both arts.

She is not only active in our group, but also the Travel Club and Line Dance Club.

We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner.

We really appreciate their help.

We both knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult pattern.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us.

The fun way to research is not going online

By Anne B. Watkins

Don Leamy was the Family History speaker for the November meeting and he reminded us that online searching for family history information is not the only way.

Most of us now hunt for our ancestors while sitting and staring at our computers, but Don did his work the hard way, on foot, and had a whole lot more fun!

His family was from Pennsylvania, and in his quest, he actually went to a historical society, where he met a fabulous resource in the person of Dorothy Lapp, one of the rare breed that inhabits such places.

There is actually a title called "Ches-



Family History

ter County Pennsylvania Estate Papers, 1700-1810: the Dorothy Lapp Collection," now on microfilm, but she helped Don find the original documents.

The wills he saw were invaluable

for finding the names of wives and children, as well as the disposition of the lands and goods of his family.

For his Civil War ancestor, Don used "History of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861-1865," by Samuel Bates, a five-volume series for that state's regimental rosters and histories, while for many burials of the Leamy family, he had obtained a copy of the book, "St. David's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Radnor, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 1700-1906."

If you are researching relatives in Pennsylvania or any other of the states, be sure to try more than just your online sources. Go to the state archives, the local public libraries and historical societ-

ies, as they have a wealth of information that you probably won't find online.

For a listing of resources by state, use the "Red Book; American state, county & town sources" found at any public library, as well as on Ancestry.com, a fee site.

In addition, Ancestry has separate research guides for each state.

Familysearch.org, a free site, has state guidelines for research, too, which you can find under its Wiki tab. Once you have a list of sources for the state you are researching, shut down the computer, and go there. You'll be glad you did!

Our next meeting is Monday, Jan. 11 in the East Activity Center Computer Room from 1-3 p.m.

If you have never seen our OTOW workshop, stop by the Jan. 14 open house and browse



Fixers Club

By Doug Erickson

During the past 40 years, the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers have become an integral part of the On Top of the World community.

We are pleased we have had the opportunity to make a major contribution in developing and maintaining an on-going wood-working facility.

We have developed a club to accommodate residents desiring to continue their wood-related hobbies and helping those wanting to learn basic or additional skills.

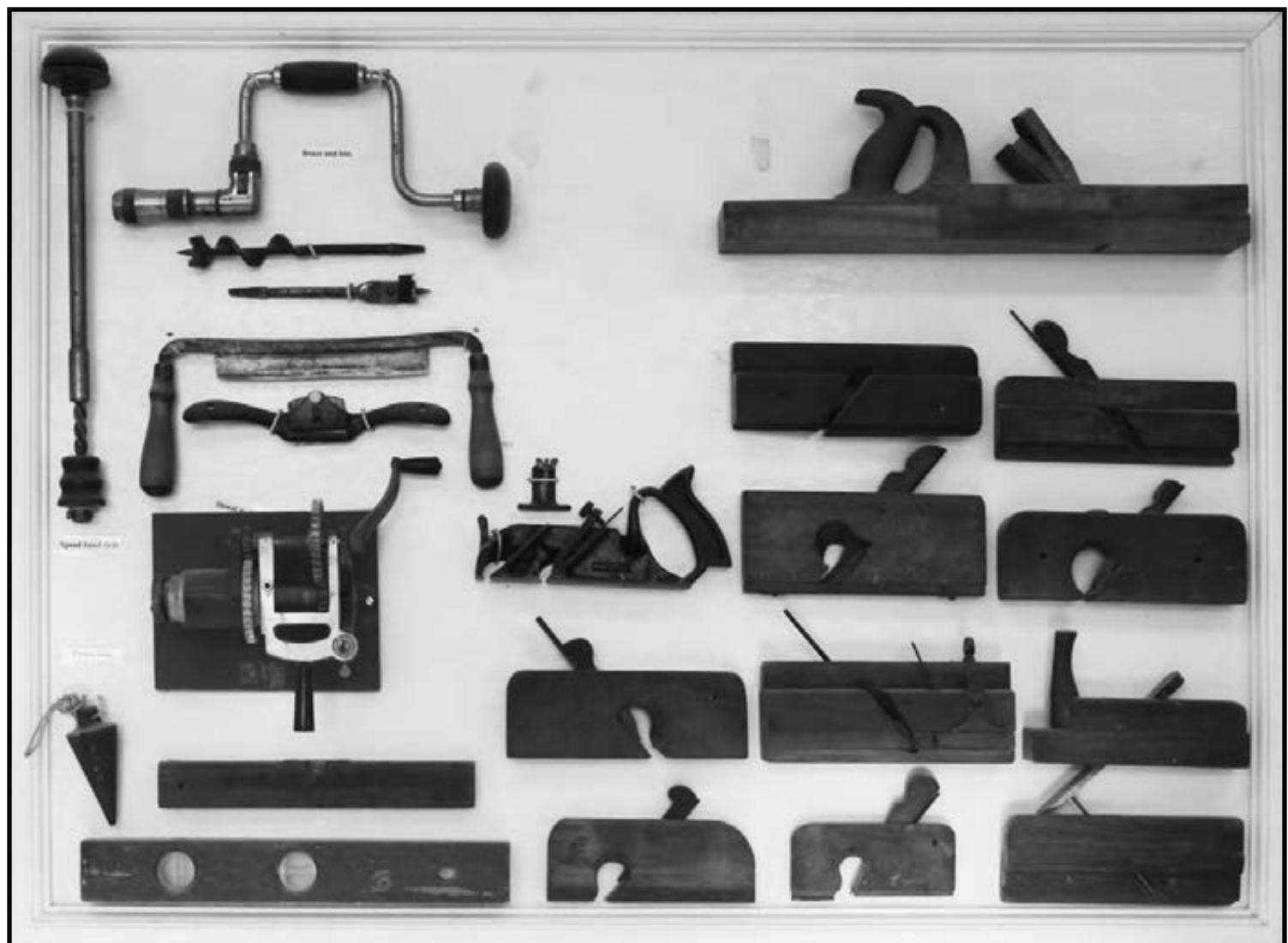
We are particularly proud of creating a safer and healthier shop by enforcing safety procedures and using dust collection systems.

Safety is the first instruction new members receive. They are given assistance in skills development and are shown the safe way to use tools.

Experience has proven it is important to have qualified supervisors available when the shops are open.

Over the years, the shop's equipment was systematically improved with the addition of new tools as the needs arise. Most of the hand and power tools have been bought by the Fixers. Some have been donated.

The replacement value is upwards of \$100,000.



Pictured above is some of our club's original tools from 40 years ago. If you want to see our latest tools, stop by the shop during our Jan. 14 open house.

Our on-going management process, governing by committee, ensures we have dedicated individuals taking the responsibility for maintaining and ensuring the club and equipment will be here for future OTOW residents.

It is not a "one-man-show."

The vice president is the president elect, serving a one-year term.

Lee Catalfomo takes the lead in January 2016 and will be working with members who are master trades people, engineers and individuals from most of the professions. They have an accumulation of hundreds of years of experience that they are willing to share with you.

We invite you to join us at our an-

nual meeting, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room. There will be a video review of projects completed by our members.

The meeting will be followed by an open house in the shops from 10 a.m. to noon.

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At left, Chorus members perform a traditional Christmas song during the Dec. 12 concert in the auditorium.



At right, Janice Wisinski sings 'I want a hippopotamus for Christmas' with a pet hippo.

Despite warm weather, OTOW chorus was able to get everyone in the holiday spirit

In case you were walking through the East Activity Center auditorium halfway through the Chorus Winter Concert, you may have seen singers and listeners creating antlers with the hands and doing the pattycake cheer with their neighbors.

Relax.

It was perfectly normal.

Not only did the 2015 holiday concert contain traditional Christmas music, but for the second straight year the sing-along portion of the show encouraged audience participation.

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Last year, the chorus and audience both used hand signals to replace words in "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer." This year, with one year

under their belts, both groups did it again. Hands were used for antlers and shiny noses, pattycake was used to replace "reindeer games" and the "rah-rah sis boom bah" cheer was used to root on Rudolph.

The overall results were about as good as last year. A lot of laughs, a lot of smiles and a couple hand signals were done perfectly on time.

It was one of several special moments at this year's concert.

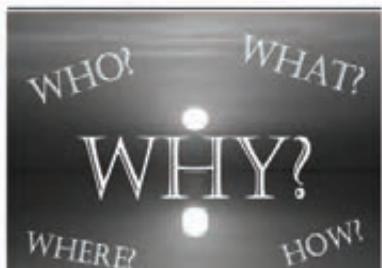
The concert, entitled "Home for Christmas," also featured "O Holy

Night," "Do you hear what I hear," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Santa Claus is coming to town" and "Santa Baby" to name a few.

There was a cheery rendition of "I want a hippopotamus for Christmas" by soloist Janice Wisinski, who brought a stuffed hippo along with her for the song.

Another holiday tune had cold and wintery words replaced with more warm, Florida-like vocabulary.

The chorus will return this spring for its next concert.



Philosophy Club

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.

Morning exercises in EAC gym

Start the new year by joining us for morning exercises at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym.

There are exercises, fitness and step classes for all levels.

The music will get you moving. It's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies interested in staying fit and active.

We work on building balance and

coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting and cardio fitness.

Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

In addition to the above, we have added a co-ed step class on Fridays at 11 a.m. in the EAC gym.

Since the Large Card Room in the EAC is still under construction, we will resume the co-ed Fun Fitness

Workout at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the Yellow Room.

As always, our classes are free.

This month, our group will be holding a social following on Jan. 23 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Cocktails are 4 p.m. and dinner 5 p.m. Please attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

Bonesavers Classes in Art Room

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

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

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Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

Membership is growing, tickets are selling, people are traveling and our trips are selling out!

If you're not in those lines, please join us!

Our club members enjoyed a full holiday season, starting with a seven-day trip to see the Myrtle Beach Christmas Shows Extravaganza.

Then we experienced the warmth and charm of old-time holidays at the Henry B. Plant Museum's 33rd annual Victorian Christmas Stroll.

The season would not have been complete without our annual elegant holiday dinner at the beautiful Island Way Grill, where we all had excellent service and mouth-watering meals.

Our trip team has a full array of events planned for the new year, but first it's last call for our Jan. 12 trip to the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, where we will all experience a personal and private reading from a certified medium and participate in a training class to help us learn how to develop our own intuitive abilities.

If you desire something a little closer to home, we have two trips planned to Tarpon Springs in Febru-



The first table to arrive got the best view at our OTOW Travel Club's Holiday Dinner at the beautiful Island Way Grill near Clearwater Beach. Seated left to right are Janice and Don Hahs, Sylvia Luebking, Barb and Tom Jamrozy, Shirley Crowder and Arlene Mansfield.

(OTOW News photo by Terri Mikszenas)

ary, which we feel will be of interest.

Our first trip is to tour St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, modeled after Saint Sophia Cathedral (Hagia Sophia) in Constantinople, now Istanbul.

This trip also includes time for shopping and a group lunch at the Mikonos Restaurant.

Our second trip is a late Sunday event on Feb. 21 to the Performing Arts Center to hear a professional

storyteller present, "This is my story... Eleanor Roosevelt during the Great Depression."

You don't have to be a club member to travel with us, but you do have to hurry to get your tickets while they last.

Membership in our year-round club is \$10 per person and we are hoping to see our 2015 members renew.

Even if you are not a member of the club, you are welcome to join us at

our next monthly meeting on Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room. Or stop by our East Activity Center sales table on Monday or Thursday, 8-10:30 a.m. to learn more and/or sign up.

You can also stop by and see us if you are just interested in knowing more about our club.

Come see, come listen, come join the club, because as our slogan goes...

"We're going places!"

Cruise party planned to welcome home members from cruise

By Dave Beaven

It's time for a sea cruise, don't you think?

Well, apparently, a number of our Lambda Club members do. They're going on a nine-day Caribbean cruise this month to Key West, Aruba, Curaçao and the Cayman Islands.

Sounds great to me. I'm sure they'll have some interesting stories to tell when they get back. So we'll celebrate their return at our January social on Friday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., in the Art Room. Tropical drinks will be served. Steel drum music will be playing. A cruise director will be circulating to make sure that the attendees are having a good time. As for the food, our Lambda buffet will be serving up its customary delicacies. You'll think that you're still on the ship.



Lambda

Don't miss this sailing. Dress code: Cruise casual.

Speaking of cruising, did you ever hear about people who opt to live on a cruise ship as an alternative to assisted living? I mean, you get maid service, delicious meals, entertainment, medical care availability, and travel to exotic ports all rolled into one.

There was supposed to be one lady who cruised on the Queen Eliza-

beth II for years booking one cruise after the other after her husband died on an earlier cruise. Her accumulated frequent cruise miles allowed her to stay on board for \$5000 per month.

There is now a cruise ship that has 165 owner residence suites on board. It sails the globe with its lucky residents who get to decorate their own individual "homes" while waking up to new countries on a regular basis.

Does that sound like you?

Go to our club's Website (see below) for the link to more information. As for me, I will continue to enjoy my daily walk among the international residences here at On Top of the World. I wish you smooth sailing for this month and for the rest of 2016.

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 include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

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:

<http://lambdaclarewater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: lambdaclw@yahoo.com. Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Rehearsals restart Jan. 11 for spring show



Theater Workshop

By Lillian Scheiffen

Welcome to a brand new year with its promises and possibilities.

We had an absolutely beautiful Christmas dinner at the Beachcomber Restaurant. Everyone was decked out in their holiday finest and even Santa made an appearance, distributing gifts and wishes for a happy holiday season.

Thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

There was an error in my December article regarding the date of our first meeting in 2016. The correct date is Wednesday, Jan. 6, with the Board meeting at 7 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. My apologies and please correct your calendars.

We will begin our rehearsal sessions for our March show on Monday, Jan. 11 at noon. Singers will meet from noon-12:30 p.m. and all who expect to be in the show should be ready to begin rehearsing their roles.

We will be ready to polish up our talents, which have been on hiatus



Theater Workshop members enjoy a holiday party at the Beachcomber.

since last March, and work until we have a finished product for you to enjoy.

As previously mentioned, our president, Will Peterson, has created this season's production entitled "Las Vegas, The Sands of Time Revue."

With the rich history of Vegas, our show will have endless plot options and should be quite an experience.

You know the slogan, "what hap-

pens in Vegas, stays in Vegas?"

Well, you don't have to worry if you attend our show. We won't tell anyone, unless you bring your favorite Komodo dragon and refuse to buy an extra ticket.

Tickets are only \$5!

Along with our many other clubs, Theater Workshop has a table at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please

take the time to meet our representatives and ask any questions about the longest running entertainment club at OTOW.

Remember, a club is only as good as the involvement of its members, so come on down!

Have a Happy New Year and hope to see you at the annual New Year's Eve dance at the East Activity Center.

'Broadway: A Night To Remember'

Our February show will be filled with your favorite Broadway show tunes

By Sue Calinski

Now that the holidays are over, the Jesters are focusing on fine-tuning the details of our February show, "Broadway: A Night to Remember."

The performances will be on Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. There will also be a matinee performance on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

What a lovely Valentine's Day gift a ticket would make for your sweetie or for a group of friends!

Tickets are on sale now. They are available Monday and Thursday mornings at the EAC, or from any Jesters member.



The entertainment will be superb, and the cost is still only \$5 per ticket. If you haven't already purchased some tickets, now is the time!

Here's a piece of trivia to keep you thinking about Broadway musicals: Who are the Tony Awards named after?

After you look that up, you might want to listen to some of your favorite show tunes and speculate whether or not they will be performed in "Broadway: A Night to Remember."

Last month, a group of Jesters enjoyed a festive catered dinner to celebrate the holiday season and to wish each other good cheer.

The Jesters meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Please join us — we can always find something for you to do!

Don't forget to buy your tickets! This will be a show that you don't want to miss!



Stamp Club

Stamp Club meeting Jan. 12

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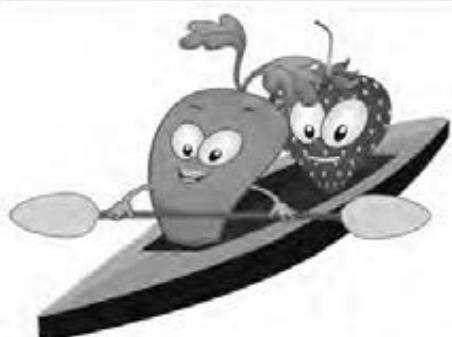
Come join us to learn more about our collections.

We'll be meeting every second Tuesday in January through March (Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and March 8) from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Sundberg at 847-951-2284.

Look forward to seeing you next month.

Check out our Box Office Webpage for classes, activities, sign-up sheets or to become a club member



Healthy Living Club

By Kathleen Santosuosso

The Dec. 9 Healthy Living Club meeting featured explanations of our upcoming January and February courses.

Upcoming free courses are Active Living Every Day, Chronic Pain Self-Management, Diabetes Self-Management, and Lower Your Carbon Footprint.

Sign-ups started on Dec. 14, but those interested can still sign up online if there is room in a class. Additional courses will start in March with online sign-ups starting in February.

Club member Sue Naylor discussed her positive experiences with



Healthy Living Club Water Walkers enjoy a little exercise in the East Activity Center pool last month. Anyone can join the water walkers, who get a lot of good exercise by walking laps in the pool.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College and the many area lifelong classes she has attended.

There are also many free online classes on the Massive Open Online Courses Website. Links to the Osher and Massive Open site are on the

Healthy Living Box Office site. So much to learn! Keep those brains active too!

Water Walking, Biking (Slow Spokes) and Buddy Walking attract new members weekly

All exercise classes at On Top of

the World are open to all residents.

From the comfort of your home, you can join the Adult Exercise classes on OTOW-TV every day at around noon. The instructors, Cammy and Jessica, are from Ocala On Top of the World and will visit the Good Neighbors on Jan. 16 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Maybe they'll give us a short lesson on balance and posture!

On Top of the World residents who are interested in joining the Healthy Living Club and were not able to attend the latest meeting, may sign up on the Box Office. Please note that there is a password, and you will be given the password at our next meeting. The password is needed to sign up for Healthy Living Courses and Events on our Healthy Living site on the Box Office.

To learn about upcoming courses and speakers in 2016, or to make suggestions for specific events, come to our meeting on Jan. 13 from 7-7:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Future meetings on Feb. 10 and March 9 will also take place in the Sunrise Room.



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We will celebrate the Chinese new year with Chinese catering



NY / NJ Club

By Jane Lee

The New York/New Jersey Club installed officers for 2016.

They are President Pat Hayes, Vice President Richard Ciardullo, Secretary Jane Lee, Assistant Secretary Marge Sutton, and Treasurer Sue Fleming.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 27. We will celebrate the Chinese New Year with a catered Chinese dinner and the same DJ we had for our Christmas party.

Come and plan to dance the night away or just to enjoy the music.

You can practice using chop sticks, but we will have forks, too.

There will be no meeting in February because of a conflict with another club for space. However, in March we will have a Strawberry Fling and Festival. We will provide you with informa-



Pictured above is one of many festive tables from the New York-New Jersey Club holiday party in December.

(Photo by Jim Smyth)

tion about this event next month.

Now is the time to pay your \$5 dues so that you can take advantage of the savings a member gets when buy-

ing tickets. Stop by our table on Monday or Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium.

You might also read about us by

looking up NY/NJ Club at www.on-topoftheworldnews.com. Click on the Box Office link.

You can be a bingo winner in 2016

By Brad Day

Bingo is going into the new year fresh and ready to get new games going.

I sincerely hope you had a great season last year, but hope this year will be even better.

We have seen many new faces and are happy to have you with us.

The more players we have, the higher the prizes go.

We serve coffee and donuts at in-

termission to all paying players and our donuts are the best in town.

So come check us out.

As always, we start our games at 6:30 p.m. every Monday, but strongly suggest you come earlier to purchase your papers and find a seat. This is always a big social event with people coming early, chatting with their new neighbors and playing a little cards.

We maintain a warm, friendly atmosphere. Our prices are low. In fact,

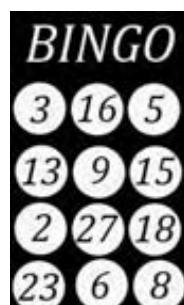
we are the cheapest games in town.

So remember, we are in your neighborhood, and want to see all of you bingo players.

Our next Bingo Marathon will be the first Sunday, April 5. More information will follow in future articles.

Check out OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 for more information.

Each club has a page on the Box Office Website, including bingo. Go there to read our latest news.



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Come meet a former Pentagon adviser and St. Petersburg native at our meeting Jan. 14

By Donna Lukas

Do you know the names of candidates for U.S. Congress District 13?

Recognize the name Eric Lynn?

Eric is a St. Petersburg native who is a former pentagon adviser to several Secretaries of Defense and currently advises business and military clients on national security strategy, international trade and business development.

Come to our Jan. 14 meeting at 2 p.m. in the EAC Starlite Room to meet Eric and hear his positions on other important issues. You might want to bring your checkbook in case you decide to support his campaign.

Do you want to vote in the March



Democratic Club

15 Presidential Preference Primary Election?

If so, Feb. 16 is an important date for you. It is the last day to register to vote or to change your political party

affiliation because Florida is a closed primary state. To emphasize how important all primary elections are, I'm going to give you a quote from a Nov. 11, 2015, article written by Tampa Bay Times columnist Daniel Ruth entitled "Stop Complaining and Start Participating."

blame someone for the sorry state of the political environment? Let's start with a mirror."

You might want to take some action before Feb. 16. Read Daniel's complete article then come to our next meeting.

Thanks to our club members and guests who made our December Holiday Happy Hour a fun time.

Someone questioned that the room could not have been filled by entirely Democrats because there was food and liquor left at the end of the party.

Hope to see you at our Jan. 14 meeting.

Do you have free time? Become a school volunteer

By Jane Lee

Now that the holidays are over and many of you have some extra time, we would like to remind you that On Top of the World volunteers is invited to help out at Skycrest Elementary School.

Would you like to help in the classroom or chaperone a field trip?

To get started, call Caroline Tillman, the volunteer coordinator at Skycrest, and let her know that you are willing to help. She will schedule a time for you to meet with her and to fill out simple paperwork.

Caroline can be reached at 727-469-5987 or tillmanc@pcsb.org.

Labels on everyday products can be collected and redeemed for future school materials. Drop these labels off



Classroom Club

at our meetings in the EAC on the second Thursday of the month.

Contact Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 or wlee315695@aol.com, or Barbara Mooney 727-754-3686 or barbaraamooneya@gmail.com for more information.

You can also learn about our meetings if you visit www.ontopoftheworldnews.com and look for Classroom Volunteers under clubs.

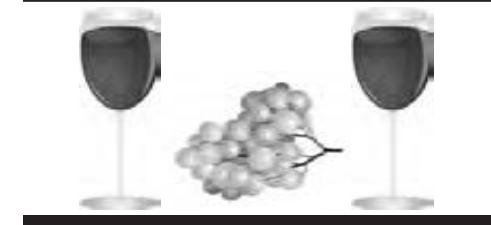
Join us for roast beef dinner on Jan. 20

By Jerry Kaplano

Everybody had a great meal at our Dec. 6 Christmas Brunch at the Safety Harbor Spa.

On Jan. 20 we will be having a hot roast beef dinner and entertainment in the East Activity Center. Cost for members is \$12 and non-members \$15.

On Feb. 5, we are going to Tampa Bay Downs. Purchase your ticket now for \$23. A limited number of tickets



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Members of the Press Association celebrated the holiday season with a luncheon at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor on Dec. 3.

Press Association squeezes in a holiday luncheon before early deadline

The entire Press Association news staff was warned ahead of time that their December stories for the January newspaper had to be turned in a week earlier than normal.

But before the staff had time to panic, many relaxed at a holiday luncheon at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor.

The Press Association booked the patio room and more than 20 staff members dined on salmon, steak, chicken, shrimp and taco salads.

"We have had an incredible two months to start the winter season," said editor Doug Kates. "We needed one afternoon to take a deep breath, relax and have fun."

In the December newspaper, more than 80 stories were submitted for publication, which is very high for this newspaper.

To accomodate all those stories,



the newspaper size had to be increased to 88 pages, which is another tremendous feat.

The Press Association has added new reporters for new clubs, and has added new reporters to fill vacancies at buildings.

Last year, more than 130 writers contributed for the year. At the pace

this season is going, the total number of staff members should pass that mark.

In case you haven't noticed, the OTOW newspaper has added a two-page, colorful, pull-out activity calendar in the first section. If you have a positive or negative comment about this calendar, please write to the Press Association at OTOW Newsroom, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E., Clearwater, Fl., 33763.

In October, the newspaper staff helped organize the annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest and in December the staff helped bring back the annual Holiday Lights Contest. Results are in this newspaper.

Newspaper readers will be asked this month to vote online for their favorite Pet of the Year candidate.

In February and March, the newspaper will feature special pages for the

upcoming Jesters and Theater Workshop show. For the first time, these special pages will be run in two different editions.

The Press Association's next meeting will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 7 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

The following meeting will be Feb. 4 and the March meeting will be a pizza party on March 3.

The annual Appreciation Luncheon will take place Thursday, April 7, 1:30 p.m. in the Veranda Room. It is hoped The Stuffed Mushroom will return to cater this meal. Any staffer who has contributed to at least three newspapers and has attended at least three meetings, is qualified to attend.

The qualifying year started with the May 2015 newspaper and ends with the April 2016 newspaper.

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Relax after busy holiday season with our very exciting social games

By Rick McLauchlan

Our annual Christmas party, held in the East Activity Center on Dec. 9, was again a seasonal success and our members and guests celebrated with an excellent turkey and ham dinner followed by dancing.

As of Dec. 5, our membership total was 267, including 28 new members. Please note that registration will start again on Jan. 4 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium every Monday and Thursday.

Bring your recreation card.

Jan. 7 is the first night for Social Games in 2016, and because of the construction work in the EAC, we are now hosting this event in the West Activity Center Sunrise and Rainbow Rooms from 6:45-9:30 p.m. until March 31, with the exception of Feb. 11 and March 17 when we will be in the Kitchen/Craft Room and Yellow Rooms of the EAC.

Our Happy Hour/Cabaret returns on Jan. 15 and on the third Friday in February and March. We will meet in the Kitchen/Craft Room. Come BYOB, a glass, snacks and socialize from 4:30-7 p.m. A 50/50 drawing will be held each night.

Next on the calendar is our trip to Tampa Bay Downs on Jan. 22 for lunch and ponies. Tickets are \$21 and can be obtained by calling Rick Carr at 727-726-2247.

The annual President's Ball will be



The Canadian Club always knows how to decorate for the holiday season. Above, Rudolph and friends are arriving for the annual party.

held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 3 in the auditorium of the EAC. Tickets are \$28 for members and \$30 for guests.

A special ticket sale day is scheduled from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in the Starlite Room. Ticket

sales will continue Thursdays and Mondays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 21, 25 and 28 in the auditorium.

The OTOW Canadian Club Golf Tournament will tee-off at 8 a.m. on Feb. 14 at the OTOW 18-Hole Course.

For information contact Ian Hunter at 727-239-8086.

Come cheer on our Toronto Blue Jays on March 18. Tickets are available from Tom McKee at 727-470-9161.

*Canadian Club Executive
and Members
would like to wish
everyone a
Happy New Year!*





Good Neighbors Craft Show

In late-November, the Good Neighbors Association held its annual Craft Show in the East Activity Center auditorium. Residents displayed their homemade goods, including clothing, jewelry, paintings, holiday ornaments and more. On this page are just a few scenes from the action that took place.

The Craft Show is an annual event.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Supervisor of Elections, Deborah Clark, will speak at our club meeting on Jan. 19

By Marvin Lazernik

We are proud to announce the speaker of our Jan. 19 meeting will be Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections for Pinellas County.

She will be explaining what can be done to stimulate voters to come out, proper procedures for the poll workers and watchers, and basic election rules.

Mark your calendars – the elections are upon us.

All of our meetings will continue to start promptly at 7 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the Month. This will be our first meeting back in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.



December was another excellent speaker in our series – Bernie McCabe, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, which includes Pinellas, and

Pasco Counties.

Bernie spoke on crime, punishment and what decisions are necessary to prosecute someone.

He also answered all member questions on various subjects.

Our Christmas party was a huge success, drawing an almost overflow crowd in the room. Big thanks to Susan Lazernik and Mary Jane Lofton for selecting, picking up and setting up the marvelous food. Thanks to all the members and volunteers that brought their favorite dish.

Every meeting has attracted new members, thanks to all of you continually telling your friends about the educational speakers and the comrade-

ly of people that think alike. Please continue to keep up the good work. A club is only as strong as the members in it are.

Stay up to date using our media sites – OnTopOfTheWorld.com/Box Office for additional information pertaining to future and current meetings.

Ronald Reagan Republican Club OTOW is our facebook page with all of the county, state and national news, including articles of where the candidates will be campaigning.

Both of these excellent media sites change frequently.

For volunteering, or other information please call Susan at (727) 239-7585

On Top of the World Open Golf Tournament Jan. 22-23

Plan now to sign up for the 2016 On Top of the World Open Golf Tournament set for Jan. 22 and 23, 2016.

Residents who belong to leagues or don't belong to leagues are all welcome. Play is limited to the first 80 who sign up.

Sign-up sheets are posted at the golf course office, the golf bulletin boards and league score shack. The deadline for entry into the tournament is Jan. 15, 2016.

Cost will be \$5 per person. Collection will begin on Jan. 7, 2016.

All players will be assigned to

a flight. Each flight will be played at gross score. Handicaps will be used only to position players into flights.

Play will consist of 18 holes each day, for a total of 36 holes of play over the two days.

USGA rules will apply except where modified by local rules. Rules

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Your new year resolutions in 2016 should include taking up line dancing



Line Dancing

By Antoinette d'Oronzio

It's January and time for New Year resolutions.

- You want to work on balance and coordination? Try line dancing.
- You need to get more aerobic exercise? Try line dancing.
- You'd like to exercise your brain as well as your feet? Try line dancing.
- You resolve to make an effort to meet new and interesting people? You guessed it. Try line dancing.

On Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., there is a "pre-class" for beginners in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.



Dolly Foland, English choreographer Rachael McEnaney, Sheila Bonomo and Mary Becker share a photo opportunity at the recent Tampa Bay Line Dance Classic.

The instructor, Sheila Bolster, introduces the first three dances that will be done in the general session.

At the general sessions, the in-

structors and demonstrators go over the steps to each dance before putting on the music. Some of the beginners attempt all the dances. Others just do

the first few (usually the easier ones) and then watch.

Line Dancing Club members Lynn Anzalone, Mary Becker, Sheila Bonomo, Dolly Foland and Ellen Gilbert recently attended a line dance conference and are eager to try out new ideas and new dances for our club. They are enthusiastic about some of the instructors they saw there and want to bring one or more of them to On Top of the World.

Want to see the current dancers perform? Tune in to OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 and dance along. The line dance videos are currently showing at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can line dance in the convenience of your own condo. Soon, there will be a video for every day of the week.

For more information about line dancing at OTOW, call Mary Becker at (727) 253-4874, go to the Line Dancing Club Website at sites.google.com/sites/otowlinedancing or visit us at the OTOW Box Office Website and OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

New president takes helm this month



Hoosier Club

By Mary Beth Hufty

At our annual Christmas dinner at Bon Appetite, outgoing president Nancy House was honored for her exemplary two-year term.

Her efficient management skills and positive demeanor benefitted our membership.

Thank you, Nancy.

The gavel was passed on to Wade Candler, who will assume the helm in January. His vice president is Jean Thompson.

Jerry Rice remains treasurer and Mary Beth Hufty will serve one more year as secretary.

The year 2015 concluded with the first of two annual euchre tournaments held in the Sunrise Room on



Members of the Hoosier Club concentrate as a euchre tournament takes place.

Dec. 16 and managed by Bill House.

Hoosier history from 1923 recalls a poor 10-year-old boy selling newspapers on a downtown sidewalk in my hometown of Vincennes, Ind. He was hoping to eek out enough profit to purchase a ticket to see his favorite comedian perform at the new Moon Theater. He shared that desire with one of his customers, who then pur-

chased every one of the boy's papers, gave the lad a ticket and arranged for a backstage visit with the vaudeville star.

Funny man, Ed Wynn, himself was both the newspaper customer and headliner. He provided the spark for young Richard's career as Red Skelton went on to become one of America's most beloved comedians for the next 70 years.

Learn to speak Spanish or French

"Learning Spanish" and "Learning French" will be starting up again in February.

Anyone interested in learning how to speak Spanish or French should call this month to reserve a spot in the February classes.

There is no fee. Times, dates and rooms will be set depending on amount of interest.

Call Dolores Rollins at 727-266-7460. You may also tell her what times and days you are available to take these two classes.

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Travel and entertainment opportunities abound for Snowbirds



Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

Winter nights can sometimes seem long, cold and dark, especially in northern latitudes. To compensate, we use lights to brighten our nights and our spirits.

This year, your Snowbirds Club sent members to see the spectacular Christmas lights displayed in St. Augustine on three separate charter bus trips. Our members were not disappointed.

With our season half over, there are still many travel and entertainment opportunities available, but buses fill up fast and, as they say, the early bird catches the worm.

Of course, in this case, the early birds get the best seats. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. The sooner you book, the better your seat.

We have five more charter bus tours booked to explore places near



Snowbirds members take in the holiday lights display in Savannah, Ga. The lights were so bright, in fact, that putting on a pair of sunglasses made them easier to view.

and far – places like Savannah, St. Petersburg, Biloxi and New Orleans, Tarpon Springs and a perennial favorite, Plant City's Strawberry Festival.

Our partners at Ruth Eckerd Hall are offering some legendary entertainment and Broadway shows, including Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and The Book of Mormon.

If you've read the reviews, you already know these are shows you don't want to miss!

We have three more parties in the East Activity Center that culminate in our farewell party, a real pig roast and Hawaiian Luau. This year's party will be the most memorable of all. Trust me.

Of course, all of our events are available to you with just two clicks

on our Website – www.snowbirdstow.com – where you can reserve and buy tickets whether you are close by or far away. You can also stop by our sales desk every Monday and Thursday morning from 8–10:30 a.m. Don't forget to ask for your On Top of the World map. It's our free gift to the entire community.



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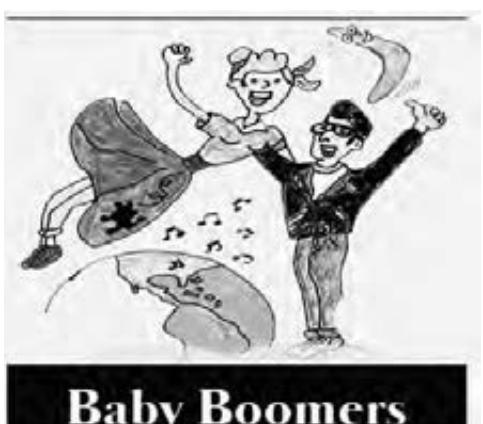
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Boomers end year on a cruise



Baby Boomers

By Ron Clement

More than 70 Baby Boomers and friends cruised their way into December by boarding the MSC Divina.

They set sail for seven days in the Caribbean, with stops in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Nassau, Bahamas.

On board, they enjoyed sun bathing by the pool, relaxing in the jacuzzi and delighting in the many dining options. Some won a buck or two in the



Baby Boomers enjoy 'White Night' theme dinner on board the MSC Divina.

casino. Others lost a dime.

But win or lose, they all came home with their shirts.

The Disco Lounge was a popular hang out. Several Boomers danced late into the night and some into the wee hours of the morning. With mu-

sic blaring and lights flashing, they celebrated life with a diverse group of people from all over the world.

At one point, following a group picture on the casino stairwell, the Boomers broke into a chorus of "Dum Dee Li and Me Want Go Home," as

they snake danced their way through the slot machines and past the black jack tables.

Back on land, the Boomers will bring in 2016 with an old fashion New Years Eve party - the kind we used to throw in the basement, when our parents were out on the town.

The music will be pretty much the same, with some new wave mixed in, but this time, instead of 45 rpms, we will have a playlist from CDs.

We will rock and roll until the ball drops. Once "Auld Lang Syne" is sung, we will know for sure that we had just celebrated another year of friendship and good times.

We invite you to come out and celebrate 2016 with us. The Baby Boomers Club meets the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. This year our meetings will be held in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

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Registration taking place now for Jack & Jill Golf Tournament

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League is announcing its annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Although a rain date of Feb. 23 has been set, the ladies are hoping that the first try will welcome the group with pleasant temperatures and calm winds.

This popular event will feature not only 18 holes of golf, but lunch for all participants and prizes for the top couples.

The competition in the past has been stiff, and many of the golfing couples who have won in the past will return this year to try and repeat as flight winners.

Additional information about the tournament will be posted on the

OTOW Ladies Golf League Website (otowladiesgolf.com) and on the ladies' section of the bulletin board opposite the golf office/cart rental service area.

Registration will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the golf shack from 7:30-9 a.m. and continue on Feb. 2 and 9. Registration forms will be available at the golf shack the week before registration starts.

Registration is limited to members of the ladies' 18-hole golf league only. The cost is \$20 per couple.

If past registrations are any indicators, it is important to register early to avoid being left out of this fun event. So all you Jills get your (Jack) partnership formed now, and join us for a day of fun and friendship.

Italian classes offered

A free Italian Class is being offered to On Top of the World residents.

The class will teach you how to speak the language, along with a taste of the basic culture, such as music.

The class is taught by Antoi-

nnette d'Oronzio, Igor Nikolic and Rebecca Bernai in January, February and March, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday mornings, in the East Activity Center Small Classroom.

The first class of the year is Jan. 8. All levels of students are welcome.

Sixteen things to think about as we start a new year

1. When blondes have more fun, do they know they are having more fun?

2. Did you know a politician is like a banana? Starts out green, then turns yellow, then rots.

3. If your motto is, "at first if you don't succeed," then don't try skydiving.

4. Did you know red meat is not bad for you? It's only when it turns green and grows fuzz on it.

5. We are born naked, wet and hungry. Isn't it supposed to get better after that?

6. If Xerox and Wurlitzer merged, imagine the reproductive organs it would produce.

**Marge
Mayer**



Internet Humor

7. Did you know, 99 percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name?

8. The new state motto for Alabama is ... "at least we're not New York."

9. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

10. The latest survey shows three out of every four people make up 75% of the population in the United States.

11. NASCAR drivers wear logos on their suits so everyone knows who sponsors them. Why don't politicians wear logos on their suits?

12. Maybe we should stop looking for the Fountain of Youth and start searching for the Fountain of Getting Smarter.

13. Thanks to computers, we can point and click. Do you remember who first used the phrase, "point and click?" Answer: Smith & Wesson.

14. If you are a fool with money, you can throw one heck of a party.

15. Did your parents ever tell you, "learn from our mistakes. Use birth control."

16. Money isn't everything, but when you got it, your kids keep in touch.

Exercise class luncheon

The On Top of The World exercise team not only enjoys staying fit, they also enjoy an afternoon at the Wildflower Cafe'.

There always seems to be a reason to celebrate and the gals celebrated last month because being Mina Osborne was mending after successful knee replacement surgery.

The food was delicious, the company delightful, and it was another wonderful time to remember.

The morning exercise class meets every weekday morning in the East Activity Center gym.

Since this is the start of a new year, the morning class is the perfect way to help take off some of those pounds you put on during the holidays.

See page 30 for details.



From left to right are Hilda Ochoa, Gloria Mitchell, Annisa Dickey, Ute Scheibe, Margaret Forde, Mina Osborne, Fong Mok, Barbara Sundberg, Taeko Tucker, JR Dinello, Rose Fiore and Joanne Ring.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Eleven dances, 11 Sundays In The Park, 13 shows scheduled so far in 2016

By Marvin Flam

We wish everyone a healthy, joyous and happy new year!

Come join the fun!

We will welcome in 2016 with 500 On Top of the World residents at the New Year's Eve party in the East Activity Center.

The celebration is expected to last until morning.

For 2016, the Entertainment Committee's 46th year, we have scheduled a great lineup of 13 shows, 12 dances, the SunCoast Symphony and 11 free Sundays in the Park - all presented in the EAC auditorium.

You do not have to leave the community to enjoy great entertainment right here at OTOW!

Every OTOW resident with a current recreation card is a member of the Entertainment Committee. If you haven't attended a show on a Thursday night (7:30 p.m.), make plans to come. All shows will feature tables with reserved seats. Bring your own snacks and beverages. We provide ice and coffee.

The schedule features terrific entertainers who have appeared in Vegas, Branson and cruise ships.

If you haven't attended a dance on a Saturday night (8 p.m.), make plans to come. Each dance has a theme and features popular professional bands.

In addition to dancing to all types of music, there are group participation numbers, contests with prizes, free

raffle tickets to win cash prizes and surprises.

Celebrate your birthday, anniversary or special event with your family, friends or neighbors.

If you haven't attended a Sunday-In-The-Park (2 p.m.), make plans to come. It is free to all residents. The park is in the auditorium in the EAC.

You will meet and greet friends and neighbors, enjoy professional entertainment and you can dance to the music or just enjoy the entertainment.

Refreshments are provided and you can buy raffle tickets to win cash in a drawing.

Don't sit home and miss out. Be part of the fun!

Our prices are reasonable and we

offer a variety of discount packages and reserved seats. All surplus funds are put back into the community for the sound and lighting systems, decorations, chairs, tables and much more.

We are planning more entertainment in 2016! Visit us in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. All tickets for 2016 are available.

In addition to single tickets, we have special money saving ticket packages.

Check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732; On the OTOW Box Office, OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com; and all the bulletin boards.

Call us directly at 727-797-1761.

Keep sending us "Wishing Well" suggestions. We are listening!



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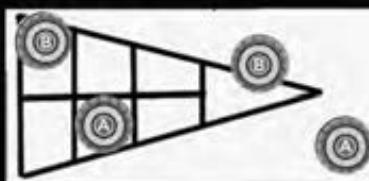
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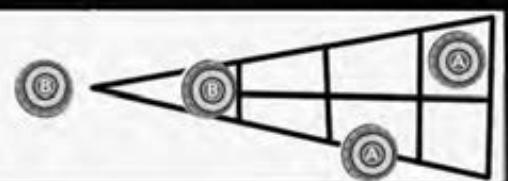
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SPORTS



Ten OTOW residents compete at tournament in Mount Dora - one team takes sixth place

By Bob Laplante

Happy New Year to one and all.

This promises to be a great year for those interested in playing the game of lawn bowls.

The month of January has two unique trophy tournaments and a fun tournament on the schedule.

On Jan. 8 and 9, we will enjoy a mixed pairs tournament, which is a two person team made up of one male and one female player. The tournament is played over two days, the time required to determine the winner.

The Australian Pairs game will be played on Jan. 15 and 16 and is unique in that two members of each team alternate as skips and vice skips.

Both of these games are "Trophy Tournaments" which means that the players will be in traditional whites or be wearing the OTOW Lawn Bowls green and white club tops.

Lawn Bowling

The third tournament is the Robbie Burns theme tournament on Jan. 25. In recognition of the Scott poet, club members dress in plaid or wear something reminiscent of Scotland. We play a two-game tournament that is abbreviated in length in order to fit four games in before the lunch that follows the game. Members are requested to sign up and may include friends or relatives in the luncheon. The day is always enjoyable.

As the next edition of the OTOW News comes out on Feb. 1, players are reminded to sign up early in order to play in the Canadian Club Triples which is scheduled for Feb. 5 and 6.

The Mount Dora Holiday Tour-

nament was held on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 with 10 members from the OTOW club participating. It was great to see so many wearing our club sweaters in this prestigious tournament. Congratulations to the team of John Williams, Sandy Wall and Dave Murray who came in sixth place.

On the final Saturday Jitney of November, the team of Jackie Bedard and Art Green came in first place, tripling their money to have a net gain of almost a cup of coffee at Starbucks.

As Barry Levine said, we don't play for the money.

Second place was the team of Bob Laplante and Norm Chandler. Third place, completing the money winners, was the threesome of Tom Barrett, Ray Allard and Mack Rutherford.

The big news from the match was that Bob and Norm had a perfect end, scoring eight points to come from

down two to win by six.

Who says luck doesn't play a part in the game.

Our Christmas Tournament was played on Dec. 11 with Christmas colors being the order of the day for dress. The play required a double draw as 48 members signed up to play and had to be scheduled in a split shift in order to finish for lunch.

Everyone was a winner thanks to the commendable work of Dennis Dion and her crew, who put on a great turkey meal, and Rollie Lapointe, Mima Pollock and Pat Wilson who co-ordinated the play.

First place went to Pauline McKinnon, Dennis Rosendale and Herb Jordan; second place Bob Laplante, Jill Orchard and Gabriel Taillfer, and third place Dave Murray, Pat Murray and Betty Dean.

Suncoast Hospice Golf Outing set for Jan. 19

The Suncoast Hospice Fun Golf Outing will take place Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016, at the On Top of the World 18-hole Golf Course.

The event is sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Assoc. to benefit Suncoast Hospice.

Rain date is Jan. 26.

The event is open to all On Top of the World residents.

The outing will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The field is limited to 144 golfers.

Cost to play is \$15. Cost for golf and dinner is \$30, BYOB. Fee must be paid at registration. Forms will be in the pro shop or you can register any Tuesday in December, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Green House.

If you know someone who wants to sponsor a hole for business advertising or to remember a loved one, cost is \$300 per hole, or \$150 if the hole is shared.

For information call Fran Zaloski-796-0374. Any donations to Suncoast Hospice are welcome.

You can learn a lot playing against Paul Santacroce

By Dave Williams

When Paul Santacroce was 22, he was the envy of his neighborhood in Palermo, Italy.

He was the lucky one going to America to pursue his dreams in the land of opportunity.

After decades of working hard and raising five children, Paul headed south to the sunbelt. He picked up his first shuffleboard stick more than 20 years ago and has honed his craft ever since.

Now, Paul is the envy of us on the shuffleboard courts. But there is nothing lucky about his game.

With each disc, he studies the layout and considers carefully the strategic options before shooting. Paul is a



Paul Santacroce

Shuffleboard

feared competitor, and we all learn a lot by watching him.

You, too, can watch and learn from Paul, on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Join us for the fun.

This month's winners of all three games in a single day include Jean Rogers, James Mayne, Gerry Gibson, Mac Gray, Trudy Willis, Ray Willis, Bob Kurdt, Marge Sivek, Bob Rittner, Debbie Welker, Maureen Doire and Dave Williams.

Please call Marge (727) 797-0625 or Bob (727) 729-7970 with any questions.

The speed limit on World Parkway Blvd is 20 MPH.
Might want to make a note of it for 2016.



SPORTS

Registration taking place for clinics and charity golf tournaments

18-Hole Ladies Golf

By Pat Eastman

The highlight for December was our holiday brunch.

More than 50 women enjoyed a morning of food, fun, and laughter. The committee chair, Marie Belliveau, was especially pleased with the cheery holiday spirit and shared many compliments to committee members Becky West, Billie Pineau and Gloria Sayer. There were holiday tins full of candy, raffles and poinsettias.

The general meeting, run by President Ellen Fier, touched on upcoming events, in particular our charity event scheduled for Jan. 19 to benefit Suncoast Hospice.

Two new members, Rosemary Sabatini from New Jersey and Judith Weaver from Canada were introduced.

The proposed slate of officers



Members of the 18-hole Ladies Golf League enjoy a holiday brunch together.

for the 2016-2017 season were announced: Jackie Woloszyn, president, Becky West, vice president, Gloria Sayer, secretary and Ada Bryant, treasurer.

A 50/50 drawing was won by Ter-

ry Kuplen and \$427 was collected for OTOW's Caring and Sharing.

Pat Cassidy has a change in the date for our January golf clinic. It is now set for Jan. 11. Also, clinics on Feb. 8, and March 9, are scheduled.

Any member of our league is welcome to attend the clinics. You just let Pat know you are interested, and you rent a bucket of balls for \$8 and get to work with a pro for about an hour.

Upcoming events

Jan. 19, charity tournament (rain date Jan. 26)

Feb. 10, general meeting 9:30 a.m., Sunrise Room, WAC

Weekly Winners

Dec. 1, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Sharon Hackenmiller, Christine Miller
Flight B - Ada Bryant, Cindy Schell, April Glenn, Jackie Woloszyn, Donna Osborne
Flight C - Gwen Lemke, Boots Stanton, Dorothy Pellicone.

Nov. 24, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Terry Kuplen Flight B - Margaret Hachey, Jackie Woloszyn Flight C - Joan Yorkery, Boots Stanton.

Nov. 17, Flight A - Becky West, Gloria Sayer Flight B - Thelma Jacobsen, Joyce Monahan Flight C - Karen Beaver, Betty Gerkin.

New board elected, new president announced for 2016

Men's Golf

By Peter Milner

A great Christmas party was enjoyed by golfers and guests on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The food was awesome, the music was great and the fellowship that ensued was a lot of fun. Thanks to all the ladies who helped serve and set up as well as clean up after.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2 our association held our annual elections of officers for the 2016 season. By your votes you have elected the following men to lead us for the coming year: Dave Combs, elected President, and Phil Smerz, treasurer.

The full board is as follows: Pete Milner, secretary; Marc Schell, trustee 3 years; Marc Shell, trustee 2 years; Jay Schwallie, trustee 1 year.



Picture above (not in order) is the crew which helped with the recent bench staining project: Tom McMinn, Ed Hanson, Dick Os haben, Lester Whynot, Pete Rode, Tony Esposito, Marc Schell and Dave Combs.

Together, with a vast number of volunteers, we should look forward to a very successful year.

Special thanks go out to Russ Caughey, who retired as our treasurer after many years, and Ken Nield who finished serving on our Board Of Trustees. Both men have served our association for many years.

Marc Schell finished a great year as

our president.

You will notice a nice picture of a group of young men who completed the repair, power washing and staining of all the tables and benches on our beautiful golf course. Without these volunteers, our golf course might not look so sweet. Together, with our maintenance crew, we have a great course to play on.

We have been reminded that it takes all of us to maintain our course. It is very important to respect the play of all golfers by taking a few seconds to repair all ball marks on the greens. There is nothing worse, that I can think of, than almost draining a long putt, then hitting a ball mark that someone did not repair.

Please keep carts from getting too close to greens and tee boxes. Keep your carts out of wet and soggy areas.

It only takes a minute to use common sense.

Last, but not least, don't forget to come to our annual meeting which will be held on Monday, Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Come early and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut along with some good fellowship.

The officers and members of the OTOW Men's Golf Association wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Suncoast Hospice tournament set for Jan. 12

By Vayna Cormier

On behalf of the Ladies 9-Hole Golf League, I want to send our best wishes to all of you for a very healthy, happy and lucky year 2016.

Golfing with us can help make that happen.

Jan. 12 is when our Suncoast Hospice Tournament will be held. If you are not registered yet, please do so soon. It's a really fun event and it's for a good cause.

Don't forget our General Meeting Jan. 26, followed by a pizza lunch in the Sunrise Room.

Here are the Weekly Awards.

Nov. 3

A flight - Ellen Gilbert, Ann Stew-

9 Hole Golf

art, Connie Saylor.

B flight - Madeline Nawrocky, Pat Murray, Linda Graff, Mary Ann O'Neil.

C flight - Dolly Foland
D flight - Eileen Ellis, Sue Foley, Pat Paladino.

Birdies- Mary Ann O'Neil on No. 2.

Nov. 10

A flight - Ann Stewart, Anna Hyden, Connie Saylor.

B flight - Ginny Tousignant, Mar-

go Smith, Pat Murray, Linda Graff.

C flight - Dolly Folland.

D flight - Elaine Ellis, Sue Queary
Birdies - Vayna Cormier on # 2, Anna Hyden on No. 4.

Nov. 17

A flight - Jean Norris, Vayna Cormier, Ann Stewart.

B flight - Linda Graff, Madeline Nawrocky, Marge Jacobs, Ginny Toussaint.

C flight - Marge Sivek.

D flight - Maureen McGuire, Sue Queary.

Birdies- Linda Graff on No. 2, Vayna Cormier on No. 8

Nov. 24

A flight - Vayna Cormier, Wendy Colquhoun

B flight - Marge Jacobs, Carroll Harris, Margo Smith

C flight - Marge Sivek, Elaine McDonald, Marnie Carr

D flight - Elaine Ellis, Sue Queary
Birdies - Nancy Parlatore and Marge Sivek on No. 2,

Remember to check your booklet before every game. To the new members and ladies we haven't seen yet, we can't wait to meet you on the 9-hole course soon.

New season tees off with birdies, skins and even an ace

Thursday Golf

The unusual warm weather continues and golfers have turned out in good numbers for the Thursday Golf League's new season.

Joe Wisinski took advantage of the weather and recorded a hole-in-one on the third hole using a 6-iron.

The second week winner was decided by a tiebreaker with Jim Stewart edging out Doug Oleksy. Garry Patrick took third place. Jim also had the low gross round and two skins. John Maloof, Bruce MacPherson, Lynne Godfrey, Duane Hinrichs and Doug Oleksy collected one skin each. Lynne Godfrey, John Maloof and Don Baker were long drive winners. Ron Parham had the closest to the pin shot.

Week three champion was Don Leamy, while Clyde Hershberger finished second and Garry Patrick was third. Clyde took low gross honors. Only three skins were recorded by Lynne Godfrey, Ed McGee and Bruce MacPherson.

Don Hahs, playing his very first round of the season, shot a fantastic score and took first place. Don Baker was second and Mike LaViolette placed third. Bill Higgins shot the low gross round and took two skins. John Lawson, Doug Oleksy and Paul Meyers each had one skin. We had two closest to the pin contests and they were won by Ron Keough and Clyde Hershberger.

Week four saw Joe Wisinski card

a good round and capture first place. Ada Culbertson edged out John Adkins in a tiebreaker for second place. Joe Wisinski took low gross honors and a skin. Leora Hamm and Gary Bronson were the only other skin takers. Contest winners for scores on holes 1,9,10 and 18 were Gary Bronson and Doug Silver.

The year-long points race to the league championship is underway. Don Leamy and John Maloof lead with 10 points each. Next with 9 points are Joe Wisinski, Fred Schick, Clyde Hershberger and Don Baker.

January will be a busy month for the league. Our Match Play Tournament will begin and we will hold our annual four-person scramble.

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 between 10-10:30 am and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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

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SPORTS



Que'T Billiards

Here are the November tournament leaders from the Que'T Billiards Club. From left to right are Maureen Diore (second place), Sandy Wall (first place) and Rashanee Turner (third place).



Most common hit in league is the home run

By Bob Rittner

On Top of the World softball is for everyone, regardless of skill.

We enjoy a wide range of abilities in the league, from those who can routinely blast hits to the deepest recesses of the outfield to those who occasionally manage a pop fly over the infield. From those who can gun the ball from third to first and those who have to underhand throws a few feet.

Scott's 11, Cody's 10

Every game is a surprise.

Despite 12 Cody's hits, including a home run and four doubles, Lenny Segall, Guy Bertuzzi and Gene Osmond, Scott's Pharmacy prevailed, hanging onto a one-run lead in the last inning.

A key to the victory were two Cody's base runners thrown out at the plate on textbook relays from center fielder Greg Zimmer to shortstop Paul Fice to catcher Trevor Dixon.

Greg's homer and Allan Bendert's RBI double to the fence brought in the winning run.

Scott's 16, Cody's 13

The lead changed almost every

Softball

inning until the eighth inning when Scott's pulled away. Paul Fice and Gene Osmond led the effort with five-hit days.

For Cody's, Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Bennett also had five hits each, and Joe Maley made a splendid line drive catch to save a run.

Scott's outfielders Bill Lepping, Rick Champ and Trevor Dixon stymied Cody's offense at the end.

Cody's 16, Scott's 8

It was a game of firsts.

Debbie Champ, the first woman in OTOW Softball League history, singled in her first at bat, went 3-for-3, and made a perfect outfield grab-and-relay to hold a runner on first.

Rookie Dan Puopolo homered over the 280 foot sign in his first at bat. Gene Osmond homered over the 280 foot sign, the first time two players did so in one game.

Dan threw a runner out at first

from center field.

Jim Kemp, in his first game back, hit two inside-the-park homers.

Jim Pollock and Frank Brown each singled in their first at bat of the season.

Joe Spahalski singled in his first at bat ever in the league.

As for the game, a 9-8 game turned into a rout as Cody's held Scott's scoreless over the last five innings.

Quantum Leap Farm 17

Scott's Pharmacy 14

Homers dominated the game.

For Scott's, Jim Kemp homered twice, Allan Bendert once and Dan Puopolo blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth to tie the game.

But Gene Osmond countered with his own three-run bomb in the top of the ninth and Greg Zimmer also homered earlier leading the Farm to victory.

Scott's Pharmacy 17

Quantum Leap Farm 14

Four ninth inning runs made the score seem more respectable for the

Farm.

Scott's was sparked by outstanding defense exemplified by catcher Joe Spahalski's quick reflexes to catch two tipped fouls.

On offense, five runs scored and five hits by Roger Hebler and five RBIs on four hits by Greg Zimmer as well as nine total bases by Dan Puopolo piled up runs.

The Farm received a home run, two triples and a double from Gene Osmond, but nine Scott's runs in the last three innings broke a tie the Farm could not overcome.

Quantum Leap Farm 12

Scott's Pharmacy 11

After Dan Puopolo's three-RBI double tied the score in the top of the ninth, four consecutive hits by Bob Rittner, Trevor Dixon, Bob Fields and Frank Brown scored the winning run for the Farm.

Dan and Gene Osmond homered and Guy Bertuzzi, Allan Bendert, Gene Osmond and Bobby Stoddard had five-hit days.



If you can slice, bank, draw, hug the rail and hit long, straight shots, you might grab a game from Bob Eads



Billiards

There are several really spectacular pool players here at On Top of the World.

There are a lot of players who can hit that long shot spot-on, others who can precisely line up a bank shot and some who can draw the ball for perfect position

Then, there is Bob Eads.

He can do it all.

Bob has the skill to slice a ball, make the toughest shot, or finesse a ball to hug the rail straight into a pocket.

Bob comes to us from Charles-ton, W.V., where he and his wife raised three sons and one daughter. For more than 50 years, Bob was president of the Bricklayers Union before retiring and moving to OTOW around 16 years ago.

Bob has been playing pool since a young boy. One of his sons, Ted, who visits often, can give Bob a run for his money, but dad is such a smooth competitor that he usually comes out on top.

In the OTOW Billiards League, Bob won three out of four 9-ball tournaments back in November.

If you stop by the Billiards Room, you can usually catch Bob playing a friendly game. He's awesome to watch.

8-BALL

On Monday, Nov. 16, in A Flight, Joe Doire captured first place. After a playoff between Tony Baker and Dave Williams, Dave took second place.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, in B Flight, the room was split. The first place winners were Ron Baltrunas and Bill Robertson, second place winners were Garry Patrick and Ray Quirion, and third place winners were Maureen Doire and Bob Ellis.



Bob Eads

On Nov. 23, in A Flight, Don Sorensen edged out the field by capturing first place. There was a three-way tie for second and third places between Denny Balderson, Rick Lloyd and Dave Williams. No playoff was held.

On Nov. 24, in B Flight, the room was split. The first place winners were Charles McKague and Garry Patrick. Second place went to John Fier and Bill Robertson, with third place went to Maureen Doire and Bob Ellis.

On Nov. 30, in A Flight, Joe Gora couldn't be stopped, taking 10 out of 11 games to edge out the field capturing first place. After a playoff between

Denny Balderson and Joe Doire, Joe took second place.

On Dec. 1, the B Flight split the room. The first place winners were Craig Burnette and Charles McKague, second place went to John Fier and Bob Osborne, and third place went to Gene Baranowski and Maureen Doire.

On Dec. 7, in A Flight, Joe Gora won a playoff against Dave Williams. After a playoff between Tony Baker, Rick Lloyd and Don Sorensen, Rick won out for third.

On Dec. 8, the B Flight split the room. The first place winners, Henry Chapman and Garry Patrick, cleared

out the field. Second places went to Ed Ramirez and Joe Wisinski, and third places went to John Fier and Ray Quirion.

9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17, Bob Eads edged out the field to capture first place. Joe Ventimiglia took second place.

On Nov. 24, after a playoff between Bob Eads and Joe Gora, Bob captured first place for the second week in a row.

On Dec. 1, Joe Gora edged out the field for first place. There was a playoff between Ron Blaettner and Howard Wilson for second place. Ron forged ahead.

On Dec. 8 there was a playoff between Joe Gora, Eddie Ramirez and Joe Ventimiglia. Eddie captured first place with Joe Gora taking second.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Nov. 19, the team of Joe Gora and Joe Wisinski captured first place, the team of Dave Williams and Terry Wittman took second place, and the team of Joe and Maureen Doire settled for third.

No tournament was held on Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day.

On Dec. 3, the team of Maureen Doire and Dave Williams took first place, the team of Eddie Ramirez and Bill Robertson claimed second place, and Bob Ellis and Vinnie Martinez settled for third.

The Club's Christmas get together was held on Dec. 17. Good food, friendship and cheer were shared by all.

A Flight will play 8-ball on Monday evenings and the B Flight will play Tuesday evenings. Scotch Doubles will play on Thursday evenings. These tournaments start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

There are 9-ball tournaments Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in these heavily competitive tournaments. We use the round robin format, which does not favor any one player.



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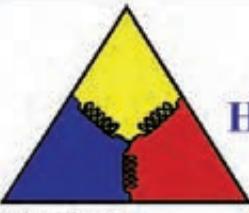
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Sophie is a native Canadian who does not like winters. She does not mind at all spending her winter months at On Top of the World with owners Jill and Bill Edwards of the Alsace Lorraine Building. Sophie is a 16 year old poodle who loves walks, treats, naps and chasing squirrels. She has lost her hearing and has cataracts, but her sense of smell is still strong.

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 boootss@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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BUILDING REPORTS



Good Neighbors already planning ahead for a busy 2016 season

Good
Neighbors



President Jim Bjorgo

Having just completed a very busy year for the Good Neighbors Association, we look forward to 2016 and the possibilities that abound for all of us in the New Year.

Your good neighbors board is in the planning stages for 2016 activities, which will include two flea market/craft shows in the spring and fall, the monthly second Thursday Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee, and other venues that will augment the various clubs here at On Top of the World.

Changes will be coming to the Gift Shoppe. Hours will be extended and more items will be sold.

All operations of the Good Neighbors Association require volunteers, and without these people we could not bring these events and services to you, our residents here at OTOW.

Please consider volunteering with Good Neighbors Association. Remember, if you are a resident of OTOW, be it owner or renter, you are automatically a member of Good Neighbors Association. No sign-up is necessary and no dues are required.

For the last two months, we have been looking for two owners who would be willing to fill vacancies on



Steve Wayne provided the entertainment for Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday in December. He not only sang on stage, but serenaded residents. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

the Good Neighbors Board of Directors. To date we have not had anyone step up to fill these positions.

Your help is needed. Please consider helping your community continue

the services that the Good Neighbors Association provides. Please see Jim or Maureen Bjorgo at the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe on Monday or Thursday mornings from

8:30-10 a.m.

Lastly, we wish you all a very healthy and prosperous new year. Be involved. Be a good neighbor.

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Featured residents share an unparalleled life

Some like to claim that the language of love is Italian, or Spanish, or French.

Personally, I think it is German, but it turns out that it is really Japanese! At least that is what Marshall and Glenda Greenman found in a Showa University class.

Glenda, a middle school English teacher, was taking the Japanese class because she had been chosen by Pinellas County to spend six months in a homestay in Nagano, Japan, Clearwater's sister city.

Marshall was a linguistics professor at the University of South Florida who was accompanying a group of students to a town called Fujiyoshida, the gateway to the rigorous Mt. Fuji hiking trail and home to the famous Yoshida Udon noodles.

Marshall's life story reads like a combination of elements from Jonathan Swift, Rudyard Kipling, and Jack Kerouac, whom he actually met at some point in both their peregrinations, or travels.

He has written two books detailing his experiences, "My Life as a Jewish



Gypsy," and "Out of My Mind." These are Marshall's books, not Jack Kerouac's.

As a professional guitarist for fifteen years, Marshall and his family traveled the world. His son was born in Spain and his daughter in Tangiers, but probably the most interesting aspect of their international travel was the eight years he and his two children spent in an ashram in India.

An ashram is a spiritual community far from other humans, in a natural setting conducive to meditation and self-fulfillment. There Marshall ran



Emerald Isle featured residents Marshall and Glenda Greenman. (Photo by Sue Naylor)

the laundry and worked in the bakery, a far cry from his beginnings at the University of Illinois where he was a social worker and a part-time logger.

In his younger days, Marshall was a real-life hippie living in Haight-Ashbury, and he still considers himself a hippie, complete with his same pony tail (although it's a little grayer nowadays).

He and Glenda lead a diverse life here in Clearwater, enjoying mah jongg, theater, music, a couples' book club, and bowling, in no particular order of spiritual fulfillment.

Espana dwellers welcome two new couples



The residents of the Espana had a marvelous end to 2015, as we had our very first "meet your neighbor" and had a spectacular turnout.

The reception was held in the lobby on the second floor. We were given name tags with our complete name and condo number. Salads were made by Ellen Fier, Sheila Meneilly, and Linda Rice. Pizza was purchased by the Espana Building Association.

We have several new residents. Pilar and Robert Low have moved into the even side of the Espana, having come here from Baden, Pa. Baden is in Beaver County. Robert is known as "Bobby." Prior to retirement, Bobby sold mining equipment all over the U.S. and Mexico. In 1980, Pilar and Bobby came to the U.S. from Spain. Bobby originally came from Scotland to Spain. They love it here in America.

Jim and Marsha Downing came from Hull, Mass., to the odd side of our building. They have two wonderful little dogs named Carmen and Sebastian. Before coming to the Espana, they

had a horse farm and raced horses. Jim was also a racing official. They have a daughter who trains and races horses. She is also coming to Clearwater.

I had mentioned that the building arches would be lit again this year. The work installing the lights on the odd side of the building was done by John Fier, Les Meneilly and Tony Scheifen. The lights on the even side were done by Aldo and Marie Delu and Joe and Norma Bastidas, with some help by Ley Browder.

The lobby decorations were different this year and they looked great. Ellen Fier and Linda Rice were in charge. Assistance was provided by Nancy Kronawetter, Marie Delu, Norma Bastidas, and Ley Browder.

Thanks to all for your hard work involved in making the Espana look great for Christmas!

Let's hope people will volunteer to assist when it is time to take it all down and pack it away. To the expected helpers, "Watch for the signs when help is needed," and please show up.

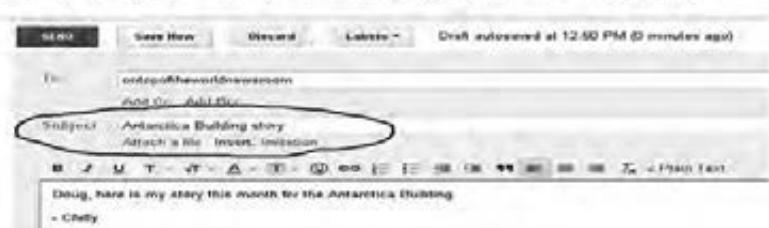
We recently had a very nice Christmas dinner. The turnout was great and everyone had a ball. This year in addition to some readings, there were games with prizes.

I have had many compliments on my December hint when I suggested that you discuss your Christmas memories at the dinner table. I am so pleased that you enjoy my hints. One lady told me that she cut out my article and posted it on their bulletin board.

Good-bye 2015; hello 2016!

Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.



Cookie exchange is a holiday favorite



It's hard moving to a new state where you don't know anyone and your new life is very uncertain.

Yet moving to On Top of the World a few months ago has made this tough transition a lot easier with all the new friends I'm making in the small but mighty Flamenco. From the first party I was invited to, everyone has been super friendly, helpful, and all have made me feel welcome.

As December opened, you may have noticed our beautifully-decorated core complete with animated deer, a fully trimmed Christmas tree, and an abundance of bright red poinsettias.

Some individual unit owners decorated inside and out, putting a smile on my face every evening when



"Santa's cookie baker helpers" at Charlotte Smedley's cookie exchange and holiday party.

I walked the dog and fetched my mail.

And even though we've all left the snow and cold of home where it belongs — up North — our residents have been heating up the kitchen with a delightful selection of baked goods for the season. To celebrate our accomplishments, we held a cookie exchange and holiday party hosted by Mrs. Charlotte Smedley.

You should have seen all the beautiful and creative cookies that smothered the overloaded table they sat on!

Jam-filled tarts, double chocolate

chip, snickerdoodles, iced ginger, sugar cookies and too many others to mention.

And although each of our fabulous bakers brought at least two dozen of their personal favorites to share, along with stories and laughter, we had a variety of finger foods and adult beverages, too.

Perhaps as you've walked by our building recently, you noticed the smells of exotic spices, rich chocolates, and toasty roasted nuts. Let's hope Santa brought you some samples! You may want to join us next year for baking fun!

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A look back at the OTOW News (January, 1991)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- Jack Imel, of the Lawrence Welk Show, was the first performer to appear in 1991 at the Thursday Entertainment Committee show. Jack played the marimba, tap danced and mixed comedy into his act.
- A Great Lakes Club variety show was scheduled for Jan. 25. The show, called "Untouchables," features a musical trio from Sarasota performing music from the 1920s – 1940s. This marked the first time the group, growing in popularity, performed at OTOW.
- OTOW citizens bought over 17,000 new or used golf balls, amounting to \$1,700 which were donated to the Pinellas Association of Retarded Citizens. This campaign started in late 1984 and is still going strong. Still looking for more donations of used golf balls at Coffee Corner. Thanks to all the good people of OTOW.
- Drivers please note! Drivers in the right turn lanes on either side of Belcher Road must turn right. Under no circumstances are they to go across Belcher and around autos that are waiting to turn left.
- Historiography: OTOW 20 years ago (1971) – A meeting to discuss the establishment of a "Good Neighbors Club" to welcome new residents will be held Jan 11.



New additions to OTOW's landscaping beautification include (top left) new directional and informational signage, (top right) a new fence at the Belcher entrance and (bottom) arrays of colorful seasonal plants and shrubs at community welcome signs. (Photos by Don Jones)

Landscape enhancements add to OTOW's appeal

There have been many improvements over the years and lately the pace of innovations has picked up.

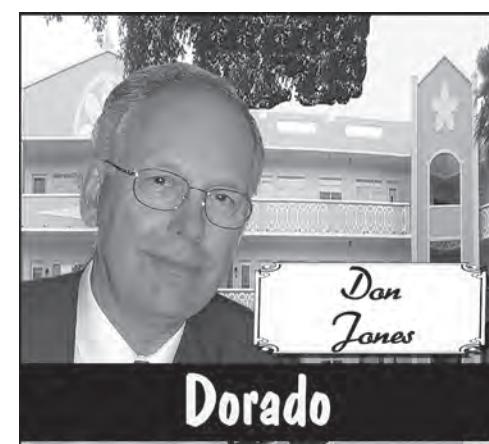
Living on the West side, Dorado residents can see a new black metal fence as they enter and when they cross Belcher to go the East Activity Center (EAC), they also see a new fence there. The bushes have been trimmed away and there is a "garden" feel as you drive into either the East or West sides of On Top of the World.

For Dorado residents driving home from shopping or a visit to the EAC, there is a seasonal garden planted under the West side wall sign for OTOW which is currently displaying poinsettia plants as an indication of the season.

Boat owners can store their canoes or rowboats beside Lake Arbor on the new boat racks that have been installed beside the walk.

Have you noticed the new signs? Signage throughout OTOW has been upgraded with inviting pictures and attractive clear printing. Arrows indicate which way to find specific facilities.

This will be a boon to visitors who may have arrived for the first time. When I was a new West side resident, I used to be prone to confusion on the East side, but I am sure the signs are



a great asset for new residents as they explore this large community.

Finally, the new approach to monitoring the traffic in and out of the complex is to have the security guard person stand outside and wave at residents as they pass. This is particularly welcoming on the West side where at least one of the guards stands and waves both hands at us in a very welcoming gesture as we arrive home. The buzz that I hear is that these innovations have been welcomed for obvious reasons.

Congratulations to the planners and the workers who have made these welcome changes.

Dorado residents are invited to attend the annual Holiday Party at Sea-Sea Riders on Jan. 3. This is a great way to bring in the New Year with neighbors old and new.

BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

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.

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Reporter checks out some interesting local attractions

Brahman Building activities began later than usual but we are beginning to catch up quickly.

Our first floor core looks wonderful thanks to the efforts of Arnie and Rosanne Moon, Pat Nolf, Patty Hayes, Nancy Schifferly, Joanne Calderone, and Patty Aden.

Several women attended the craft show in Tarpon Springs and found wonderful items from the vendors. There was a vendor from Ocala who makes handmade purses from cowboy boots. Julie Woik was there. She is an author of children's books that instill good character.

On Tarpon Ave., more stores have opened, as well as restaurants. If you love antiques or unusual things, take a stroll there.

The annual pottery show and sale at the Dunedin Art Center was terrific as usual. An unexpected bonus was a tour of homes which was added to the outdoor adventure that day.

There were five homes to see. The tour ended with a tea luncheon at Our Lady of Lourdes School Cafeteria. The proceeds benefit the Dunedin Youth Guild. It was fun to see the homes and get ideas for our own. One place that really stood out was the home owned by Carol Sackman and Blake White who are multi-media artists. That is on Alamo Lane. You can't miss it. The home is entirely decorated in mosaics.

If you are a "Downton Abbey" fan and didn't get the free tickets to



the Capitol Theater for the preview of season six, you missed a fantastic night. The Capitol Theater renovation was wonderful. It was a packed night with people dressed from very casual to dressy. Gloria Sayer, Patty Hayes, Sue Queary and I wore hats. It will be on Facebook.

Our annual meeting took place at Pat and Patty Hayes house with 20 in attendance. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board. We agreed on going to a Christmas dinner out and found Kally-K's had good accommodations for a group still left. A sign-up sheet is always posted for any activity.

Two new residents, Ron Gartner and Harold Roy, were welcomed. Helen Saul celebrated her birthday and a rousing "Happy Birthday" ensued.

Finally, we spent an afternoon at Tarpon Springs and celebrated a birthday for a friend Ginny Tufano with a luncheon at Hellas Restaurant. They are extremely accommodating at that



Brahman residents who helped decorate the first floor core are from left to right: Patty Hayes, Pat Nolf, myself, Rosanne Moon, Nancy Schifferle and Joanne Calderone. Not shown is Patty Aden, Arnie Moon and Bob Jennings.

restaurant. It was a wonderful day.

We welcome anyone who wants to join us — just sign up on the bulletin board.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas, Joyful Chanukah, happy holidays, and may you have a safe and healthy year ahead.

Best wishes for a great New Year from Granada Building

Welcome to the New Year — we can't yet imagine what happened to 2015 as it came and went so quickly.

Kudos to our building decorating committee. All their little elves did a beautiful job of decorating the building and their efforts are most appreciated by all the residents.

We had a great turnout at the Beachcomber for our holiday party, which was held on Dec. 11.

Next month we will have more information about planned activities.



Until then, may 2016 bring good health and happiness to all — and most of all — peace in the world!

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Holiday season was activity-filled at Nagoya Building

A great end of year meal and get-together was held recently at Jan Underwood's condo.

There was plenty of turkey and ham, along with all of the fixings, many side dishes and desserts. Our building participants really know how to make a wonderful get-together and do enjoy fellowshiping together (see photo).

Thank you, Jan, for opening your home to all of us and for your beautifully-decorated tables! I, for one, am "thankful" to live in a building where everyone can have a good time mixing with all others.

On Thanksgiving weekend, decorations were put up in our building for the Christmas season. Jan Underwood, Cheryl Reese, Judy Mieth and Joan Filippelli put up the Christmas tree and other decorations in the core, while the others — Jim and Sandy Ropp, Norm Workman, Gene and Martha Martinelli, Mel Tenillie, Craig and Heidi Burnett, and Marianne Boylan put up the wreaths over the balconies.

This year we have the addition



An enjoyable time was shared by a number of Nagoya residents at Jan Underwood's year-end dinner and get-together at her condo.

of two laser lights, so Sandy asked everyone to bring their favorite drink and join in for our first annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. We applauded when the timer went off at 5 p.m.

One of the partiers said we should resume our get-together at about 10:30 p.m. just to make sure the lights went off at 11, as set on the automatic timer. So you see, we don't need a big reason to party together!

The Ladies Luncheon was held on the second Tuesday of the month. It is always a pleasure to get to visit and

bond with our neighbors. This month's luncheon was at a small place in Ozona. A good time was had by all. If you would like to join our group, please know that you are most welcome. Just look at the bulletin board for a listing of the dates and be in the first-floor core at 11:55 a.m. We carpool at noon.

Because there is so much going on during the month of December at churches, clubs and parties, we decided to have our Christmas party on Saturday, Jan. 9. Some residents were relieved at

the date change, while others stated that they could now attend because they go to visit their children over the holidays. Also, some Snowbirds will return in January. It should prove to be a very fun evening with great catered Italian food (something a little different). Also, plan to play games, and bring your own bottle of whatever you choose to drink. We have plenty of prizes!

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Santa and Mrs. Claus make appearance

It's time to turn the page and start a new chapter for 2016.

The older I get, the faster the pages turn; and it's also safe to say, that no one got here any faster than I did!

The new chapter is a welcome blessing for Jean Kelly, who celebrated Thanksgiving with her son and daughter-in-law and Jean's newest great-granddaughter. She arrived just in time to bring joy to the holiday season and to the Kelly family. This makes number five for Jean, but is the first child for her son and daughter-in-law. Congratulations!

Jerry and Diane Kaplan returned from a weeklong trip to the Myrtle Beach area with the OTOW Travel Club. They were joined on the trip by club officers, Terri and Dick Mikszenas and another 40 OTOW travelers.

The trip featured four fabulous Christmas-themed shows, each different from the other. The glitter, glam, dancing, music and stage presentations were beyond awesome!

We hoped to meet Paula Dean at her restaurant and enjoy some of her



famous fried chicken. Unfortunately, Paula was away on set for the "Dancing With the Stars" finale and the restaurant ran out of her famous fried chicken.

Each year, for the past several years, Dick and I have enjoyed playing the role of Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus. We've watched many of our community neighbors' grandchildren grow up through the years, from crying in Santa's arms to the famous "run across the stage and jump on Santa's lap" act. That little elf's photo was in last month's newspaper, and we smile even now

remembering how surprised we were with his enthusiasm.

We also remember the year we were "discovered" by Pat and Rose Mulhall's grandchildren. Once the children were pretty sure who we were, they delivered candies to us each Easter, probably hoping to increase the catch at Christmas!

We look forward to this honor each year and hope that your own grandchildren were able to attend the Entertainment Committee's Sunday with Santa, and maybe take that flying leap across the stage right onto Santa's lap!

With this happiness in our hearts, we hope and wish that you all had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and holiday celebration, and that your New Year will be full of fun, friendship, good health and joy.



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County safety panel seminar is Jan. 27 at OTOW

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium, the Community Service Office (CSO) will be hosting a repeat of the Personal Safety and Consumer Information seminar that was given in September.

This event will be conducted by Pinellas County Consumer Protection personnel, as

well as representatives from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. They will provide important information on topics such as how to avoid being the victim of a scam, identity theft, assistance with consumer issues and how to keep yourself and the community safe.

Registration is required. Fill out the signup form below and drop it off at the Community

Service Office. Forms are also available there. Please submit all completed forms to the CSO during normal business hours. The final day for registration is Friday, Jan. 22.

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Another chance to see our resident kite-flying expert

Happy New Year to all, and hoping everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season!

Our holiday potluck dinner party was a big success. Although we did miss a few of our friends who had made other commitments, both sides of our building were well-represented.

It was great to get together with people we haven't seen for a while and also to meet several of our new neighbors! Our resident "chefs" outdid themselves, providing an abundance of delicious culinary delights. Needless to say, we all left with full bellies.

Since it was so successful last year, we held our second annual Yankee Gift Swap, with Dave Williams running the show. It was a lot of fun, and we had some good laughs, in part due to the silly jokes that "somebody" attached to 10 of the wrapped gifts. Of course, Bob Wallend has no clue how they got there! If you chose a gift with a joke on it, you had to read it. They were so bad, we had to laugh.

Most of us got to keep our gifts, but a few were claimed by the next person up, who would "steal" something that a previous recipient had chosen. Jim Ampela seemed to have a knack for choosing the most sought-after gifts. His were stolen four times! Sorry Jim! He was a great sport about it and it's really what makes the game fun.



As always, we are grateful to those who came out to set up and stayed later to help clean up afterwards. Thank you to Joanne and Bob Wallend for setting this whole party in motion.

A big round of applause and appreciation goes out to Bill Clark for entertaining us playing holiday music and show tunes on the organ most of the evening.

For those of you who missed last year's Treasure Island Kite Festival, it will return for the 19th straight year on the weekend of Jan. 16-17. Come on out to see our own C.K. Hydrick and hundreds of other kite enthusiasts flying high and competing with a vast array of styles, sizes, and colors kites. Just one more reason to spend a sunny morning or afternoon on one of our beautiful beaches (as if you really need an excuse!) Be sure to look for C.K.!



A portion of the 24 Melbourne residents who attended their annual Christmas party.

Melbourne board announces annual dues reduction of \$5

2016.... Where did 2015 go? My wish is that 2016 will be a healthy and happy one for each of you!

Thanks to those 20-some Melbourne residents who decorated the core so beautifully. Everyone who passes through our core can enjoy the beautifully-decorated tree, Nativity display and holiday scenes on top of the mail boxes. In addition, our trophy case is wrapped in gold with a red velvet ribbon!

The decorators enjoyed listening to classical and holiday music played by Matt on the keyboard, all while partaking in a feast of slider sandwiches, hot dip, crackers, cheese and, of course, Christmas cookies, eggnog and punch.

On Dec. 5, 24 of us went to Kally-K's for our Christmas party (see photo, above). White elephant gifts were exchanged in a unique way by playing a game of "hot potato." When the music finally stopped, Larry Hayhurst was left holding the potato and won the \$5 prize.

It was an enjoyable time, and it was nice to see some new residents attend our annual Christmas party. Kudos to Carol Anne Futej for all her hard work



in organizing this joyous annual event.

On Nov. 10, our building board of officers voted to reduce dues from \$15 to \$10 per condo for 2016. Annual dues go into the general fund and are due and payable as of Jan. 1. Wing Captains will collect the dues. Irish Lane side

Current Wing Captains are Shirley Wishmier and P.J. Wakelee. Haitian side Wing Captains are Helen Valentine and Grace Rudman.

Lee Sciarra has resigned as Building Captain. Co-captains are now Betty Hayhurst and Pat Hedgecoth. If you have any questions, please see one of us.

As always, check the core bulletin board for details on our January luncheon and other important information.

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Residents are more like extended family at Modernage

This year's Modernage Building Christmas party was quite a fun event, with 30 people attending.

We had this year's dinner at Johnny's Italian restaurant in Clearwater. The wait staff at Johnny's were fast on their feet and made sure we were all served very quickly.

We have Marge Sivek to thank for all the planning and organizing. Marge made sure there were goodies to take home and she even had a raffle for extra gifts to give out!

Everyone's names were put in a basket and people won movie tickets, restaurant gift cards and more.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food, lively conversation and good company. Our building residents aren't just neighbors — we are like extended family. We look out for one another, and



meet often. Christmas is a very special time for all of us to get together.

I look forward to our January party, when we have pizza and everyone brings a side dish or dessert.

Until then, have a wonderful and blessed New Year!



Modernage party-goers enjoy the building's Christmas party at Johnny's Italian Restaurant.

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Festive building decor complemented by joyous party



Happy New Year! I trust your holiday was as bright and cheery as ours.

By the looks of the recycle paper bin, Santa was indeed generous to one and all.

The core took on quite a festive look thanks to a happy band of elves who hung stockings with care along with other decorations.

What a marvelous evening we had at our building's Christmas party celebrated in the Sunrise Room. Captain Bill Carey was the MC and also took the great photo shown here. Steve Mazurek delivered the invocation.

Santa's kitchen was indeed a busy place prepping for the Christmas party. A huge thank you to Kirk and Karen Safee, Jerry and Connie McDonald, Carroll Harris, Rosalie Borselli, Russ



Viennese Villa residents sit for a portrait following a festive holiday celebration in the Sunrise Room. (Photo composition by Bill Carey)

Lamesfield, Howard Rochte and Marnie Carr who baked, boiled, peeled and prepared all the dishes for a delightful Christmas party, and then did all the KP afterward!

Everyone went home with candy canes, delicious pumpkin bread and many with Poinsettias which were door prizes.

Elf and wing captain Charley Coffman with help from Chris Costanza did a grand job stringing hundreds of lights on Viennese Villa. That's a very big project and we would be lost without Charley and his helpers.

The On Top of the World Chorus Christmas concert was delightful as always and enjoyed by many.

We at the Villa had a busy holiday with many trips to and from the airport collecting and saying goodbye to family and friends. Rosalie Borselli was on the go again celebrating Christmas with family in Grand Caymans.

Elaine Power had many family members arrive, which delighted her to no end.

We celebrated Christmas dinner with our son Mike and pals at the Safety Harbor Spa. What a buffet spread!

It's getting to be a tradition with us.

Mike's Seacoast Bird Sanctuary photo shoot was again a success for both photographers and the sanctuary that will use the funds for the care of injured feathered friends.

Happy Birthday to Elaine Power on the first day of the New Year!

2016 is upon us. Wishing all of you, plus our friends and families, neighbors, the OTOW News staff, the management at OTOW and our service personnel spread far and wide around this ole world a safe and prosperous year ahead. Happy New Year!

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'Rosie the Riveter' reunion breaks Guinness record

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Austrian Alpine resident Blanche Mahrle joined 2,096 other Rosies the Riveters and Rosebuds at the former Willow Run Bomber factory on Oct. 24 to break a Guinness Book of World Record. (Rosebuds were all of the women who were not original Rosie the Riveters.) They were also commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II and more.

Dressed in red and white polka dot scarves, navy blue shirts and pants, red socks, and boots, the Rosies broke the Guinness Book of World Record's number of Rosies gathered in one place. The previous record was held by a California group of 1,085 Rosies. The Willow Run gathering was also the first step in an effort to save and restore the bomber plant. The next step is to establish a museum in the plant.

Blanche was one of the 43 original Rosies in the group. Some of the other original Rosies ranged in age from 95 to 96 years old. Blanche

is a youthful 92. Her daughter Mary McGrath stood behind Blanche for the photos and news clips by NBC news and others.

"It was a well-planned process," Blanche observed. The participants from 16 different states arrived at 10:30 a.m., received wristbands with their numbers for the area where they stood, and passed through a turnstile that counted the number of Rosies entering the building for the picture. The original Rosies received a free lunch.

The picture was taken at 2 p.m., after the large group stood for the required five minutes that made the record-breaking act official.

Rosie the Riveter stood for the American women who worked in the factories and munitions plants during World War II. Blanche and her family left their farm, door unlocked, in Illinois to work at the plant because



Blanche Mahrle, an original "Rosie," and her daughter Mary McGrath, a "Rosebud."



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they needed jobs. When Blanche's family returned to the farm two and a half years later, it was just as they had left it.

Blanche settled in Michigan with her husband Clarence, whom she met at the plant. They were married for 60 years.

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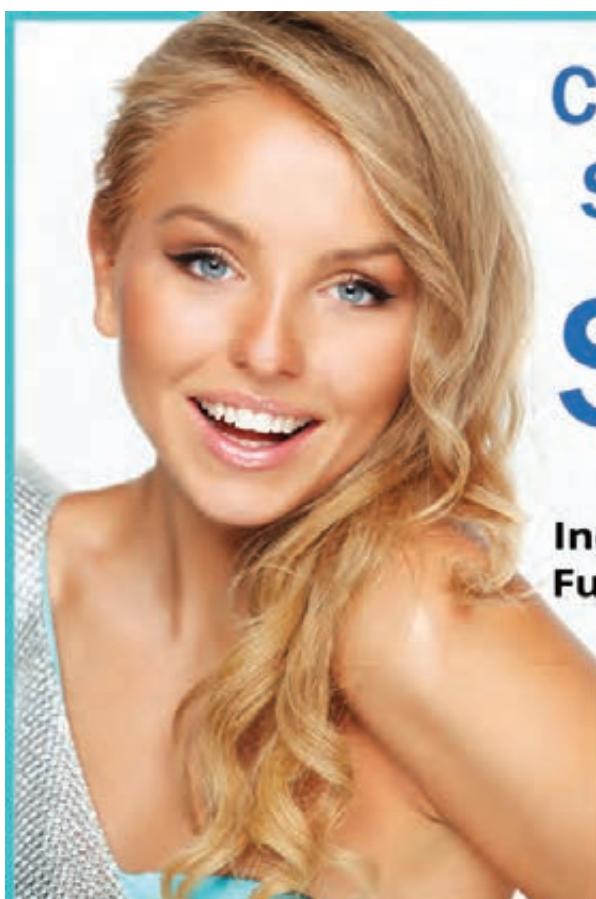
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Keeping busy with get-togethers, decorating

Welcome to 2016 – where did 2015 go? It just flew!

We keep busy here in the Siboney. About 30 neighbors joined in the core party the last Sunday in November. What marvelous dishes we had! Turkey soup, asparagus, flan, and all sorts of veggies, fruits and numerous desserts. It was quite an assortment!

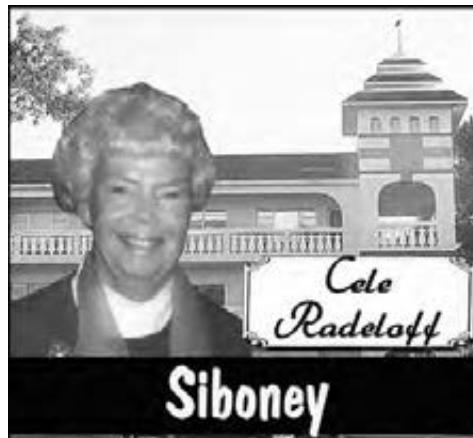
Ethyle Lee and Audrey Jones supplied the jokes, and then we sang several Christmas carols, led by our Chorus member, Lillian Foy.

Our newcomers, Marilyn and Steve Brock, and Jackie and Brian Bedard also joined in the festivities.

Our “Noel” outdoor sign was installed by our group of “old reliables” – Ralph DeVoe, Dave Mathewson, Peter O’Keefe and Skip Heller. Small problems did crop up, but with perseverance, they got them solved. Thank you, guys!

The Christmas tree in the core was put up and decorated by the ladies: Rita Tombari, Audrey Decker, Arla Gossiaux, Lillian Foy and this reporter. Thank you, ladies!

On Dec. 10, our Christmas party was held at Kally-K’s in Dunedin, with about 30 in attendance. Everyone was decked out in their Christmas finery



and enjoyed our get-together. Mary Jane and Ralph DeVoe treated us to dessert — a beautiful, large sheet cake inscribed with “Merry Christmas to the Siboney.” Many thanks!

The On Top of the World Chorus performance titled “Home for Christmas,” was enjoyed by all. The songs “The 12 Days of Christmas” was lovely and the ladies singing “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” was a big hit. Our building was represented by singers Rita Tombari and Lillian Foy.

Our Press Association luncheon was held at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor. Food and service were terrific! The salmon was delicious, with huge portions. I especially enjoyed

the bread and rice pudding. It was sad saying good-bye to former Rural French reporter Gloria Clifford. She and I both lived in Levittown, Long Island, many years ago.

Did you attend the recent Entertainment Committee Thursday evening show, “Kaleidoscope?” It featured talented young girls, ages 8 to 18, who sang and danced beautifully. It was a terrific, fast-paced, delightful show.

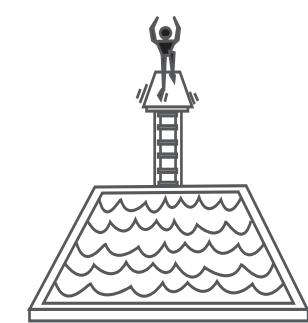
Next, on Jan. 21, it’s “The Marlins Are Coming! The Marlins Are Coming!” That’s a really great show.

Don’t miss the Irish Club’s presentation featuring Cahal Dunne on Friday, Jan. 8. Cahal puts on quite a show, kilts and all -- you’ll love him!

Our next Siboney building meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Everyone is welcome. Come and meet your new board of officers. Refreshments are always served. Annual dues remain the same at \$5.

I do hope everyone had a joyous holiday, whether you traveled or remained here at OTOW.

Contact me if you have an interesting story to share. Here’s to a happy, healthy 2016. See you next month!



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Let's be considerate of trash room users

Happy New Year to all! The advent of a new year always brings the hope that things will be better than they have been.

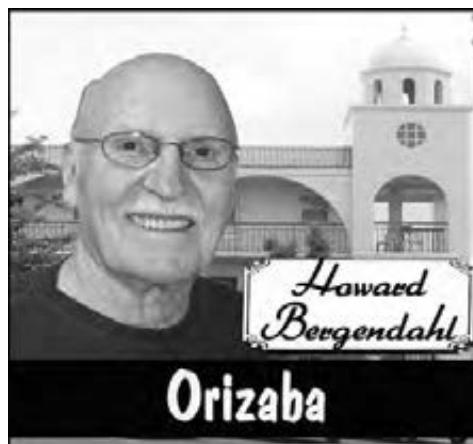
We all hope for a year filled with happiness, love and understanding.

We are delighted to see Walt Sutkowi and Bill Link back at Orizaba where they belong. It is also a pleasure to see Tony and Gloria Iovinelli walking around and soaking up the sunshine.

We attended the performance by the On Top of the World Chorus and was it was completely entertaining. My complements to all involved. I wish I could sing!

Several of our residents have expressed displeasure with the conditions of the trash room and the elevator. Remember to clean up if you or your attendant use the trash room and make sure the trash bag is not leaking. This is our home, year round or seasonal — keep it clean!

Also remember that when you walk your dog, the rules that apply throughout the complex also apply in our building.



A small portion of the attendees at Orizaba’s annual December luncheon, held this year at Bon Appetit in Dunedin.

(Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

Happy birthday to Bernadette Rittner and Filip George. Also a belated birthday wish to Flo Herman.

The annual December luncheon was hosted by Linda Ledesma and held at the Bon Apetit Restaurant with a great turnout (see photo).

The breakfast club has reached the two-car stage and is heading for three cars. Join us.

The last issue of this newspaper warned that police will be patrolling the roadways of OTOW, so be sure that you are obeying the speed rules (20 MPH) and stop signs. This is for the good of all residents. Please follow the rules.

Many people talk about getting up in years but someone referred to it as follows:

1. I never use my turn signals; it is nobody’s business where I am going!
2. I always offer two choices for dinner: Take it or leave it.
3. Instead of cleaning the house, I just turn off the lights.
4. If life is a journey, mine is between the fridge and the computer!

Happy 2016 from the staff and volunteers of the OTOW News!

Special eggnog, bacon hot dogs popular at holiday potluck

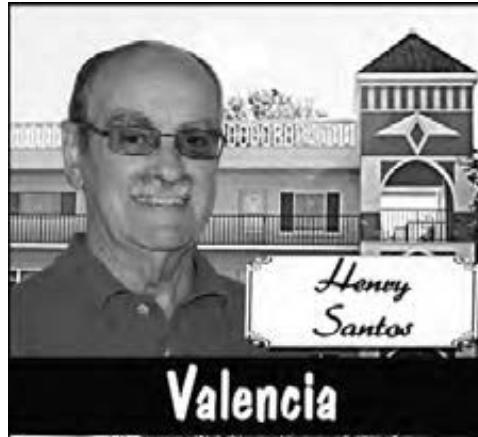
December was a very busy month for the Valencia Building.

Our residents came together to decorate the core for the holidays and succeeded in adding to the festive mood and stimulating the holiday spirit.

Our holiday potluck and sing-along hosted by Judy Groth and Lois Dworkin was a huge success. We were having so much fun, I swear there were people from adjacent buildings that crashed the party! One of the big attractions was the special eggnog that always seemed to have a long waiting line.

The aroma from the sizzling, toothpick-skewered, bacon-wrapped hot dogs brought by Jean-Guy Pelchat and Lyse Martel signaled the start of the party as you didn't want to miss out on one of these. Yeah, bacon will do that! They were delicious.

Arthur Bischoff provided the accompaniment to the sing-along with remarkable style. On a few occasions,



he strayed from the normal holiday music and played a little honky-tonk, prompting Fritz Kocka to spontaneously look for a jitterbug partner. Is there anything that man can't do?

Just a reminder, Valerie Martin, building captain, has scheduled our building meeting to be held on Jan. 12, in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center at 4 p.m. Please plan to attend as there is a large agenda to be addressed and all ideas and input are

welcome. Please bring your \$10 dues and a few bucks extra for the 50/50 raffle, should you want to partake.

In addition, please remember to check out the bulletin board often for the schedule of 2016 lunches, and any other building activities.

I could not end this report without mentioning the November luncheon held at O'Keefe's in Clearwater hosted by yours truly and wife Pauline. I tell ya', everybody in attendance was really primed to have a good time. We kept the poor waitress very busy and I heard that management had to add an additional bartender to handle our group! I'll bet they are looking forward to our next visit... I know I am!

Finally, "Who is That Mystery Person?" Shown in the accompanying photo at right is one of our neighbors captured in time when she was a little girl. Do you know who she is? I'll let you know next month, along with a new mystery person.



Do you know this Valencia "Mystery Person"? See story for details.

Pauline and I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are ready to really live it up in this New Year!



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Club and Group Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am East Activity Center auditorium

Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner

Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 pm, East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 am, Veranda Room



Classes and Crafts

ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays, Art Room
Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays, Art Room
Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays, Art Room
Painting Workshop, 9 am, Mondays, Art Room

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 am, Computer Room

DANCING

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)
Snowbirds Salsasize, 9 am, Tuesdays, Sunrise Room
Jazz & Tap Dancing, 10:30 am, auditorium

GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10 am, Classroom, with Antoinette d'Oronzio, free

KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Starlite Room

WRITERS INK

Thursdays, 12:30 pm, Computer Room



Exercises

AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Art Room

CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 am, East Gym

Mon & Wed and Fri, 10 am, West Gym

FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

Morning Walkers, Daily, 9 am, Meet at Red Robin, Countryside Mall

Water Walking, Tue & Thu, 4 pm, EAC Pool

Slow Spokes (bike riders), 9:30 am, Fridays, Meet at EAC Pool

Active Living Every Day, 10 am, Wednesdays, Art Room

Pain Management Class, 12 pm, Wednesdays, Starlite Room

LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

Saturdays 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 8 am, Sunrise Room

STEP EXERCISES

Fridays, 11 am, East Gym

TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

TOPS

Thursdays, 9 am, Art Room

YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

ZUMBA

Wed, 9:30 am, Auditorium and Art Room

Mon, 9 am, Craft Room

Fri, 9 a.m., Yellow Room



Traditional Games

BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight A
Tuesdays & Fridays, 12 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room
Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight B
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

CANASTA

Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

BRIDGE

Mon, 11 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

Mon, Thu, Sat, 11 am, Yellow Room

EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room and Sunrise Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room

Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

Sun & Wed, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

Wednesdays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room

PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room

Fridays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

RAMUCKU

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Veranda Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda

SHUFFLEBOARD

Mon & Thu, 1:30 pm, Shuffleboard Courts

SCOPA

Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)

Wednesdays 6 pm, Yellow Room (Carol)

Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

The schedule above has been revised to reflect events in the current month.
If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.
If you are in charge of an event, and dropping it from this schedule, please notify the newsroom one month in advance.
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Capistrano residents enjoy a holiday get-together at Kally-K's in Dunedin recently.

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The holiday season just wouldn't be the same without taking time to celebrate with neighbors.

So in early December, 27 Capistrano residents gathered at Kally-K's Steakery-Fishery in Dunedin to enjoy camaraderie and a holiday dinner (see photo, above). A bonus was a delicious cake in honor of Joyce Rosek's birthday.

At dinner, several people shared stories of their recent trips. Jackie Kailimal told of her travels to Virginia to spend Thanksgiving with her son and his family. While there, Jackie was able to do some sightseeing, taking in many of the memorials in Washington, D.C.

She thoroughly enjoyed her trip but said it was very cold in Virginia and she was glad to get back to our beautiful Florida weather.

Marvin Maziarz and Karen Johnson went on yet another cruise. They have 60-plus cruises under their belts now. Their recent adventure was on the new Norwegian ship *Escape*, and their cruise was only the third time out to sea for the ship. The seven-day itinerary included Tortola, St. Thomas and Nassau.

Ruth Mazelin updated the group on her recent trip to California.



The occasion for her trip was the birth of a great-granddaughter, to which we all say "Congratulations!"

On her flight home, Ruth met a very special person, Joni Eareckson Tada, who sat in the seat directly in front of Ruth. For those unfamiliar with Joni, she is a quadriplegic evangelical author, as well as an internationally known mouth artist, vocalist, radio host, and an advocate for disabled persons worldwide.

Ruth felt privileged to have met such an inspirational human being.

Happy New Year to all and let's hope that in 2016 the world can become a more peaceful place!

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Our new neighbor is welcomed

We had a group of 30 people who went to our "Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs in December.

Some of our neighbors brought their friends along for the occasion. It was so nice to meet everyone.

Our building usually has an evening dinner in December to celebrate the holidays, so the racing event was something different to do as a daytime activity.

Everyone enjoyed a great buffet with yummy desserts. Of course, we all wanted to go home with extra money in our pockets by betting the winners!

Welcome to our new neighbor, Jennette Marsden, on the Ecuadorian side of the building. Jennette was born in Scotland but moved with her family to Pennsylvania when she was a baby.

She has lived at On Top of the World for eight years. Our building is the perfect location, being near the activity center, pool and golf course.

Jennette's parents moved to Clearwater many years ago. As it turns out the rest of her siblings all moved to Clearwater as well. It is a family affair!

"Till We Meet Again."

New England trip offered change in scenery

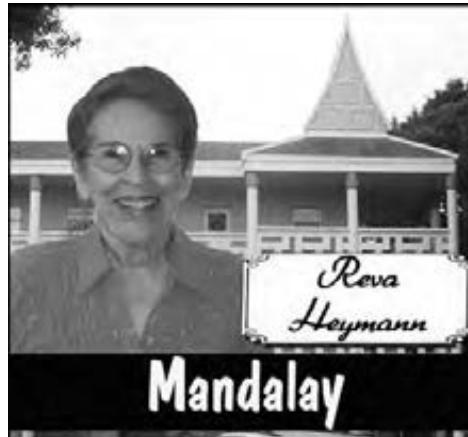
Neal and Betsy Kunke just returned from a trip to the Northeast.

They went to see her sister in Cape Cod and especially enjoyed the chance to eat authentic Massachusetts clam chowder.

They drove to visit an old high school friend of Betsy's who lives in a quaint setting in Woods Hole. She has a retail shop in the bottom floor of her three-story house with her living quarters (accessed by a winding staircase) on the second floor and a studio (for crafts and art projects) on the third.

The area is picturesque and full of tourists. The house is right on the water, so the ships coming in to Martha's Vineyard add to the scenery.

They visited Neal's sister, who works for a cranberry farmer, and discovered that the growers flood their patches in order to harvest the cranberries (which float up so they can be gathered more easily). Then they went to see a brother in New Hampshire.



On Dec. 7, a festive group of residents came together to trim the Christmas tree in the Mandalay first floor core, directed by Miriam McCarty. These included Tom and Sue Barrett, Claire O'Connell, Neal Kunke, Thelma Goodson, Anne Rost, Reva Heymann and Margaret Clementson.

Miriam provided lemonade and cookies to sustain the group. They busily unloaded decorations, put hangers on the ones that needed them, and put them on the tree. Tom and Sue Barrett

climbed on the ladder to reach the upper branches. With so many helpers, the work went quickly and they finished by adding Christmas wreaths and other decorations to the surrounding mail boxes and ledges.

They also put on display a Chanukah menorah to make the holiday season display complete.

On a personal note, I want to tell about the caring neighbors I have and thank them. I was out of town for a few days and had forgotten to cancel the newspaper (a chore my husband always did).

One of my neighbors became concerned and called the police and, according to what I was told, six police officers came and somehow were able to open my door without breaking it.

It was embarrassing and I am sorry that I worried them but, in my mind, it was enormously reassuring to realize that, although I have no relatives nearby, I am not alone and my neighbors care enough to try to come to my aid.

Happy New Year to all from Mallorca

A Happy New Year to everyone — we hope that all of you have the best year yet!

Did you notice the lights on our building? Of course you did. How could you miss them!

We had our customary holiday decorating of our building in the morning, which included coffee and pastries.

After the building was completed with all the lights, trees and decorations, we enjoyed a lunch on Josie Marsiglio's front porch.

To continue the wonderful tradition, all of Santa's helpers were invited to Helen Powlowski's house for a Christmas cocktail party. Twenty-four helpers and assistants then went outside to "ooh" and "aah" at the beautiful lights. It was truly a wonderland along Franciscan Drive! A big thanks to Dick and Terry Kuplen for organizing the



event and keeping us fed. We couldn't do this without you two! Thanks to Helen for opening up her house for another great party!

Mallorcans like to engage in cultural activities outside of On Top of the World. Recently, eight of us went to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater and enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner

and the play "Making God Laugh." The play made all of us laugh, too. It was a great evening for all of us.

By the time this paper goes to press, our building will have had our annual Christmas party. At this time, 13 people have signed up, promising to bring a yummy dish to pass, a gift for the gift exchange, and a real desire to have a great time.

We are pleased to welcome new neighbors to the Mallorca building. Snowbirds Candy and Steve spend their summers in Ohio. Ursula came here from New York State, and Beth moved here from St. Petersburg. We are so glad they have decided to join us.

A few of our Mallorcan family will be heading north for various reasons. We wish them safe travels and we hope they hurry back real soon.

Let this be the year for peace and stability in our world.

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Core, holiday parties helped kick off seasonal events

The Azores kicked off December with our core party. Thank you, Katy Gerritt, our building captain, for organizing the affair.

Thirty-five residents brought a bodacious assortment of appetizers and finger foods. Besides the appetizers, there was a table devoted to sweets — desserts of every description. I seriously believe that an Azores Cook Book could become a great community project. Besides the food and camaraderie, we had singing. I think we sounded pretty good.

On Dec. 7, we had our flags up to remember another time our nation was attacked. The country responded in a dedicated way to participate in the defeat of our nation's enemies. A great many sacrifices were made. Our nation triumphed and prospered... we shall again.

The core decorations were stunning. The first floor was decorated by Peggy Longfellow and Katy Gerritt, The second floor was decorated by Carole Kilgore and Kathy Ricci, and the third floor was decorated by Katy Gerritt and Peggy Longfellow. A great job. We all appreciate the time and thought you put into the decorations.



Twenty-one Azoreans attended our Christmas party at Alfano's Classic Italian Restaurant. The food was excellent, the service even better. We enjoyed ourselves with a lot of visiting (see photo). Marie Pirrello, our entertainment director, made all the arrangements for this great party.

Bettie Warner reports another successful year in collecting food for those who are in need. Thanks, Bettie, for continuing this tradition.

Gordon and Jean Fowlie celebrated their 61st anniversary and Jean celebrated 62 years as a Registered Nurse. Congratulations, looks like it might work out after all! Gordon and



Twenty-one Azores residents enjoyed the building Christmas party at Alfano's. Reports are that a good time was had by all in attendance.

Jean hosted a wedding shower for their granddaughter and a couple of months later they attended the wedding. Both activities were in North Carolina. In between the shower and the wedding, Gordon and Jean squeezed in a Viking Rhine River cruise from Switzerland, through Germany and France and on to Holland. They report that the cruise was wonderful.

An unsigned message in my box indicates that the trophy cases have been cleaned and cork boards placed over the mail boxes. I suspect it

was Peggy Longfellow. Thanks!

Check the bulletin board for the what, where and when for coming events.

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A potpourri of Loch Lomond news and events

Loch Lomond was visited by several decorating elves even before those of us who had expected to report for decorating duty.

Could it be because so many of our residents love to participate in our yearly rituals?

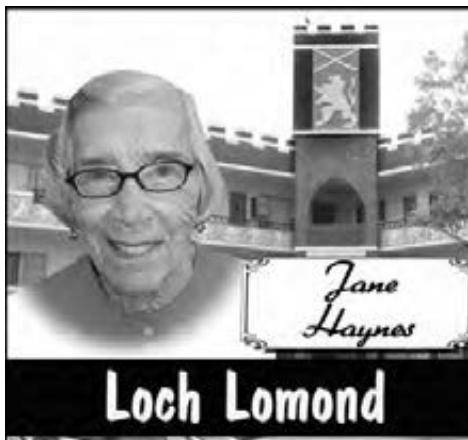
We recently held an annual core get-together and added gifts for the Haven, our wonderful shelter for women and families. Gifts include everything from toiletries, to clothing, to games, books and special items.

Our building has been undergoing the big updated balcony additions and landscaping improvements so the complex we call home is wonderful in appearance and busy with many activities.

Loch Lomond uses the bulletin board to remind us of plans for organizing the business which every big group needs. Please check the bulletin board and respond if you can to suggested events. We usually have an all-building potluck in January where we ask for volunteers for guidance positions for the next year.

We try to have monthly luncheons and need a planner for those. Because we do need to recognize the mishaps that befall some each year, we try to send cards, etc. So small dues are asked and a treasurer needs to volunteer.

As to what we have been doing lately, Liz Bohl and Johnny Velchoff are



Sophia Kugeares' sister, Betty Manoulian, left, from Monroe, Mich., and Sophia at the recent Christmas Bazaar at the Armenian Church of the Resurrection in Windermere, Fla.

constantly traveling the Southeast. One of their most recent trips was to Great Wolf Lodge in Concord, N.C. Liz's son won a two-day overnight family vacation to this wonderful family-oriented resort and could include his extended family.

Johnny is busy at the East Activity Center (EAC) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday teaching his exercise class. This is a wonderful co-ed exercise group and meets in the gym at 10 a.m.

Johnny recently welcomed friends and family members to his 90-year birthday party. In addition, Liz and Johnny go dancing three or four nights a week. Think about joining his class.

In October, Sophia Kugeares welcomed many family members from Michigan for her daughter's wedding. The wedding took place at Fred Howard Beach in Tarpon Springs.

Then all enjoyed a lunch reception for over 100 guests.

Sophia's brothers George and Alex and their wives, her sister Betty and several nieces came from Ann Arbor and enjoyed walking tours of Dunedin, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs.

Betty stayed for another month, so the sisters saw movies, a Greek musical concert and dance, visited quilt shops, and went to special services at St. Hagop Armenian Church in Pinellas Park.

For this family a special interest is always the Armenian Church of the Resurrection at Windermere, Fla. (see photo at top).

A special Thanksgiving treat for Sophia was the fact that her Navy son-in-law, stationed in Japan, was able to come home for the holidays.

Welcome back to all!

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See Posting in Bus

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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

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

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.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.



The Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach was the site of the Viking building Christmas luncheon. Residents feasted on the great selections offered by this historic restaurant.

'Braving the elements,' Vikings celebrate at beach

Braving the frigid 80-degree weather of the Florida winter, 12 intrepid Vikings invaded Clearwater Beach on Dec. 11.

The occasion was the Viking Christmas Party Luncheon. The place was the Beachcomber Restaurant. Everyone agreed that the food, service, and décor were excellent. The entire lunch menu was available, so a variety of dishes were ordered. A few even managed to make room for dessert!

Those in attendance represented a good cross-section of the building, though one side definitely overshadowed the other. From the Spanish Drive side of the building were Pat Drake, Sandy Sanborn, Brenda Shapiro, Deanna Dunning, Hart Kraimer, Rod and Ilene Bargerstock, Jack and Carolyn Lowry, and Morry Seiden and Patricia Baradino.

The sole attendee from the Norwegian Drive side was Pat Ellingham.

The Norwegian Drive side needs to take a more active part in our building activities. You missed out on some great food and good conversation.

Preliminary plans were made at the luncheon to set up a Valentine's



Day barbecue in February. Check the bulletin board in the main lobby for more information, once it is available.

If you go on a trip or attend an event that you think your neighbors would find interesting, please share the news with your reporter, Pat Ellingham. For example, Pat Drake, Sandy Sanborn, and Hart Kraimer took a quick trip to St. Augustine with the Snow Birds Club. It sounds like they all had a good time visiting America's oldest city.

A special thanks is going out to Hart Kraimer for once again decorating our building for the holiday. The Christmas tree and wreaths on the various floors really added a festive touch to our home. Great work, Hart!

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OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

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Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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Janome Magnolia model 2306 sewing machine, good for basic sewing \$40.

725-2451

Schwinn model 213 recumbent exercise bike \$150. Can e-mail or text pic of bike.

244-6091

Twin highrise airbed with pump & bedding \$50; mid-size car cover, used once \$80; 20" computer monitor \$20; golf bag \$10.

799-6433

Burgundy leather recliner, less than a year old \$295. 797-3369

Floral comforter, queen size w/shams and bed skirt \$75 OBO; 30" lamp, pink base \$30 OBO. 726-7163

Laser printer, HP 1150W, like new, black ink, wireless \$40. 712-0304

Regular-size red leather sofa \$400; large framed & matted picture, looks like New Orleans alley scene \$75. 812-583-4088

Free items: microwave cabinet, computer desk, 2 beach chairs, beach umbrella. Moving, must dispose of. 330-430-9744

HP wireless laptop with Windows 10; Windows 7 desktop/monitor/keyboard & mouse. Call for prices, which include free delivery and setup. 400-5739

Compact refrigerator/freezer, Magic Chef 3.5 cu. ft., month old, half-price \$75; leather recliner \$69; pro metal 6 ft. Tiltall Marchioni tripod \$35. 797-4282

Ladies' London Fog raincoat with lining, size 8, excellent condition \$50. 474-2999

Swag style valance, 109", fits front living room window, custom made, beige/blue. Photo available by e-mail. Call for details.

796-1516

Brand new single bed with mattress, box spring and frame \$250. 686-7478

Three boxes of Rivarossi miniature trains (6 trains each box), \$8 per box. 796-3633

Folding banquet table, brown, like new, 30" x 5' \$25. 480-9456

Golf cart, Micro 4-wheel folding cart for women or men, used only a few times. Regular \$200, sell for \$89. 871-6591

Ceramic heater \$10; Shark portable steamer w/attach. \$60; window valance, 95" cornflower \$50; valance, 55" peach \$40; Keurig single-serve coffeemaker \$60. 799-4551

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Comforter one queen-size & one king-size, very comfortable \$20 each; pillows \$2 each. 726-4571

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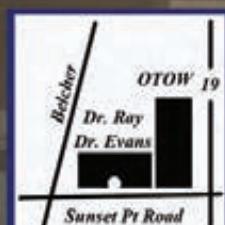
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