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OTOW set to welcome in 2019

Black and white can represent a high-class party or an expensive wedding.
It can also represent taking out the old and bringing in the new.

At the Entertainment Committee's 2018 New Year's Eve Ball, black and white will represent saying goodbye to 2018 and starting out fresh with 2019 ...

Like a fresh coating of new fallen snow.

New Year's Eve is sold out.

So many tickets were sold for this annual tradition that extra tables and seats had to be set up in the Starlite Room just to accommodate those who planned ahead for the party.

But no tickets will be sold at the door.

"Flashback" will be providing music live on stage - they have become the traditional band for this party.

The music will include everyone's favorite songs and plenty of choices for dancing.

The disco ball hovering down from the ceiling may be gone, but the dance floor is still open.

The party begins at 9 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. All the tables will be decorated with black and white tableclothes.

At 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., a countdown will take place as 2019 arrives somewhere else in the world. At midnight, the On Top of the World community will welcome 2019 in its own way.

The Entertainment Committee is providing a bottle of champagne for each reserved table. Residents were encouraged to bring their own favorite beverages and snacks to enjoy as the seconds ticked away.

No one has to leave right away. The party continues after midnight and some even go out for an early breakfast.

Happy New Year On Top of the World!

Pictured above
and below are
scenes from the
2017
New Year's
Eve Ball.



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Start the year with one of many new mystery novels at your community library

By Katy Gerrit

Your On Top of the World library has added several books over the past two months.

If you enjoy mysteries or thrillers, we have "Tailspin" by Sandra Brown, "The Money Shot" by Stuart Woods, "Feared" by Lisa Scottoline, "Spy Master" by Brad Thor and "Holy Ghost" by John Sanford.

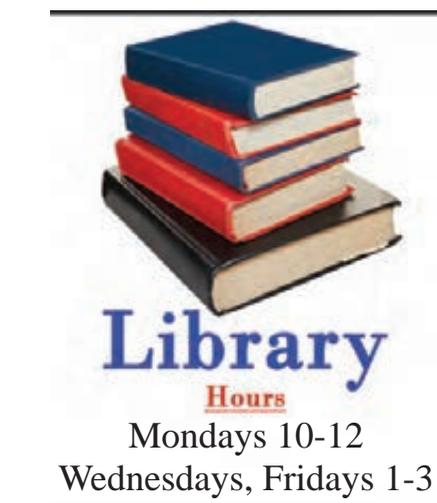
Some other choices are "Leverage" by J.D. Robb, "Walking Shadows" by Faye Kellerman, "Field of Bones" by J.A. Jance, "Vendetta" by Iris Johansen and "Desperate Measures" by Stuart Woods.

John Grisham's newest novel, "The Reckoning," and Nicholas Sparks' newest novel, "Every Breath," are also available.

Other novels include "Winter in Paradise" by Elin Hilderbrand, "The Witch Elm" by Tana French, "In His Father's Footsteps" by Danielle Steel, "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult, "Alaska Holiday" by Debbie Macomber and "A Gathering of Secrets" by Linda Castello.

You may become a member of the library for only \$4 per calendar year, which allows you to take out six books at a time for a period of two weeks.

We have a very large collection of large-print books and also offer books for



sale, both hardbound and paperback.

We have recently added books on CD and movies on DVD.

We also have a "free" shelf in the library and the puzzle room for anyone who just wants to take a book for keeps.

Library hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. until noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3 p.m.

We also want to thank all of you who came to the Fall Festival & Expo and signed up for membership and purchased books, DVDs and books on CD. You're



doing a great job supporting the OTOW library!

The Good Karma Bookclub selection for January is "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian. We will discuss this book at our January 3, 2019, book club meeting. Our other meeting on the third Thursday

of every month is to discuss other books we may be reading, so we can share with other members.

Book club meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Come join us!

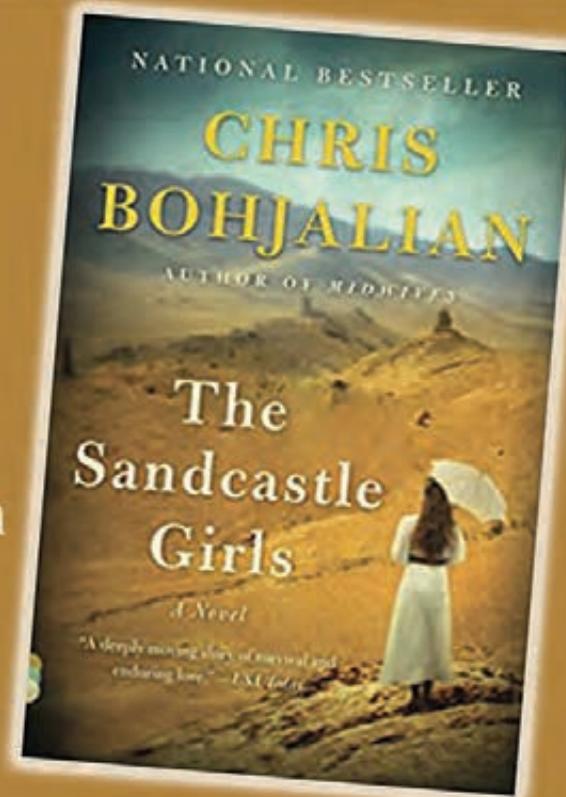
Good Karma Book Club

In January

**On Thursday, Jan. 3,
the Good Karma Book Club
will review**

"The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian

**Join us 10:30 a.m. in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab
and share your thoughts.**



For more information,
visit our Web page
on the Box Office.
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.
Click Box Office, Club Pages
and look for the
Good Karma Book Club link.

The book club will meet again on Thursday, Jan. 17,
10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

The topic is an open discussion.
Our February "Book of the Month" will be
"Excellent Woman" by Barbara Pym.



Three lucky dogs get new homes for the holidays

Three previously homeless dogs were able to enjoy the end of the year thanks to On Top of the World residents who came out and gave the loveable critters a new place to call home.

Two of the dogs were adults and one was a puppy.

SPCA Tampa Bay worked with On Top of the World Real Estate of Pinellas LLC to host the adoption event in December and three dogs got some place to go for the holidays.

Publix was on hand to help sponsor the event, and a Petco gift bag was won by Twila Huehn of the Contemporary Building.

Even though only two dogs were brought to the adoption event, many more dogs and cats are still homeless and remain in SPCA shelters. If you think these photos look cute and the puppies look happy, then you could be the next person to give a four-legged friend a new home for the winter.

The SPCA is located at 9099 130th Ave N., in Largo.

Marilyn Doyle hugs Bang for the first time during a dog adoption day in December. Bang was getting a name change for Christmas.

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Learn more about On Top of the World's new Emergency Notification System on Jan. 8 or Jan. 12

The next two dates are coming up quickly to learn more about our new Emergency Notification System.

On Top of the World's emergency notification system provides a simple way to send messages to any size audience on most digital devices, anywhere.

During emergency (or non-emergency) situations, the most critical step is to quickly inform and alert those individuals in need of this information.

Emergency notification systems have become increasingly more effective in protecting people and organizations.

Think how many times you have gotten an Amber or Silver Alert, or even a Severe Weather Alert.

Today's emergency notification systems are not just for government entities. Organizations everywhere are finding that they may have instances where they need to communicate quickly and effectively to the masses.

Notification systems advise residents of situations or events that may or not



necessarily require a specific action. They may give specific instructions based on the type of emergency or event. For example, for a hurricane warning, the instructions may be to shelter in place, or evacuate depending upon several factors.

Your Parkway Maintenance and Management organization has recognized the need for an emergency notification system in our community to reach people quickly

to communicate important information. This is why we are very pleased to offer yet another valuable service to the community.

Parkway is deploying the RAVE Mobile Safety Service in the coming months targeted to its employees. Residents may also opt in to this notification service to get announcements during emergency and non-emergency situations within your community.

Such messages could include reporting an elevator down in a building, a roadway closure within the community, a water shut off to a designated area, or a non-emergency reminder to attend an event.

This service will not replace governmental issued notifications. Rather, it is a specific service to the Clearwater On Top of the World community.

The Rave Mobile Safety opt-in feature enables residents to easily sign up for alerts by visiting www.getrave.com/login/otowfl. Just enter the required information, including a valid email address, and

you are all set.

The first informational presentation for the new year will take place 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room, followed by another presentation 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 12.

You will also be able to receive information on how to set up an email address if needed.

Registration is voluntary and not required. To receive the most up to date information the quickest way possible, your participation is requested.

Registration is required, as we will be passing out information packets on how to register and how to set up an email account. Mark your calendar; we hope to see you at one of these events.

Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the Community Service Office at least three days prior to the seminar you choose. Please circle only one date you plan on attending.



RAVE Mobile Safety Information Seminar

If you plan on attending one of the seminars listed below, you must fill out this registration form and drop it off in the Community Service Office no later than 3 days prior to the seminar you request.

Name: _____

Building and Unit: _____

Phone Number: _____

Circle which seminar you plan on attending (choose only one).

All seminars are in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Tuesday, January 8

10 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, January 12

10 to 11 a.m.

In December, Family History Group tore down walls and this month we will solve mysteries



Family History

By Shirley Perry

The Family History Group got an early Christmas gift at our December meeting. Our speaker was Debbe Hagner, an accredited genealogist from Port Richey.

Debbe's topic was Overcoming The Brick Wall — Simple Solutions To Your Problems. By the end of the presentation, we were amazed at the wealth of information she had given us, and using techniques which make you think outside the box to assist in dismantling those walls.

The six areas discussed included names, places, dates, documents, indexes and language. Debbe carefully wove together two or more solutions for each

problematic area with seamless expertise. She has a gift of presenting in a style even an amateur understands.

Debbe was so outstanding we had to ask ourselves "what can we do for January?" DNA can be intimidating to the uninitiated, even though most of us are well-versed in research. However DNA results and research must be used together to be effective.

DNA terminology is different from that used in genealogy research, but is well worth the time and effort to learn. Autosomal, centiMorgans, segments, chromosomes—all are relevant to determining the closeness of a relationship and separating

maternal and paternal matches.

In January we will look at solving a 72-year-old family mystery using DNA tools and research. In 2017, one of our members, Tom Richarme set about to discover the identity of his biological father using the internet and DNA research methods. He began his search with only three facts—his birth date and place and a last name. Nothing more.

Come to the Jan. 14 meeting where Tom will detail the process and resources he used to ultimately lead him to absolute confirmation of his birth father. We will meet from 1-3 p.m. in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center.

Pavilion project should wrap up early in 2019

Remembering George H.W. Bush

George H. W. Bush visited On Top of the World when he was campaigning for president against Bill Clinton on Oct. 3, 1992.

It was an honor for the community to host him.

That said, the Secret Service pretty much called all the shots for approximately 30 days before his scheduled visit. Our community had never had such a security profiling!

The day of the affair, the only way into the community was by a prescreened list. The only way out was in the back of an ambulance or wearing bracelets in the back of a police cruiser!

We really were a bunch of fun-loving mellow residents back then, so the hub-bub was amusing and somewhat special (if not entirely disruptive to normal operations).

Nonetheless, for the three hours allocated from pre-arrival to post departure, the Secret Service pretty much ran the place.

I cannot remember the content of his speech, but I was surprised at his warmth and heart-felt interest in the residents. He spent a good bit of time speaking with individual residents. It was quite the thrill!

Some years later, the community also hosted George W. Bush. The business of politics sure has changed!

Reality Check

2019 is shaping up to be a year in which your Association will be completing an ambitious Pavilion project begun in 2018.

As previously noted, it took an unreasonably, lengthy time to obtain permit approval for site improvements and for a building permit on the Pavilion.

I'm guardedly optimistic it won't take as long to get final approval of completion.

Unemployment in Pinellas County is 3.1 percent and affordable housing is in very short supply. The net effect is that the Management Company is paying a premium for staffing. We see no end in sight for this trend.

On the one hand, full employment is what many people have worked to achieve. On the other hand, be careful what you ask for.

Storms

OTOW experienced several intense storms in November and December.

The Community Service Office has fielded several requests related to slight water intrusion through windows and doors.

I must point out that windows and doors are the individual owner's obligation to maintain. First thing is to check the weep holes in the window frame for blockage by cobwebs or dirt and debris. These small weeps are there to allow water, that may get around the window seal, to leak out. If they are blocked, the water will seek another path, usually onto the interior windowsill.

As to doors, the suspect may be worn



weather seals. Having them repaired may also reduce your electric bill!

Personal Insurance on Your Condo and Contents

Fire events or water damage are cautionary reminders for each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate.

If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider.

The cost of repair or reconstruction, as well as loss of use (being homeless pending restoration), may well exceed the value of your condominium many times over.

It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit, including loss of use coverage. Loss of use coverage will allow your carrier to provide you living and lodging expenses should you become displaced.

Displacement after a fire may be between 6 and 18 months!

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit owners may wish to have on their home.

Content coverage may vary greatly depending on what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances and cabinetry.

All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses.

Please remember, another benefit of an HO6 policy is the personal liability coverage. Should you be the cause of a water leak, or a fire event, that damages adjoining units, you may be held liable for their damage, as well as any damage to the Association's area of responsibility between units.

The undervaluation of your contents may cause you a significant loss, but most likely will not bankrupt you.

If you do not have personal liability coverage, you could lose all of your assets if you cause damage to units around you and you are not adequately insured.

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

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

With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake and flood, resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

For more information, please visit www.otowclearwaterinfo.com then click "Community" and download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

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

During the recent windstorm event, several incidences of auto damages occurred. This damage is not covered by your HO6 policy. State law requires you to maintain a policy on your automobile.

The prudent owner will purchase comprehensive or other than collision coverage that pays for damage to a vehicle from incidents other than a collision including: fire, theft, windstorm, vandalism or flood. It also covers damages caused by falling objects or from hitting an animal.

Water Heaters

The Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner.

In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units.

The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for its repair work in every instance.

Bike Lanes

At the June 2018 Annual Meeting, many residents requested the addition of bike and pedestrian lanes in the major thoroughfares in On Top of the World. Your Board listened and has engaged a civil engineer to draft permissible design plans for submission to Pinellas County.

Upon finalization, and comments from the county, we anticipate a permit to make such improvements in mid-2019. The roadways will include World Parkway Boulevard, Netherlands Drive and Americus Boulevard.

Several of the roadways are scheduled for resurfacing, which will cause a slight delay in adding the striping in those areas.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: January of 2019 will see our painting contractor

continue with back waterproof coating applications throughout the west side of property.

The next buildings slated for this scope of work are 80 and 83 before the contractor transitions over to front facade painting.

In order to facilitate this, the Management Company asks for your cooperation in the removal of all holiday decorations no later than Jan. 15 as this will allow the re-coating of structures to stay on schedule without any delays.

Both application processes include a thorough pressure washing, followed by sealing of any hairline cracks in the masonry, and then the application of a high quality paint coating.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches. This work may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or personal property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Building 60 will be the next structure to have its stairwell railings improved with work kicking off in January, pending Pinellas County permitting.

As with other railing projects, a licensed contractor will affect the complete removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the second and third floor balcony walkways and center core and end stairwells.

The improvements take 5-7 weeks to complete from the start of the project.

Notices are posted in advance of the start date, so please keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

As with all other improvements, please exercise caution in the areas where this work is taking place.

The New Year traditionally marks the start of roofing improvements, as the weather at this time of year is favorable for these types of projects.

Due to the extensive damage in the panhandle remaining from Hurricane Michael, the roofing contractor's work force has been stretched thinner than is normal at this time of year, however, they have committed to beginning the project at Building 8 on Wednesday, Jan. 3. This will mean that residents will begin seeing materials and equipment delivered for the project on this date. This delivery 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.

Check the posted bulletins for more details. As always, please observe all cordoned off work areas in the interests of safety.

Sunset Gardens

The Sunset Gardens community improvement project is another area that will

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and new bike lane road markers are coming

experience a flurry of activity as contractors and management company employees work on the next phase of this job.

We are adding new lighting enhancements along the pedestrian sidewalks, as well as some further aesthetic additions for the community's enjoyment. This phase should take roughly a month to complete and we ask that residents be aware that portions of this area cordoned off while the work is underway. As always, please avoid all active work areas for everyone's safety.

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.

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 hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application pack-

age may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

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 the 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.

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.

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.

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.

Lesson learned: Have a fire extinguisher handy

Kitchen Fire

On Dec. 13, at approximately 7 p.m., we had a report of an oven fire in one of our buildings. Quick thinking on the homeowner's part was grabbing a nearby fire extinguisher in the laundry room. The fire was quickly extinguished resulting in limited smoke and water damage to the unit.

This needs to be a wakeup call to all residents to have on hand a kitchen fire extinguisher in each of your units. They are available at Lowes or Home Depot for approximately \$20. Residents should have access to a fire extinguisher inside their unit. This would save time and would prevent even more serious damage to occur.

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 Com-

munity 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.

Water softener installations require a permit

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softener installations at On Top of the World require a modification permit approved by your condominium association in advance of installation.

Modification permit applications may be picked up at the Community Service Office located inside the lobby of the East Activity Center.

Please make sure to apply for and receive association approval before installation to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Please note, resin-style softeners are the only approved type of water softener allowed in the community. Salt-style, also known as ion exchangers, are not permissible by association rule.

Thank you for attention and cooperation. Questions? Visit the Community Service Office.

Available In The
Community
Service Office



Donate blood Jan. 24 - get a long-sleeved shirt!

Upcoming seminars include getting you motivated, identity theft and recycling

Happy New Year!

January is National "Thank You" Month

While this takes place throughout January, this is an observance worth celebrating all year round.

Try simple expressions of genuine gratitude to someone each day. Those two little words "Thank You" really say a lot to someone.

On that note, I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone here for the opportunity to assist the greatest residents in the best community!

Did You Know

I can be contacted anytime via email at general_activity@otowfl.com or you can leave a message at 727-799-2734.

Feel free to ask questions about anything related to activities or the calendar.

We can work to reserve a room for you or a group, and then you can stop into the Community Service Office to sign the Facility Request form. When everything is final, I will hand you a receipt.

For in-person calendar reservations or questions, I will be at the Community Service Office front desk on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays during our quarterly reservation renewals.

The remainder of the week you can find me around the activity centers, typically, with laptop in hand, in the event you need to check a date on the calendar or discuss activities, etc.

Let's pledge to stay active this year - in body, mind and spirit, and make this our best year ever!

Aging Successfully Series

Do you have things you want to start or finish, but can't seem to stay motivated?

Would you like to learn ways to increase motivation and confidence, set attainable goals, and overcome obstacles to success?

If this describes you, Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services will return on Jan. 16, 2019, with the topic "Getting and Staying Motivated/Making Change Happen."

The seminar will be held in the East Activity Center Art Room from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Just remember that changes are possible at any age, so plan to attend this informative seminar and I look forward to seeing you there.

OLLI Surveys

Thank you for responding to our survey questions regards Eckerd College's Osher Life Long Learning at On Top of the World.

We are assessing the results and are



in the process of using your feedback to tailor a program to increase participation this year.

Classes will resume in February and the schedule will be published in next month's newspaper as well as being posted at each building and the SCA Activity Centers.

Walk Bike Wise Tampa Bay

There are many ways to enjoy the outdoors and to stay healthy. Many of us walk every day, not only for our physical health, but for our mental health as well.

Many love to bicycle. We even have a Baby Boomers Club here at On Top of the World which enjoys group bike outings and other forms of outdoor exercise..

In fact, on my way home the other day, I saw a resident on a skateboard!

With that in mind, what a perfect time to refresh your knowledge of safety tips for walking, biking and driving.

Please join us for a fun, interactive safety seminar with Bike Walk Tampa Bay on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Ask questions in a fun, interactive format and take the Walk Wise Pledge.

All attendees get a free reflective bag! Registration is suggested. Please email your name, building/unit and phone number to general_activity@otowfl.com and reference "Bike Walk Tampa Bay Seminar" or leave me a voicemail at 727-799-2734.

Look forward to seeing you there.

The Big Red Bus

Did you know that January is volunteer blood donation month?

As a community, let's start the year off right with a successful blood drive!

The Big Red Bus will be here on Thursday, Jan. 24, at the East Activity Center North Parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers will be taking blood donations, providing a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Plus, you will receive a long sleeve T-

shirt to keep you warm this winter.

Please preregister at the front desk in the Community Service Office or just show up on Jan. 24.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Tax Identity Theft

Tax identity theft is when someone files a phony tax return using your personal information to obtain a tax refund from the IRS.

It is very important for consumers to be aware of how they can prevent becoming a victim.

To learn more about this crime, the Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Internal Revenue Service will be hosting a seminar on this topic on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Stevens & Stevens Shredding Services will also be on site to provide a free shred service from 9-11 a.m. at the East Activity Center parking lot off of World Parkway.

Registration will be required. Please email your name, building/unit and phone number to general_activity@otowfl.com and reference "Tax Identity Theft Seminar." Please register by Friday, Jan 25.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA Driving Course is from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Jan. 17 and Friday, Jan. 18 in the East Activity Center Veranda.

The cost is \$20 and registration is required. A form for registration can be found on page 54 of the OTOW newspaper.

Recycling

Pinellas County Solid Waste

Jan Tracy, coordinator with Pinellas County Solid Waste, will be back to explain all we need to know about recycling on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

You will learn about recycling's "DOs and DON'Ts" and much more.

Make plans to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Guardian ad Litem Program of Pinellas and Pasco Counties

We all have purpose in life, but sometimes we forget what that is or we need a little inspiration.

Find your inspiration by volunteering some of your valuable time to the Guardian ad Litem Program, where volunteers work on a team with professional staff to advocate for children. The program assists children who have been removed from their homes, due to neglect or abuse, and come under the jurisdiction of the

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To learn more about making a difference to a child visit www.herotoachild.org or call Karen in Pinellas at 727-464-6147, Larnelle in Pasco at 727-727-834-3493 or visit www.guardianadlitem.org for information in other counties.

For other ways to help contact our local foundation at AmyF@galf6.org

Activity Card Renewal Information

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

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

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

AARP Tax Assistance

Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, AARP Foundation will not be hosting tax aid assistance at On Top of the World this year.

For your convenience, I have listed contact information and a few locations nearby where you can still take advantage of this excellent free service.

Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers to anyone, especially those 50 and older.

Countryside Library
2642 Sabal Springs Drive,
Clearwater
727-562-4970

To commence on Monday, Feb. 4 through Monday, April 15.

Monday: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday: 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Safety Harbor Library
101 2nd St N, Safety Harbor
727-724-1525
(no info yet as to days and times)

Bicycle safety seminar on Jan. 15

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Biking and walking are on the rise at On Top of the World and many residents are taking advantage of the dedicated bike trails nearby, such as the Ream Wilson Trail and the Pinellas Trail.

Our healthy lifestyle attitudes are getting us moving, but do we know the rules of the road?

Do motorists know the rules of the road?

Find out if you know the rules for safe biking, walking and driving when you join us on Jan. 15, 2019, in the East Activity Center auditorium from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

During this free interactive safety presentation by Bike/Walk Tampa Bay, we will learn how to make biking and walking healthy, safe and fun for all of us here at On Top of the World.

Bicyclist and pedestrian safety is the main focus of Bike/Walk Tampa Bay.

Brentin Mosher from the University of South Florida's Center for Urban Transportation Research will give the presentation. Brentin holds a League Cycling Instructor Certification from the The League of American Bicyclists, a national organization.

After the interactive presentation, either lights or backpacks will be handed out to OTOW participants. See you there!

For more information about Bike/Walk Tampa Bay, find them on Facebook, Twitter or visit their Website, www.bikewalktampabay.org



• **Protect your head – always wear a helmet**

Never ride a bicycle without a helmet. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommend that cyclists wear a helmet that complies with the CPSC standard. Select a helmet that fits snugly and sits flat on your head. Bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by 85 percent.

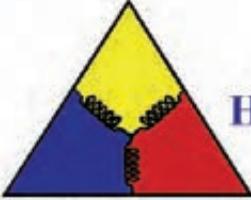
• **Make sure your bicycle is proper working order** Before using your bicycle, ensure that all parts are secure and working well. The handlebars should be firmly in place and turn easily. Your wheels must be straight and secure and the brakes MUST be in proper operating condition. If you need to carry things, add a carrier to the back of your bicycle. Always conduct an ABC Quick Check before riding.

• **Always ride under control.** If your bicycle has hand brakes, apply the rear brake before the front brake. Applying the front brake first can literally flip you over your handle bars. Always keep your brakes properly adjusted. If you cannot stop quickly, adjust your brakes. When adjusting brakes, keep the following in mind: * When your hand brake levers are fully applied, they should not touch the handlebars. * Each brake pad should wear evenly and never be separated more than one eighth inch from the rim. * Ride slowly in wet weather and apply your brakes earlier – it takes more distance to stop. Motorists will have a harder time seeing you in the rain, so ride with extra care in inclement weather.

• **If you must ride in the dark** Wear reflective clothing or accents, especially on your ankles, wrists, back, and helmet. Ride with reflectors that meet CPSC requirements. If a carrier is added, make sure the rear reflector remains visible. Add the brightest lights you can find to the front and rear of your bicycle. Only ride in areas familiar to you. Brightly lit streets are best. Always assume you are not seen by a driver.

• **Stay alert. Always keep a lookout for obstacles in your path.** Watch out for potholes, cracks, expansion joints, gravel, wet leaves, drainage grates, or anything that could make you fall. Before going around any object, scan ahead and behind to make sure it's safe to proceed. Always signal your intentions, and then do what you planned. If you are unsure, or lack the skill to handle an especially rough area, pull off to the right side of the road and walk your bicycle around the rough area. Be especially careful in wet weather. Cross all railroad tracks at a 90-degree angle and proceed slowly. Riding with traffic is the RIGHT way. Ride on the right side of the road in a straight, predictable path. Always ride single file in the same direction as other vehicles. Riding against traffic makes it difficult for motorists to see you, which makes it easier for them to accidentally pull across your path or into you. Teach children the rules of the road. Cyclists are responsible for following traffic laws and signals just like motorists. More than 70% of bicycle crashes occur at driveways or intersections. Before you enter any street or intersection look both ways for traffic and walk your bicycle into the street to begin your ride. Bicycle riders must yield to pedestrians. Never wear headphones while riding as they impair your ability to hear traffic.

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January 29, 2019
9:00 AM-11:00 PM
On Top of the World, East Activity Center
2069 World Parkway East, Clearwater, FL

FREE Event Open to the Public
Presented by:
Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Internal Revenue Service

9:00 AM -11:00 AM Shredding Services by Stevens & Stevens
9:30AM - 11:00 AM Presentation Identity Theft Prevention by Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Internal Revenue Service

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Presentation about solid waste set for Feb. 5

By Kathleen Santosuosso
Your Community Service Office invites On Top of the World residents to a presentation on how waste is handled in Pinellas County.

The event will take place 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Jan Tracy, program coordinator with Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste, will explain how Pinellas County Solid Waste burns most of the trash collected in our county in its Waste-to-Energy facility.

The trash is used as fuel to generate electricity for up to 45,000 homes per day.

At On Top of the World, Waste Management collects our recyclable materials in their own trucks. The recyclables are processed in a privately owned Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Jan will show us what happens at the facility and why it is important to recycle right.

She will also show us the harm done by placing the wrong items in green recycle bins. Also, Jan will answer all of our questions about recycling.

There will be giveaways at the end of the session.

Quite a few residents wonder what they can do with their dry and empty glass bottles and jars now that Waste Management no longer recycles these items from On Top of the World.

Bottles and jars can be dropped off at the Clearwater Solid Waste Facility located



at 1701 N. Hercules Ave.

Just a reminder, if you're not sure what to do with an item, you can check Pinellas County's online A to Z guide at pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/getridofit and you will discover where to get rid of it!

You can also follow the advice of "when in doubt, throw it out."

Never put garbage, dog waste bags, yard waste or plastic bags of any kind in recycle bins.

Also, make sure that the items you put in the recycle bins are larger than an index card. If the items are too small, they fall through the sorting equipment.

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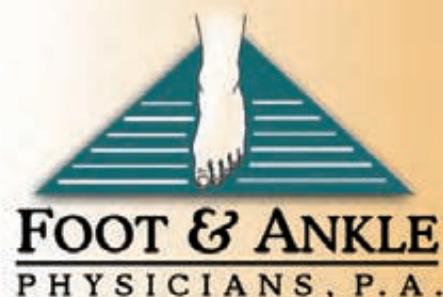
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January

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

ART

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room
 Acrylic Painting: Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Art Room
 Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9 am, Art Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Sunrise Room

BUNCO

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

CANADIAN CLUB SOCIAL GAMES

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Rainbow and Sunrise

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

Thursdays 11 am, Small Card Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

PINOCHLE

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Yellow

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 am, Small Card Room

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Yellow Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAN

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

JAZZING IT UP WITH AMY

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Exercise Room

TAI CHI

Chi Kung: T,H 3:15 pm, Exercise Room

Intermediate: T,H 4 pm Exercise Room

FLOW: M,W 2:15 pm Exercise Room

Beginners: M, W 3:15 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

Mondays, Fridays, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

Wednesdays, 11:45 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Yoga Basic, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

Thursdays, Yoga Mixed, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Craft Room

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

(Closed 12:30-2:30, Mondays and Thursdays)

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3

SUNDAY

MONDAY

06 Karaoke Singing 6:00 PM - Auditorium	07 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium Ent. Committee, Boar 10:00 AM - Veranda No.11 Austrian Alpine 2:00 PM - Veranda
13	14 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium Family History Meetin 12:30 PM - Learning L
20 Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium	21 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium Health Screenings Ey Blood Pressure 8:30 AM - Auditorium No.58 Emerald Isle M 10:00 AM - Veranda
27 Snowbirds Party 5:30 PM - Auditorium	28 Ent. Committee & Clu 8:30 AM - Auditorium

East Activity Center Rooms

Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room, Art Room, Small Card Room,
 Yellow Room, Exercise Room,
 Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.

West Activity Center Rooms

Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room,
 Learning Lab, Billiards Room.

A room map is on the Box Office.

DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01	02	03	04	05
		<p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>No.90 Queen Victoria Dinner 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Paradise Restaurant</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>Line Dancing 8:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales	08	09	10	11	12
Philosophy Club Meeting	<p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p> <p>Irish Club Meeting 3:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Mens 18 Hole Golf Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Fixers Club Meeting 8:00 AM - Crafts Room</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Jesters Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Jesters Meeting 7:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Bottles and Brushes Art Class 5:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>No.72 Valencia Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Crafts Room</p>	<p>NY-NJ Club Dinner 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Art Guild Meeting 1:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Crafts Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>Line Dancing 8:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Veterans Group Meeting 1:00 PM - Yellow Room</p>
Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales	15	16	17	18	19
OTOW Special Event Seminar	<p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>No.24 Americana Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Stamp Collectors Meeting 1:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>No.79 Flamenco Social 5:00 - Sunrise Room</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room</p>	<p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Italian Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Seminar 10:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>No.50 Azores Social 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>AAA Driving Course 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Billiards Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>Irish Club Dinner 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>AAA Driving Course 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>Line Dancing 8:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee. Dance 8:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales	22	23	24	25	26
Chorus Board Meeting	<p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Chorus Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room</p>	<p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Canadian Club Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>No.89 Siboney Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>German Interest Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 12:00 PM - Crafts Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>Line Dancing 8:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales	29	30	31		
OTOW Special Event Seminar	<p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Seminar 9:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Chorus Meeting 7:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room</p>	<p>Snowbirds Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Knitting Group Meeting 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>No.47 Bohemia Social 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p>		

Holiday card features artist's dog



By Sue Naylor

Customarily, when the Art Guild's Artist of the Month is named, he or she is pictured with the club president, who awards the ribbon.

This month's winner, Rick Slater, wished to include John Fier in the picture because he has been so supportive and such an inspiration.

In the picture, you will see John holding a holiday card that Rick has designed himself. Rick holds his original watercolor entitled, "Ethel at Christmas," reflecting the presence of Rick's beloved dog, Ethel.

Rosemarie Lugg, president of the Art Guild, proudly awarded Rick his blue ribbon for Artist of the Month honors.

Club Artist Takes First Place at Local Art Show

Interestingly enough, our presenter at



Rick Slater is this month's Artist of the Month. His painting features his own dog, Ethel, and the artwork was turned into a Christmas card. On Rick's left is teacher John Fier and on the right is Art Club President Rosemarie Lugg.

the meeting, Alice Anderson, a member of our Art Guild, has taken John's drawing class and also credits him with being her inspiration.

Originally from Chicago, Alice at-

tended the prestigious Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, where her love of art and her outstanding talent, were recognized and fostered.

Her goal of being a fashion illustra-

tor was realized in her assignments at several different notable magazines, including Playboy.

Last April, after not painting for many years, Alice entered one of her pastel paintings in her first ever "plein air" competition sponsored by a Dunedin art gallery.

With her painting of a pathway to Clearwater Beach, Alice won first prize. Her artwork was shown at the gallery.

Just for clarification, a chalk pastel is created by mixing pure colored pigments with a binder. Then chalk is added making pastels the medium with the highest concentration of pigment.

Pastels come in hard, medium and soft chalk, plus pencils.

It is also necessary to use the correct paper for pastels so that the colors adhere.

There are various grades of "sanded paper" specifically designed for pastels. Hardware store sandpaper won't work.

Right before our wondering eyes, Alice worked her magic with various types of pastels to depict another scene with sand dunes, a path in the sand, footprints and beach vegetation.

Working very fast, Alice was able to create the basis of a beautiful beach scene. We hope to see the finished product at our next meeting, the second Friday of every month.

Hope to see you there.

Who knew a snowman could be created in so many varieties?

By Patrick Ellington

Things got a little frosty in the East Activity Center Art Room in December as the Bottles and Brushes group tackled a familiar winter icon, a jolly old snowman.

Led by one of Santa's auxiliary elves, Eileen Maher, the group applied techniques previously learned and tried a few new ones, too.

The idea of perspective was revisited. This time, Eileen had the group study a similar piece before they began to actually paint.

They were asked to describe what they were seeing. Colors were pointed out as cool, warm and neutral (which includes black, white, gray and beige). Each type has a certain effect on the painting. In the sample painting, different textures were also obvious.

Texture can be created by using various consistencies of paint. Heavy textures are often created by applying paint with a palette knife. Building up layers can also be done using a brush.

Last month, a sponge was used to create a different effect.

The background was applied first,



making a smooth white base. This is considered negative space.

The snowman's face and body were framed by the negative space. The subject itself, including his hat and scarf, is the positive space.

After an outline was sketched, the artists painted the snowman's hat and scarf



From left to right are Miko Morin, Terry Davey, Toni Young, Lydia Roeser, Dan Miller, Karen Bodine and instructor Eileen Maher.

with red and filled in spaces around it with blue.

Black and red markers were used to make his eyes, nose, mouth and buttons.

The artists encouraged each other in their efforts and offered their support throughout the process. They all put their personal touches to the canvas.

As usual, the group partook of wine, water and cookies and had a good time.

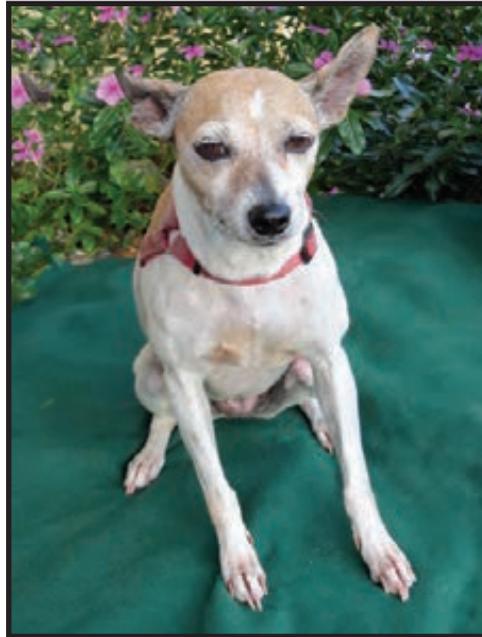
The next session will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Art Room. The group will be exploring abstraction.

For more information, or to reserve a space, contact Eileen Maher at 727-331-0710.

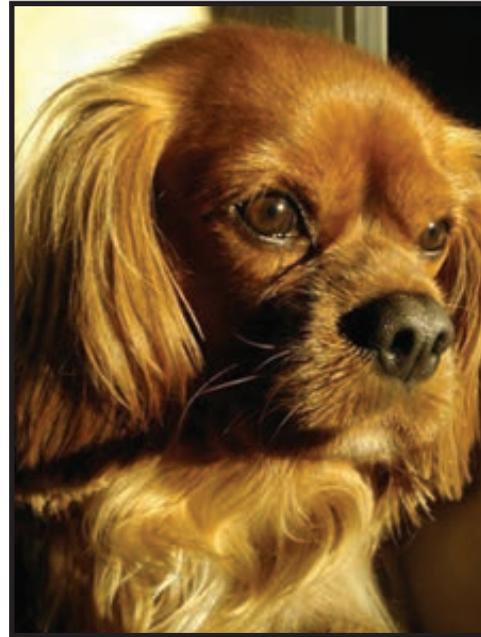
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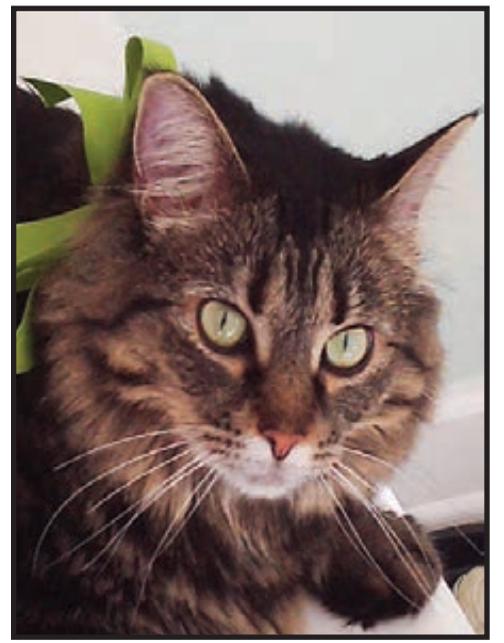
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Start the new year with something different - replace your spaghetti noodles with squash

The New Year is a great opportunity to try new experiences. Have you ever experimented with spaghetti squash?

There are several ways to cook the squash, but here is my way.

1. Wash the outside of the squash. Cut both ends off.

2. Turn it on end and cut in half lengthwise. This yields long fibers most reminiscent of pasta. It takes muscle and a sharp knife, or cleaver, to cut the squash. If this is difficult for you, ask the produce manager to cut the squash for you.

3. Scrape out the seeds and pulp. If desired, the seeds can be roasted.

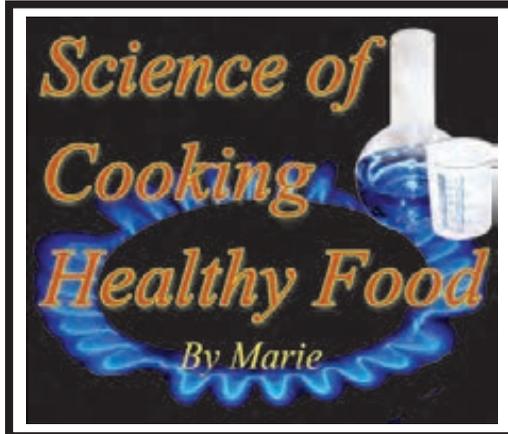
4. Add a one-half teaspoon of honey in each half to slightly sweeten it. Spaghetti squash is less dense, thus less sweet, than other winter squashes.

Plus, the honey helps to give a lovely, warm golden color.

5. Steam squash in one-half inch of water for 45 minutes in a covered pot. After about 25 minutes, separate strands by running a fork from one side to the other to facilitate cooking.

6. Using tongs, pull out the fibers and mix into spaghetti sauce with meat.

Email Marie: marieshealthyfood@gmail.com



Origins of the 'spaghetti squash'

The word "squash" is generally native to ancient North and Central America. However, spaghetti squash was actually developed in Manchuria, China, during the 1890s. The Burpee Seed Company marketed the seed in America in 1936.

During World War II, spaghetti squash grew in

popularity in the U.S. as a substitute for Italian pasta, which was in short supply. Spaghetti squash became popular during the 1960s among the hippie counterculture in California, where it was touted as a healthy, natural alternative to processed food. It eventually became mainstream.

The "spaghetti" name originates from the long, stringy appearance of its fibers. It can be used in any pasta recipe. My Italian husband and I prefer it to pasta. It has a pleasant, mild flavor. I like its warm, golden color and firm texture. It is currently a favorite winter squash for me.

How to spot the perfect spaghetti squash

Spaghetti Squash is a winter squash, but is available all year in most large supermarkets. When buying spaghetti squash, look for a hard, dense one that feels heavy with no soft spots or bruises. Also look for yellow color with no greenness. If green, it isn't yet ripe. Once cut, store in fridge, covered, for up to five days. One medium-size squash serves two.

A new variation of spaghetti squash is appearing now in local groceries:

orangetti squash. It was developed in Israel and is about half the size of the regular spaghetti squash. Though its orange color may be interesting, I prefer the yellow spaghetti squash for its flavor and texture. Plus, the new variety has a large, thick and hard inedible rind.

Technically, squash is a fruit. Botany declares any plant that produces seed(s) to be a fruit.

Health Value

Spaghetti squash has impressive health value.

It has only about 40 calories per cup versus 211 calories for angel hair pasta. Plus spaghetti squash is richer in protein and has less carbs than pasta.

Other nutritional benefits of spaghetti squash are:

(1) It protects the eyes and skin from cellular damage due to its vitamin A.

(2) It aids in wound healing due to high levels of vitamin C, which is important for collagen pro-

duction.

(3) It helps fight free radicals due to its antioxidant levels.

(4) It supports bone health because of its high calcium content.

(5) It helps lower inflammation as it has considerable amounts of omega-3 fatty acids.

(6) It promotes cardiovascular health due to its folate levels.

In the New Year ...

I intend to try roasting the squash. I might like this cooking method for its sweeter flavor since dry heat beautifully caramelizes natural sugars and zaps extra moisture for a more crunchy texture.

My adventuresome chefs, what new foods do you want to try in the New Year? Let me know by emailing me at marieshealthyfood@gmail.com.

To better health and happiness in 2019!

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Should you have a child's name on your deed?

Hi.

It's Rachel Wagoner again.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

OK. So here's a question for you.

Should you add one of your children's names to the deed to your home?

Both I and my law partner, Jerry Colen, get this question quite often. It is always part of the "I want to make it as easy as possible" for my child (or children) to get my property when I pass on. Many people want their children to avoid going through probate.

Some folks don't really know what probate is, but they are told it's something they must avoid.

Here's the thing. In Florida, your homestead is the single most protected asset you, or any Florida resident, can have.

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BUT...when you put someone else's name on YOUR deed, then if it's not their homestead, they don't have those same protections.

Look! There are way too many serious reasons why you should be cautious when considering adding someone name to your homestead. It's best if you just make an appointment and discuss all the issues with your attorney and see what she or he has to say.

It's one thing to add your children's names to your banking or brokerage accounts as pay-on-death beneficiaries.

It's quite another to add them to your homestead.



I was recently asked this question:

"Rachel, how often should I review my will or other estate planning documents?"

My thought is you should at least review them once a year. But here's what I mean by that. In many cases, it's my opinion that you don't need to meet with an attorney to do it. You just need to take out the documents and look at them and make sure they say what you want them to say.

If they do, put them away.

If you need to make changes, then make an appointment and sit down with your attorney.

At the same time, I was asked, "If I want to make some changes to my will, can I just sign an amendment to it?"

You can amend a will by using a codicil. Typically, I feel that a codicil should be used for a simple amendment, such as removing a beneficiary, changing a personal representative or changing the alternative personal representative.

However, it is important to keep in mind that if you use a codicil, then at the time of your passing, both the original will and the codicil must be filed.

On the other hand, if you make out a new will, then only that document would be filed and the person who was removed wouldn't necessarily know it.

I usually tell my clients not to worry about who does, or who doesn't, know what you did and thus, a codicil works well in most circumstance and it's less expensive.

However, if you have a lot of changes, then perhaps you should consider a new will.

The best thing to do, of course, is to discuss any changes with your attorney and learn what he or she recommends.

Here's my first "DOs and DON'Ts" for the new year.

Rachel's Don't: Don't respond to a message on your computer that says your computer is infected, or says that Chrome, Microsoft, Apple or IOS has spotted an attempt to take over your computer.

If you get a message like that, it's an attempt to scam you or it's some other kind of malicious attempt to steal from you.

If you are not sure, then take down all the information on that notice (it's frequently in bright red, so it can scare you). Then Google it and type the word SCAM after it and see what pops up.

Don't forget to run your anti-virus program once your computer is up and running.

Rachel's Do: Do keep your anti-virus system up-to-date. Do download any upgrades to it and do it as soon as you get a notice of an upgrade.

Rachel's Do: Do remember to check your bank and credit card account statements when you get them, so you can check for any charges that you may have not made.

If your accounts are set up online, then it's easy to check them every day. This is a must to-do nowadays.

Wishing you health and happiness.

- Rachel

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Aretha Franklin

One of the best-selling musical artists of all time

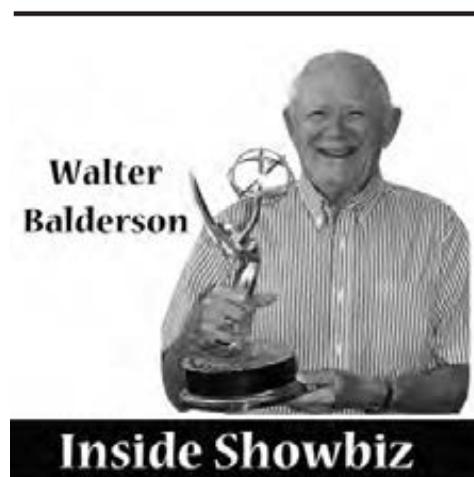
Aretha Franklin was known as "The Queen of Soul" and kept that title throughout her career.

She began singing southern gospel music in her father's church. At the age of 18, she embarked on a secular career, recording for Columbia Records.

Later switching to Atlantic Records, Aretha recorded a total of 112 charted singles, according to Billboard music research. She eventually became the most charted female artist in the chart's history with 73 top 100 songs. That record was broken in 2017.

Aretha won a total of 18 Grammy Awards and is one of the best-selling musical artists of all time, having sold more than 75 million records worldwide.

Aretha Louise Franklin was born



March 25, 1942, in Memphis. Her father was a minister and her mother was an accomplished piano player and singer.

Even though Aretha was a major success in secular music, she continued to sing gospel music on JVB Records. From her first album, two songs made the charts, "Never Grow Old" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

In 1980, after leaving Atlantic Records, Aretha signed with Clive Davis at Arista Records. The same year, she gave a command performance at Royal Albert Hall for Queen Elizabeth.

Aretha received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1979 and her voice was declared a natural resource in Michigan. She became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

According to music history author, Richie Unterberger, "Aretha is one of the

giants of soul music and indeed pop music as a whole." *

A section of Madison Street in Detroit has been renamed "Aretha Franklin Way."

She had four sons. One of them, Ted White Jr., is best known professionally as Teddy Richards, who still plays the guitar in his mother's band during live concerts.

Aretha died Aug. 16, 2018, in Detroit, surrounded by family and friends. She had a long battle with cancer and was under hospice care. She was 76.

* <https://www.allmusic.com/artist/aretha-franklin-mn0000927555/biography>

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Press Association staff returning to Paradise for January kick-off luncheon

The Press Association is kicking off the New Year with a little road trip to Paradise.

Well ... actually the Paradise Restaurant.

Once a year, members of the Press Association hold a monthly meeting at a restaurant which advertises in this newspaper.

On Thursday, Jan. 3, at 1:30 p.m., we will meet for lunch at the Paradise Restaurant on Main Street in Safety Harbor. We have reserved the back patio area for a private party.

Anyone associated with the Press Association over the past 12 months is welcome to join us. This includes writers, photographers, proofreaders and editors. You are paying your own way and may bring a guest.

It's our way of celebrating the end of a very busy year with early deadlines.

Now we will get ready to start our 51st year in the community.

Back in December, Pacini's Restaurant in Safety Harbor donated three gift certificates to the newspaper staff in appreciation for their great work.

Those gift certificates were given away in a random drawing at the monthly Press Association meeting. In return, the Press Association will purchase pizza from Pacini's when the staff holds its annual pizza party in April.



Press Association

We are keeping our fingers' crossed hoping to hold the pizza party at the new pavilion, but no date has been set for the new facility to open.

The January monthly staff meeting will take place prior to food being served.

Also at the December meeting, members of the Press Association voted to take part in the Irish Club parade for the second straight year. We now need people to pass out March newspapers or ride along for the fun of it.

Irish fedoras will be passed out to the first 10 members who arrive at the start of the parade route.

The parade is Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. along World Parkway Boulevard.

Next, newspaper editor Doug Kates



Press Association President Yvonne Courtney and Secretary Patrick Ellingham run the December monthly meeting for the club. Members discussed meeting at a local restaurant in January.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

gave a special "thank you" to photographer Mary Lou Wall, who has been extremely busy over the past few months. Before the year ended, Mary Lou covered the annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest on a Saturday morning, covered a New York-New Jersey fund-raiser on a Saturday night, covered an Aqua Aerobics Fashion Show on a Friday afternoon and

covered a Bingo Marathon on a Sunday afternoon.

"Mary Lou is photographing all these weekend events so I can sit home and enjoy my weekend," Doug said.

The next regular monthly meeting will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. March is our Appreciation Luncheon.

BOX OFFICE

Every club can now post a full picture page

By request, the On Top of the World Box Office Website has recently made a major change.

Now, every club, group or sport, which chooses to use its free page on the Web, will now have a picture page with five photos.

Previously, only the clubs, groups and sports who updated their page on a monthly basis was given permission to have a five-photo picture page. Now everyone has it. All you have to do is upload five photos to your page and change photos whenever your group wants to switch.

Your club, group or sport is in control of your Web page content. No one updates your page except your club, group or sport.

If your group wants to begin using your free Box Office page to update news, see Doug Kates in the newspaper office. Currently, the Press Association, Travel Club, Baby Boomers, Democratic Club, Lambda Club, Softball, Line Dancing and New York-New Jersey Club update every month. Others are close behind.

You can visit the Box Office to see upcoming events for On Top of the World clubs, plus you can see monthly and annual schedules for the Entertainment Committee.

Don't know what shows will be here in March? Check out the Box Office.

You'll also discover community maps, announcements for upcoming seminars, links to this newspaper, thinking games to keep your brain active and much more.

Visit the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. You will see a Box Office link.



Pictured above is the Travel Club picture page on the Box Office. Each club, group and sport in the community has the option to post a five-photo picture page on the Web.

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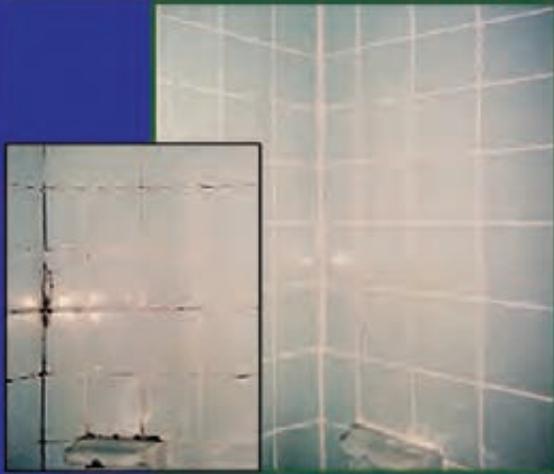
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In respect to northerners, Lambda plans 'winter' party with sandals, T-shirts, shorts and maybe a scarf or two

By Bruce Lovett

Lambda finished its ninth year with a bang.

This year we didn't have a table at the Entertainment Committee's New Year's Eve Bash because, quite frankly, we were too tired from all our other adventures and activities during the month.

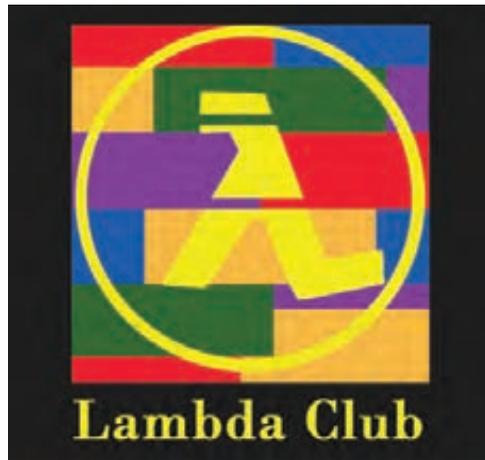
Aside from our weekly Sunday brunches, we had our annual Christmas Party/Gift Exchange on Dec. 14. As always, the dessert table brought out the holiday spirit in our members, but it was the pot luck surprises that really made heads turn.

Neither time, nor space, allows this reporter to go into too much detail, but if you want the whole story, check out one of our monthly socials yourself.

Lambda is a club for lesbian, gay, bi and transgender (LGBT) residents of On Top of the World, along with their friends and neighbors.

Should you want information on the club, you can call Dave Bevin at (727) 410-7566 or email us at: lambda@gmail.com. You can also check us out on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. You will find a link to our official Website.

Anyway, the December party was a blast. Everything from dishtowels to fruit cake changed hands and nobody went home disappointed.



On Dec. 23 we had our annual Christmas feast. Turkey and gravy was supplied by Santa while the side and desserts were supplied by our pot luck elves.

Again, I will spare you the details, but talk among the tables suggested dropping a few pounds as a popular New Year's resolution. So any talk of pork stuffing, sumptuous casseroles and sweet potato surprises would be torture right now because resolutions have already started.

If getting in shape is one of your resolutions, then you should make plans to play in the Lambda golf club. Mostly made up of beginners, our golfers have been meeting every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

So grab your clubs and be prepared for a fun time.



Last month, the Lambda Club set up a table for members to make a donation to Toys for Tots. Pictured above are some of the toys that were donated.

Our January social will be Friday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Kitchen/Craft Room. This month's theme is "winter" in Florida.

Wear shorts, T-shirts and sandals, and to pay homage to our freezing friends up north, throw on some ear muffs, a toque or a scarf.

Polar bear punch will be served at the bar as we all groove to some cool tunes.

And don't forget something fun for

the buffet table.

Two weeks and a day later on Saturday, Jan. 26, we will be hosting a game night in the EAC's Art Room at 7 p.m. So bring your competitive spirit or just come to chat and mingle.

For more information about the numerous Lambda activities this month, just check out our official Webpage: bit.ly/Lambda-this-week.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Experts from Fish & Wildlife Commission teach residents how to live with coyotes

By Doug Kates

When a coyote mount was on display during a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee seminar here in November, it wasn't surprising many residents wanted to pet the "cute" mammal's soft, fur coat.

But as soon as a resident sees a live coyote on the golf course, behind their condo, or walking down their street, the tendency is to get angry and defensive.

"Good!" said Fish and Wildlife representatives, who were here for the seminar.

Don't make the coyotes feel welcome.

Don't stare at them. Don't take pictures of them. And most of all, don't feed them - it is illegal.

Yell! Scream! Shout!

Blow a horn. Throw something in the coyote's direction. Use a can of bear spray if you have it and know how to properly use it!

But whatever you do, never make a coyote feel at home.

Wildlife Assistant Biologist Rhonda Douthett told residents "Coyotes are intelligent and they are here to stay."

They live and travel in packs. If one group is removed or leaves, it's almost guaranteed another pack will move in.

Especially if On Top of the World turns out to be a great place for them to live.

But if OTOW turns out to be a bad place to live, there is an outside chance the coyotes could leave our community on their own

How can we make our community an unwelcome place for coyotes?

Rhonda told residents to stop feeding wildlife - it is illegal. Stop leaving food out at night. Stop leaving your garbage outside of trash cans.

And most of all, stop leaving food out for the stray dog known as "Emma."

If the coyotes have food and aren't afraid of humans, then OTOW is a wonderful place for them to live and start a family.

Because coyotes feel unthreatened in our community, they will wander in daylight. Instead of hunting for a meal, they will go to the closest dumpster, or back porch, and look for an easy handout.

To put it simply, it is up to everyone



Above, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Public Information Officer Ashley Tyer talks to residents one-on-one about coyotes. Below, residents watch a presentation, which included facts and myths about coyotes.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

in the community to make coyotes feel unwelcome. If your neighbors are leaving food out at night, please tell them to stop. If other neighbors are not securing garbage bags inside garbage cans, please tell them to start doing so today.

Rhonda said coyotes should not be considered a threat to humans. In 46 years, prior to 2017, history shows there have only been two fatal coyote attacks in the North America.

She said, we see a bad dog, we walk the other way. We see a beehive, we know not to disturb it. Living with coyotes is no different. We just need to recognize they are wild animals.

If you see some fruit on the ground, pick it up and throw it away.

If you see a food wrapper in a parking lot, collect it and toss it.

If you walk your dog, keep it close to you on a short leash and never leave a pet out at night or unsupervised on a porch.

Approximately 150 residents attended this seminar and learned a lot. Now it's up to everyone else to take responsibility.



OTOW News



Pet of the Month



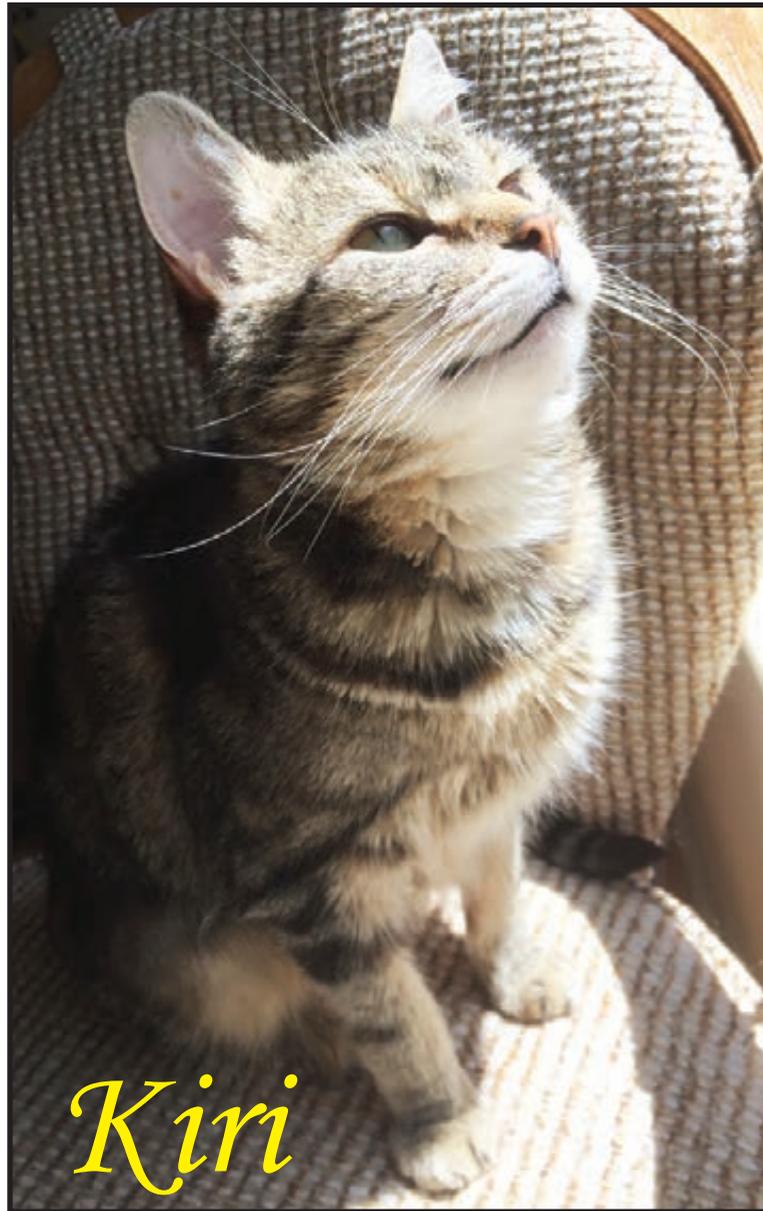
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Originally, a 5-year-old tuxedo cat name Dolly was chosen as this month's On Top of the World Pet of the Month, but she crossed the Rainbow Bridge before her big day in the OTOW community.

So taking Dolly's place for the honor is her "sister" Kiri, a lovable tabby.

Like Dolly, Kiri was a rescue kitty four years ago. She was found wandering homeless in the Pennsylvania snow.

Kiri was adopted by Cindy Stone and Kevin Reynolds of the Dorado Building.

Today, snowstorms are a thing of the past in Kiri's life. She loves the Florida sunshine and greeting neighbors from the front window.

Kiri has taken over the very spot Dolly said hello to neighbors for three years.

Please welcome
Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming
as our second sponsor for the
Pet of the Month contest.
Please stop by and tell Chris
"thank you" for jumping aboard!

Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced in the February newspaper. The winner receives a gift certificate from Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming and Barks & Bubbles Mobile Grooming, and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade in March.

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At left, Lilly Scheifen leads the holiday party in prayer.

At right, Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty visits with club members during the party.

Republican Club has bountiful holiday party and plans on trying open forums in 2019



Republican Club

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Our Republican Club Christmas Dinner Party for members was held on Dec. 11 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

At a previous meeting, we asked all members, if able, to bring a side dish. Our turnout was wonderful and the amount of food amazed us. It took

several tables to hold all the food that was brought.

While members arrived, we all took the time to meet new people. Christmas music was playing in the background.

Before eating, we pledged allegiance and Lilly Scheifen did a beautiful prayer for us.

We mingled for a long time and filled our plates with

new and filling food. It was a pleasant evening.

Before leaving, President Bea Pacelli announced that in January the club might have an open forum with a guest speaker to see if it gives members in the audience an opportunity to provide feedback.

If it works, the club may plan to move forward into the

new year with this format.

Please bring your questions so we can have a lively discussion. The guest speaker will be announced later.

Our next meeting will take place on Jan. 8 in the Sunrise Room at 7 p.m. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Thanks to all who attended the celebration.

New members welcome

Fixers Club annual meeting set for Jan. 8

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club would like to remind all On Top of the World residents about our upcoming annual meeting and membership enrollment.

The meeting will be held in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Crafts Room, (just behind the Good Karma Café) on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 9 a.m.

Our members will be brought up to date on any planned club changes, improvements and new equipment, as well as our financial position.

We also will be voting for, and inducting, new officers. This is very important. If any member is interested in running for office, please come and submit your name or nominate the name



of someone you would like to see serve.

Club members will have the final vote.

We will also be accepting new members, and collecting annual dues from existing members.

Membership dues are only \$25 per year. We are looking forward to seeing all our members and anyone interested in becoming a member.

Stamp Collectors group meeting on Jan. 16

By Jim Sundberg

Attention On Top of the World stamp collectors.

Come join the Stamp Collectors group on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 1:30–3:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We can talk about any of your summer acquisitions and stories since we last met in the spring of 2018.

Bring any important material from your collections to show and tell.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, give me a call at 847-951-2284.

Hope to see you in January.



Stamp Collectors

A few openings remain for inaugural chili cook-off

By Jim Bjorgo

As the Good Neighbors Association begins a new year, a new group of officers and board members will be starting their service to the On Top of the World community.

Many are familiar faces.

The new board welcomes all OTOW residents to participate in the events we have scheduled for the upcoming year.

Good Neighbors Association, along with other clubs, will continue to have an information table in the East Activity Center auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Our monthly Get Acquainted Coffee session will continue every second Thursday of each month. There will be coffee, donuts, information and entertainment. Club tables open at 8:30 a.m., free coffee and donuts begin serving at 9 a.m. The morning program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Good Neighbors Association is



working on many new events for 2019. The first will be a Chili Cook-Off set for Wednesday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m., in the EAC

Starlite Room and Art Room. As of press time, there was still room for 11 contestants who wish to showcase their Chili prowess. The entry fee is \$15 of which \$10 will go to the prize pot.

There will be two prizes. Tasters will vote for their favorite chili and a second award will be for best dressed table.

Anyone who wants to be a taster must purchase a ticket for \$3. You have to be a taster to judge. Due to space limitations, we can only have 80 judges. Please purchase your taster ticket at the Good Neighbors Association table on Monday or Thursday morning.

Our semi-annual clothing drive and our Flea Market/Craft Show will return

Our Easter Sunrise Service will also return and the Salvation Army Band will provide music.

Good Neighbors Association plans on participating in the Irish Club Parade in March and the 2019 Fall Festival and Expo in November.

As the year progresses, we hope to add some more new events.

New to Get Acquainted Coffee morning could be an "Artisan of Month" who will be chosen to display and sell artwork. More information regarding this special table will be reported in future newspapers. If you feel you have something to contribute to this special table, contact Maureen Bjorgo at our information table.

Good Neighbors Association will continue to have more fundraising events during the year, which will allow our club to help financially support some of the other various clubs here at OTOW. The more you participate in our events, the more funds we will be able to give back. Please keep us in mind when a fund-raiser takes place.

Good Neighbors Association would like to wish everyone at On Top of the World a most joyous, prosperous, healthy and safe new year!

Double Pinochle Group



The OTOW Sunday and Wednesday Double Pinochle Group is looking for new players. We meet 1-3 p.m. both days in the East Activity Center Small Card Room. If you are a resident and would like to join us, please attend. We do not teach, but if you know the game, jump right in.

Slimnastics holiday party



The On Top of the World Slimnastics Class held its Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 10, in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room. Members brought goodies to share and everyone enjoyed them. Of course they did! All the goodies were calorie-free! More than 40 ladies attended and it was a great social time. Slimnastics meets 9 a.m. weekday mornings in the EAC Exercise Room. Newcomers are always welcome. We work hard and make new friendships.

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Newcomers



Suzanne Hood of Tennessee



Doris Kazeck of California

Many newcomers join Theater Workshop cast for 2019 spring show 'The Best of Broadway Part 2'



Theater Workshop

Auditions are over.

The 2019 Theater Workshop show is cast and On Top of the World audiences can look forward to another stellar performance this spring.

Hot on the heels of last year's highly successful "Best of Broadway" tribute to musical theater, Theater Workshop will present "The Best of Broadway, Part 2."

This show will celebrate the individu-



Cast from the 2018 spring show perform a scene from 'The Best of Broadway.' The 2019 show will be a tribute to individual and song writing teams from 1904-2004.

als and song writing teams who created some of Broadway's most memorable musicals.

Director Laurie Fischer was very

pleased with the large number of auditioners and their considerable talents. In addition to regular club members, almost half of the people who tried out are new

to Theater Workshop.

"The auditioners were very receptive and excited to perform in this year's show," Laurie stated.

The vast majority of the music will be very familiar to OTOW audiences. Songs from shows like "Rent," "Spamalot," "Avenue Q" and "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" are just a few examples of songs that span 100 years of Broadway theater, from 1904 to 2004.

Based on last year's success, this production is bound to sell out early and fast. Stop by the Theater Workshop information table in the East Activity Center auditorium on either Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is a \$5 donation.

Interested in joining the Theater Workshop club? There are still plenty of opportunities to participate in the spring show, including working backstage, selling tickets, etc. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Canadian Club ends 2019 with a party and starts 2019 with trip to Tampa Bay Downs

By Laurie Fischer

Happy New Year to one and all!

The On Top of the World Canadian Club year is off to a great start!

On Saturday, Dec. 8, 68 Canadian Club members attended and participated in a holiday happy hour cabaret. There was a lot of camaraderie, holiday spirit, food and great participation by all. It was a very musical evening, which included a visit by Santa!

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Canadian Club held it's first major dinner-dance of the season. Our annual Christmas event attracted 164 Canadian Club members and guests.

Together, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas buffet, including turkey and ham with all the usual fixings.

Following dinner, we danced the evening away to the music of our DJ Ward.

Both of these events helped create a wonderful, warm holiday spirit among our members and guests.

The start of the new year brings with it more Canadian Club activities, including our Happy Hour Cabaret on Friday Jan. 4 at the West Activity Center and on Friday, Jan. 18, at our annual Day at the Races at



Tampa Bay Downs.

For information on our January events, and all other activities throughout the year, please visit the Canadian Club information table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Ask about opportunities to join this active and fun club, filled with people from around the world. Everyone is welcome to join and participate in all our events.

Additionally, we are seeking a coordinator to manage our annual golf tournament. If no one steps forward by Jan. 15, we will have to cancel this event. Please submit your name to Laurie Fischer, president at the following email address: LBF1954@gmail.com.

Here's to a wonderful 2019 together!



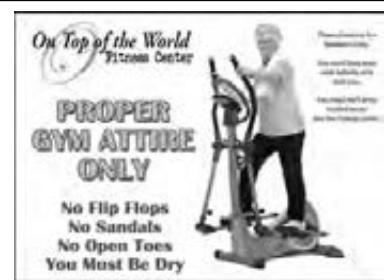
2019 Canadian Club President Laurie Fischer relaxes with Past Presidents Brenda and Rick McLauchlan during the club's Christmas Party in December.

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January, February and March filled with dinners, shows and concerts

By MaryAnn Fontaine

The Italian-American Club welcomes 2019 with a Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner on Jan. 23, 5 p.m. with music by Dino.

Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members.

Dino plays music to dance to or just for listening enjoyment. I am sure he will do some line dancing music. Haven't seen a dance without line dancing.

Please note, I have noticed in some flyers that the time listed for this dinner is 8 p.m. This is incorrect. The correct time is 5 p.m.

On Feb. 1 at 11 a.m., we are going to Tampa Bay Downs. Cost is \$24, which includes program and buffet lunch in club lounge where we have reserved seats to enjoy the races.

Money for betting is on your own.

Cut off day to purchase tickets is Jan. 20.

On Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium, our club will be serving sub sandwiches with a choice of ham and cheese, Italian or tuna.

Cost is \$7 for club members or \$9 for nonmembers. After dinner, we will have our version of "night at the races" which is always fun.

On Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. we are going to the Hudson Show Palace for "Cinderella." Tickets are limited and the cut-off date to purchase is Jan. 7. Cost is \$55, which includes buffet dinner and show.



Italian-American Club

Here are our upcoming shows for Ruth Eckerd Hall.

On Feb. 17 at 1 p.m., we will be going to see Golden Boys in concert. Cost is \$53.

On Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m., we will be going to see the Beach Boys in concert. Cost is \$55.

On March 1 at 8 p.m., tickets are available for Paul Anka. Cost is \$61.

We also have tickets for the Arts and Leisure Series at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

In February we will be attending "111



Italian-American Club members and guests enjoy dinner at the Hudson Show Palace prior to an evening show.

Years of Broadway" on Feb. 4, "Vienna Boys Choir" on Feb. 21 and "Country Legends Live From Nashville" on Feb. 24.

All shows are at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$17 each.

Remember all shows must be purchased a month in advance.

We will also go see Tom Jones at Ruth Eckerd Hall on May 10 at 8 p.m. Cost is \$80.

The Italian-American Club is currently looking for new people to join our

board as current members will be resigning in April.

We need some new people to come up with new ideas. Current board members will be glad to help in any way.

Please volunteer as it will be a shame to see the club discontinue.

Come to East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for more information or to inquire about our upcoming events.

Club members encouraged to run for office in 2019



Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

It was a dark and stormy night. Conversations filled the air.

What drew intrepid members and friends of the On Top of the World Democratic Club to the West Activity Center on Dec. 14?

It was a holiday potluck dinner.

They feasted on pulled pork sliders, chicken, ham and ravioli. There were salads galore, including Greek, Asian and bean. Yummy desserts even included ice cream.

There was a lucky door prize winner at every table. At one extra lucky table, each person held a winning ticket.

In short, a good time was had by all.

The holiday event took the place of our regular monthly meeting. Our next



Members and friends of the Democratic Club enjoy a potluck dinner for the holidays.

club meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10, which is our usual second Thursday of the month date. But we will be in a different location from our usual place. The meeting will be in the lower level of the East Activity Center in the Kitchen/Craft Room from 2-3:30 p.m.

At our Jan 10 meeting, we will be nominating club officers for the coming year. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact nominations chair Mac McGuire by email at MAC2340@gmail.com prior to the meeting.

We will also take nominations from the floor at the Jan. 10 meeting. If you are nominating someone other than your-

self, that person must have agreed to be nominated.

In order to be eligible to hold office, or to be a voting member, you must be a dues paid member. Nominated persons will speak to club members during the February meeting. Election of nominated officers will take place during the club meeting in March.

If you haven't already paid your \$12 membership dues for 2019, you can do so at the Jan. 10 meeting. Or you can send your check made out to OTOW Democratic Club to our treasurer Jack Starr at 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, FL., 33763.

Now is the time to join or renew your club membership for 2019. Our annual dues of \$12 are used to support club functions and Democratic candidates.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

The Box Office Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting.

Take in a Snowbirds Line Dance Club class and you may end up in a flash mob dance

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Line Dance Club is constantly looking for new line dances for their Wednesday morning classes.

The search started on a line dance cruise to the Bahamas with three famous choreographers. Four hours of line dancing each day gave over 50 hours of line dancing instruction.

A highlight of the cruise was a flash mob dance in a public area of the ship with more than 100 line dancers taking part, including Dolly Foland, Snowbirds Line Dance Club teacher.

After the cruise, Dolly traveled to Orlando and took part in the Florida Line Dance Classic. Twelve well known choreographers, including John Robinson, Rachael McEnaney White and Darren Bailey from Ireland taught 60 line dances.

"I'm Free" was the name of the flash mob dance on the cruise. Upon returning to On Top of the World, Dolly taught the dance in her class. Then the class danced it in the style of a flash mob.

Rather than being in straight lines, however, the dancers formed a random



pattern on the dance floor as they danced.

The line dancers are socially active and enjoy a variety of activities, including horse racing at Tampa Bay Downs, a dinner and a live play at Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in December.

Our next dinner theater is on Jan. 11.

Our mid-winter line dance party is on Jan. 27 and our Fly Away Party will be on March 24.

For additional information, contact Ed Foland (727) 417-3272.



Dolly Foland, teacher and co-president of Snowbirds Line Dancing Club, right, stands with choreographers on a recent line dance cruise. From left to right are Ira Weisburd of Florida, Rosie Multari from New Jersey and Raymond Sarlemijn from Norway.

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Boomers enjoy celebrating holidays with other Boomers



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

The Baby Boomers Club welcomed the holidays this year. Here are just a few of our spirited highlights.

On a recent Friday afternoon, Boomers were frolicking as our club's acoustic band played holiday tunes.

Yukes, guitars and voices were accompanied by creative acoustic instruments, proving it sure is fun to make holiday music with your friends!

Boomers then took a Victorian Christmas Stroll at the Henry B. Plant Museum. They saw more than 40,000 lights, vintage holiday fashions, antique toys and myriad unique ornaments.

Boomers also dined on delicious traditional holiday foods. Where did those cheery Boomers have a plentiful dinner? At Patty Aden's condo, of course!

Every holiday, Patty graciously opens her condo to all Boomers. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas day, hungry Baby Boomers descended on Patty's condo.

All Boomers are welcomed by Patty's gracious invitation and she never allows a Boomer to spend a holiday alone.

What generous gifts she gives



Patty Aden doesn't let any Baby Boomers Club member sit home alone during a holiday. Pictured above was Patty's condo recently as she filled her home with other Boomers for a recent holiday party.

throughout the year!

Boomers supported local fund raisers, too.

Boomers attended the Friends of Honeymoon Island holiday party.

And we plan to dance for the new year!

Boomers will joyously celebrate New Year's Day for a seventh year with their toes in the sand and sun on their faces. We will be on Clearwater Beach and ring in the new year with an attitude of gratitude for new and old friends.

Not familiar with the Baby Boomers

Club?

Our regular weekly events include beginning golf on Mondays, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. We mall walk on weekdays and bike on Friday mornings. These are just a few of our regular activities.

Upcoming events for 2019 include a cruise scheduled for November.

You need to be on the Baby Boomers emailing list for times, locations and special activities.

The Boomers are not an age group! We are a social group. We have no dues.

So, if you like biking, bird watching, dancing, festival attending, food sampling, golfing, jamming, kayaking, learning, movie going, mosaicking, parading, partying, volunteering, picnicking, socializing, sunset watching, or wine tasting, start your new year by checking us out!

Boomers don't join up - they join in. So, come join us on Jan. 2 and 24 in the East Activity Center Art Room. We have a quick discussion about upcoming events, followed by raucous laughter at a trip to a local restaurant.

A line dance instructor who will make you smile

By Christine Nason

Meet Leila Walker.

After retiring, Leila and her husband, Randy, moved to On Top of the World three years ago.

They have a son, a daughter and a step-granddaughter.

Leila is originally from Warrenton, Va. She enjoyed a 43 year career in education as a high school business education teacher, but primarily as an education administrator for the Baltimore County.

Leila has brought her teaching skills to line dancing and is now one of our treasured instructors. She will be seen at all line dance classes when she is not involved in extensive traveling.

Leila and Randy especially enjoy cruising. She is active and can often be seen taking a three-mile walk.

She is president of the early morning exercise group. She loves reading, journaling and adult coloring.

To experience Leila's wonderful, relaxed and patient line dance instruction,



please consider attending one of our many classes.

If you are an absolute beginner, try the 1 p.m., Tuesday session, or the 8:30 a.m., Saturday session.

Regular classes are held after the beginner class. All are held in the auditorium and Starlite Room of the East Activity Center.



Introducing one of our new Line Dance Club instructors, Leila Walker.

If you are an early riser, consider the 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be

seen on the OTOW Box Office, OTOW-TV and on Facebook. For more information contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Christine Nason at 727-366-0221.



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Project	2017	2018	Total
Lap Robes	378	338	716
Walker Caddies	176	85	261
Baby Hats	389	215	604
Scarves	54	75	129
Doula Sets	43	34	77
Baby Blankets	25	2	27
Hats	141	300	441
Shrugs/Shawls	7	22	29
Miscellaneous	30	88	118
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Pictured above are some of the hard-working knitters who have contributed to more than 2,400 projects over the past two years. Around the table, starting at left, are Charlotte Lindblom, Phyllis Butler, Anna Georgiadis, Pauline Segall, Theresa Mayne, Marie Orlando, Betty Ingham and Mary Crossen.

Knitting Club volunteers and your funding, have combined to create more than 2,400 free donations over past two years

By Cheryl Butcher

Members of the Knitting Group work diligently all year long to craft many different projects that the group sponsors.

Over the many, many years that the group has been meeting, and the many, many members that have helped over those years, a large number of items have been finished and passed on to nursing

homes, hospitals, orphanages, servicemen and a doula.

We recently looked back at our records for the past two years and totaled up our output.

In 2017 we finished 1,243 items and through mid-December in 2018 we finished 1,159.

We are grateful to all of our hard-

working members and to the residents of this community who support us with their yarn, material and cash donations.

And we know from the many kind words and thank you notes that we receive that the recipients deeply appreciate receiving these items.

We are always welcoming new hands to join us. If you knit or crochet, we would

love to have you join us in the Veranda Room of the East Activity Center every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of the Good Neighbors Association.

In late January, Lawn Bowling Club is hosting a party open to everyone

By Bob Laplante

A very happy New Year to one and all.

Actually, lawn bowlers are happiest when they are playing the game they love and playing with their friends at On Top of the World.

Each year, the Lawn Bowling Club hosts a fun party which is open to the community. This is a bring your own beverage event between 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31 at the East Activity Center.

Mark your calendar.

It is not unusual to have non-members come close to matching members in attendance.

This year's theme is Black and White, which means dress in black or white or a print with black and white.

Or be creative and surprise us.

The meal will be catered by Felice's Italian Deli and will include her famous appetizer table, paired with music by DJ

Lawn Bowl Club

Ward Hemond.

It should be a great evening.

Tickets are available for \$25 from members of the Lawn Bowls Club or by leaving your name and phone number on a request sheet at the Lawn Bowls Club. Tables of eight may be reserved at the time of purchase.

The club held its annual Holiday Bowl Tournament where festive dress is the order of the day. A lot of red and green was evident with bells and Christmas motifs.

Some went all out ... were those

Christmas jammies?

The bowling consisted of two games made up of randomly selected teams. Each team was balanced with talent, which resulted in close scores.

The eventual top four teams were the threesomes of Jerry Cotton, Mike Lenzi and Shirley Hunter (first place); Sandy Wall, Ian Hunter and Linda Middleton (second place) and Cathy Mills, Betty McWhirter; Tina Admunson (third place) and Art Allen, Wendy Colquhoun and Barb Lenzi (fourth place).

Tina is new to the On Top of the World community, as well as the game of lawn bowling. Placing in her first ever tournament was memorable.

Jacques Breton and Bob Laplante coordinated the play.

A full Christmas dinner was offered to bowlers and their guests with the whole spread from turkey and ham, to salad, to vegetables and dessert.

A special thanks to our social coordinator Jocelyne Laplante, who prepared the meal. Her able assistants were Nicole Prilletier and Marj Kells, who decorated and helped with the serving.

OTOW will be proud to hear that one of our residents and a member of the Lawn Bowls Club, Sandy Wall, is a member of Team USA, which represents the country in international games. She will perform such a role in the World Championship in Australia this coming year.

We can be very proud to claim Sandy as one of our own and will look forward to reports of her future events.

If you are interested in trying lawn bowling, come to the greens before 9:15 any morning. All that is required are shoes without heels or deep treads as these shoes leave gouges in the surface of the courts.

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Computer Club members know technology, and they also know feasting and dancing



More than 100 members of the On Top of the World Computer Club gathered in the East Activity Center auditorium in December for a holiday party and introduction of 2019 officers. The new officers are below, left to right, Joe Wisinski (president), Marvin Maziarz (secretary), Scott Mascitelli (vice president), Phil Green (vice president), Norma Knight (treasurer) and Roger Reynolds (vice president). (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

More than 100 On Top of the World Computer Club members and guests attended a holiday party in December.

The members and guests enjoyed a catered dinner, music, dancing and door prizes.

The club also installed its 2019 officers, including President Joe Wisinski, Vice President Scott Mascitelli, Vice President Roger Reynolds and Vice President Phil Green. Norma Knight was named treasurer and Marvin Maziarz secretary.

Club members recently learned about what to look for when buying new technology.

Buying a new computer, smart phone, or tablet is a significant expense, so club members discussed whether purchasing a new device is even necessary. Many fixes can be applied to older devices to help them work almost as if they were factory new.

For example, if a smart phone battery is failing to hold its charge throughout the day, a simple adjustment to screen brightness may increase battery life.

Members also learned how to clean up a device if its storage is getting full and how to increase speed in an older machine.

If a computer is running slowly, one solution is to run a program called Kerish Doctor, which helps kill viruses and spyware and resolve other system issues. The Computer Club provides a copy of Kerish Doctor to members at no charge.

Other topics included:

- What specifications should I look for in a new device?
- Should we only purchase new de-



vices, or are refurbished ones a good deal?

· Where is a good place to buy a new computer, smart phone, or tablet for the best price?

Anyone who lives at OTOW, whether or not they are Computer Club members, may come to the West Activity Center

Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, for free assistance with computer issues. Assistance with iPhones or iPads is available at the same time.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Sat-

urday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to our official Website, www.otowcc.com. You can also find us on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

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Chorus celebrates wonderful holiday concert and begins preparations for 50th annual spring event



Pictured above was the On Top of the World Chorus during its holiday concert in December. Pictured below are three of the newest members who were in the concert. From left to right are Pat Martel, Tim Beaver and Florence Wilcox.



By Ilene Bargerstock

Thank you from On Top of the World Chorus to all who attended our holiday concert in December!

A favorite part of our concert is the sing-a-long. Chorus members enjoy the enthusiasm of the audience, which was most clearly demonstrated in the singing of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Twelve chorus members stood in the aisles of the auditorium to demonstrate 12 special animations used for audience participation during the song. There was much laughter, especially at the "six geese a laying" segment of the song.

Can you picture a chorus singer, in a white sports coat, imitating a goose laying eggs?

Chorus members, who stood with the audience, agreed there were many good voices around us. We would love to welcome any and all of you who find joy in singing to come and be part of the Chorus family!

Three such persons sang with us for the first time in the holiday concert!

It's my pleasure to introduce Florence Wilcox, Pat Martel and Tim Beaver.

Florence moved from Holiday, Fl., to OTOW last August. She knew she would miss singing in her church choir, but when she read about Chorus in the OTOW News, she decided to give it a try. Florence loves to sing soprano and is enjoying new friendships.

Pat Martel is a Snowbird from Maine, coming to OTOW for the first time in January 2018. She hadn't sung in a choir



Chorus

since grade school, but has been singing alto from a church pew for many years. Pat says she is having a great time singing and making friends.

Tim Beaver has been wintering at OTOW for seven years and became year-round in September 2018. He was invited to Chorus by his neighbor, and Chorus member, Les Ermold. Tim sang in junior high school and in his college fraternity. He enjoys Chorus and is a welcome addition to the bass section.

Our spring concert will be very special in March. We will be celebrating our 50th year of harmonizing in this community!

You will be reading much more about this event in the next couple of months. Meanwhile, please save the dates of March 30 and 31.

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room and will continue there each Monday, 10-11 a.m. and Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.

Hoping to see some new faces and hear some new voices. We need you!

Wishing everyone a peaceful, happy new year!

Registration begins Jan. 22 for annual Jack and Jill Tournament

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League will host its annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. The rain date is Feb. 19.

The event will be held at On Top of the World's 18-Hole Golf Course and will include a luncheon and an opportunity to win a 50/50 drawing. Last year's winner of the drawing received more than \$200.

The event is an 18-hole shotgun start and scramble. An awards ceremony will follow. Last year's top five finishers were rewarded for their efforts from a prize pool of more than \$300. There will also

be prizes for closest to the pin.

Registration begins on Jan. 22, and continues Tuesday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the golf course's green house. Guests are allowed to participate if they have a valid OTOW Activity Card. Single golfers will be paired with other players. Registration fees are \$10 per person/\$20 per couple.

As a convenience for those interested in playing in the Jack & Jill, a registration form and additional information is available on line at otowladiesgolf.com under the tab labeled Jack & Jill Tournament.

Registration forms will also be available in mid-January at the golf course office and on Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the green house.

Tournament day check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 8:30 a.m. Prior to tournament day, pairings and hole assignments can be viewed under weekly schedule on the league Website or on the bulletin board at the golf course.

For more information, contact Sheila Meneilly at 727-723-9470. For additional information about registering, visit our Website, otowladiesgolf.com



Free Shredding - Jan. 29, 9-11 a.m. EAC main parking lot

Social dinner on Jan. 11 to feature Nathan's fully-loaded hot dogs



The New York-New Jersey Club has an information table available 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday in the East Activity Center auditorium. Pictured above are some of our volunteers answering questions at the table.

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of On Top of the World.

We are a social club with volunteer spirit.

We are made up of many volunteers. Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada.

Membership is still just \$5.

We greatly appreciate all of the volunteers who pitch in to make events affordable for our entire community.

Also, through the generous contributions of their time, our volunteers have allowed the club to make contributions to Kimberly Home, the St Patricks Day Parade and the OTOW Veterans Group.

The club also wants to thank the following organizations that participate in our events:

The Entertainment Committee, OTOW Line Dancers, Snowbirds Line Dance Club, the OTOW Theater Workshop, the Italian-American Club and the Good Neighbors Association.

Hopefully, with the help of these clubs, we can extend our event schedule into the summer.

For future events, tickets



New York - New Jersey Club

are available in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m.

Come join the festivities as the New York-New Jersey Club celebrates "Coney Island Night" on Jan. 11, 6-9 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Cost is \$ 9 for members and \$11 for non-members.

Each ticket is good for up to two Nathan hot dogs, with all the toppings (sauerkraut, onions, chile), plus corn on the cob, chips, soda, coffee and water.

We are happy to note fresh popcorn will also be served.

We are having a new entertainer perform at this event. Introducing, for your entertainment pleasure, the "Voice of an

Angel," originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. This will be a night of singing, dancing, laughs, fun and food. Coffee, water and ice will be available.

Next up is our "Strawberry Festival" on March 1, 2-5 p.m. in the EAC. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members

This is always one of our most popular events!

There will be strawberries, pound cake and mounds of whipped cream.

East Lake High School's premier group of "Madrigal Singers" will entertain us.

Madrigals, originated in Italy during the 1520s. In the madrigal, the composer attempted to express the emotion contained in each line of a celebrated poem..

Coffee and water will be served and ice will be available.

"Latin Night" will take place on April 2 from 6-9 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Felice's Italian Deli will be catering chicken fajitas with sour cream, cheese and salsa.

Also available will be pulled pork, beans and rice, and fruit for dessert.

Coffee and water will be served. Ice will be available. Cost is \$18 for members or \$20 for non-members

Didn't do enough shopping in December? Here's your chance to go with the Travel Club

By Tom Jamrozy

At the end of November, 33 Travel Club members went on the Plantation Adventure Boat Ride on the Crystal River.

We enjoyed the sights, including manatees and all the birds that are native to the area.

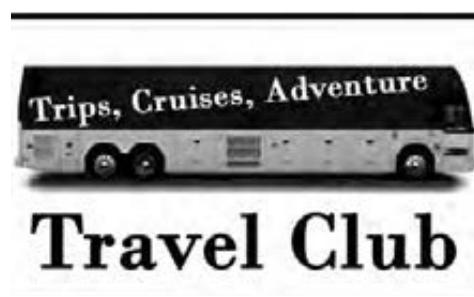
We were bundled up for the cold that day and enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Plantation Inn. We also stopped at a wine bar/brewery for some samples to sustain us until we returned to On Top of the World.

Our annual holiday party was held at Countryside Country Club in a lovely decorated room overlooking the golf course.

Dinner, dancing and raffles for gifts took place throughout the evening. There were 125 guests.

Everyone looked wonderful in holiday outfits and we had Terri Mikszenas install the officers for 2019.

Jacqui Dolan, Barb Jamrozy, Mary Skaarer and myself remained in office for an additional year. From the response of the guests, a great time was had by all.



We also had a Lunch Bunch at Tampa Bay Downs with 60 guests in attendance. Great time with buffet and betting.

Winning - not so much.

At our sales table on Monday and Thursday mornings, you will find Lunch Bunch information, as well as day trips/cruise information, for the remainder of winter.

We will be planning for future trips so if you have ideas, stop by and speak with a team member.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 4 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Our Lunch Bunch will be held at Abe's in Largo, and we will take a shopping trip to



A few Travel Club members gather at the Countryside Country Club for a holiday dinner. Most wore holiday attire.

(Photo taken by Eileen Nelson)

Ikea in January.

We also have a Caribbean Cruise at the end of January, so stop and see us if

you are interested.

You may also pay your 2019 dues at the sales tables and at the meeting.

NextDoor watchdog will be here Jan. 22 to show us positive side of this Website

By David Beaven

Are you online?

Many of us are.

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I recently was in Europe for five weeks. While there, I used my smart phone to call the U.S. for free via the internet.

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Life has certainly changed for many of us.

If you don't do computers, then in a way, I envy you. You're not spending hours a day, texting, tweeting, Facebooking, etc. You have time to exercise, chat with friends and just enjoy your day without having your phone constantly in your hand.

I'm sure you've seen everyone else glued to their phones as you blissfully walked through to the Karma Café for a cup of coffee.

For the rest of us, I think you will appreciate the Neighborhood Watch guest speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We are hosting Jim Gray, who is a lead from the popular Website NextDoor.com. He will conduct an open forum about this popular Website that connects people in neighborhoods. It operates across the country and was introduced in On Top of the World over a year ago.



Currently, more than 1500 of our residents are signed in as users on NextDoor. It has allowed many of us to share information on coyotes, stray dogs, items for sale, and crime/safety issues, which are of particular interest to our Neighborhood Watch group.

NextDoor is also a way of sharing opinions and personal views. Sometimes these exchanges online can get feisty. I'm sure you've seen that if you are on NextDoor and on other sites as well.

That's where a site monitor like Jim Gray is needed because he can step in and remind people of the site guidelines and bring things back in line.

So this forum should be very useful for us to hear from him about the ins and outs of NextDoor, which will allow us to get the most value out of the site while being respectful of our neighbors.

If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our official webpage at areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

We are also on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.



Neighborhood Watch volunteers Becky Balderson, left, and Denise Malfer, right, deliver new socks to a Beckett Lake representative.



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Introducing Sunday Meet and Greet - an old friend with a new name

By Marvin Flam

Happy New Year!

On Top of the World residents always welcome in a new year at a packed-house, New Year's Eve Party, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

2019 is no different.

The celebration goes into the wee hours of the morning. There is always great music by Flashback, lots of dancing, and champagne toasts at midnight.

Our clock counts down to midnight and everyone yells, "Happy New Year."

Welcome to 2019.

Your Entertainment Committee, which brought to you New Year's Eve, is excited about our plans for the new year.

There will be 11 shows and 11 free "Sunday Meet and Greets."

Yes. Sunday-In-The-Park has a new name, but the events are still free.

The Entertainment Committee held

a contest to rename Sunday-In-The-Park. The winning entry, "Sunday Meet and Greet," was submitted by Mike Albano, who won free tickets.

Your Entertainment Committee presents year-round entertainment in the East Activity Center auditorium. For 2019, however, there will be no summer shows.

Instead, for June, July and August we will have two dances and one Sunday Meet and Greet each month.

The lineup will feature many of OTOW's favorite entertainers, who have performed in Florida, Vegas, Branson, and on cruise ships.

In January, the Entertainment Committee will present a great lineup.

There will be two Thursday shows, one Saturday dance and one free Sunday Meet and Greet.

It will start on Thursday, Jan. 10, with a Bee Gees Tribute Show.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 19, our National Popcorn Day Dance will feature the music of Funk Circle Band.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, the free Sunday Meet and Greet will feature Tony Orifici.

On Thursday, Jan. 24, a Tribute to Ed Sullivan will feature multitalented impressionist George Trullinger.

Sunday Meet and Greet starts at 2 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. It gives you an opportunity to meet and greet your friends and neighbors, and enjoy a variety of entertainment. Free snacks and soda are provided and you can buy tickets for a chance to win cash or prizes in a raffle drawing.

All tickets and information for the Entertainment Committee's 2019 calendar, including New Year's Eve, are available in the auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

All show and dance tickets are for re-

served seating. All show tickets are \$15, all dance tickets are \$10, and all New Year's Eve tickets are \$30.

For 2019, ticket packages are available, but they're not discounted. The Entertainment Committee still provides free ice and coffee at all of its shows and dances.

To obtain up-to-date information regarding all 2019 events, call 727 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

You can also visit the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, or check on your community TV station, 98.1 or 732.

Check bulletin boards and this community newspaper.

The Entertainment Committee wishes you and your family a healthy and happy New Year! The fun continues in 2019 ... don't miss any of it!

Sequel Holiday Concert



During December's Sequel concert, one lucky On Top of the World resident, Mike Skezeley, was chosen to go on stage and was serenaded by two lovely singers. At right, Snoopy and Frosty joined the fun. Snoopy played bells and Frosty helped direct.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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PREVIEW OF FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEB 14- THURSDAY SHOW – NEW ODYSSEY GUY

FEB 16 - SATURDAY DANCE - VALENTINE DANCE-BUS STOP

FEB 17 – SUNDAY MEET & GREET- RALPH ROGERS - FREE – 2 PM

FEB 28 – THURSDAY SHOW – PAUL TANNER SHOW



We're never too old to turn double plays

By Bob Rittner

We welcome a new sponsor, Project Transform, a non-profit created by Jim and Beth Calvert to help people who need food, clothing, home repairs, transportation and the like.

Project Transform 16 2nd Time Sports 4

This was an odd game.

First, as we were short-handed, each team had to lend the other a fielder. This led to confusion as the loaned player often forgot what team he was on.

Second, in a league where the average combined total team runs scored per game is 15, one team scored 16.

Third, while most games end with no more than a three-run gap, this one was a rout.

What was not odd was Bill Lepping's brilliance. Not only did his unique ability to find open spaces lead to a triple and homer, he also fielded from the pitcher's mound flawlessly. He had to scoot back to spear a popup over his head with his back to the plate. He also caught a series of hard grounders to catch runners at first.

2nd Time Sports 9 Project Transform 9

Project Transform wiggled out of trouble with a record four double plays, including one on a brilliant grab of a liner

Softball

by shortstop Alex Scaranda, whose quick toss to second picked off the runner.

Hitting stars for 2nd Time Sports were Joe Incorvia, Joe DeChiaro and Eddie Ramirez, each with four hits. Rick Metzger's homer was a Project Transform highlight.

2nd Time Sports 11 Project Transform 9

Project Transform had a three-run rally to load the bases in the bottom of the ninth, but the rally fell short.

Joe Maley and Rick Metzger each had four hits for 2nd Time Sports, while Paul Fice celebrated his return with three hits and brilliant third base play.

For Project Transform, Joe DeChiaro was 5-for-5 with two doubles and played his typically outstanding shortstop. Bob Davison drove in two runs with a liner, bringing Project Transform close in the seventh inning.

Project Transform 8 2nd Time Sports 2

Occasionally a play is so thrilling, it induces exhilaration in onlookers.

No embellishment is needed to de-

scribe Allan Bendert's running, cross-body, backhanded, knee-high catch of a scorching liner to deep left. It now vies with Jim Tiano's spectacular grab last month to be forever designated as "The Catch."

While the catch is the lasting impression from this game, it should be noted that Jim Kemp returned with three solid hits and Lenny Segall homered and had his own back-to-the plate catch of a popup.

Project Transform 8 2nd Time Sports 5

Back-to-back home runs by Henry Zussman and Reggie Phelan in the fourth inning preceding a three-run fifth inning that gave 2nd Time Sports a two run lead.

But five unanswered runs in the last four innings gave Project Transform the victory.

Project Transform's hitting stars were Rick Metzger and Alex Scaranda (four hits each) and Lenny Segall with five hits, while Henry had four hits for 2nd Time Sports.

Wayne Pall played an impeccable first base and Roger Martel corralled two soaring fly balls in left.

Project Transform 10 2nd Time Sports 9

The double play may be the most bal-

letic moment in baseball. Lenny Segall, Guy Bertuzzi and Wayne Pall turned three of them in one day.

The clutch hit of the game was Rich Hillberry's perfectly placed grounder to the right side that drove in the winning run in the eighth inning.

Rick Metzger, Roger Martel and Bill Lepping had perfect four-hit days, with Rick homering as did Joe DeChiaro. Roger made a running catch in center to stymie a rally.

2nd Time Sports 9 Project Transform 9

Frigid temperatures could not dissuade our intrepid softballers from spirited play.

2nd Time Sports led by as much as five runs through four innings, but Project Transform rallied behind extra base hits by Bill Lepping and Henry Zussman to tie the score. Allan Bendert, Gary Anderson and Rick Champ each had four hits for Project Transform as did Wayne Pall for 2nd Time Sports.

Phil Goodwin played acrobatically at first, snaring many bounced throws, and Gary at shortstop made a spectacular catch and throw from deep in the hole.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970).

New players always welcome to join in

Thursday Golf League players observed Thanksgiving with a round of competitive golf

The work of our Golf Course Superintendent Todd Six and his staff has our course in great shape. Let's try and keep it that way.

Remember to repair ball marks and divots. Please don't put trash in the sand containers on the tees. Be careful where you drive your golf carts - avoid wet areas.

Let the staff know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Week three of our season also happened to be Thanksgiving Day. League members took the opportunity to work up a good appetite by playing a round of golf.

Bill Gambacurta took first place. Ron Reeves was second. Bill Higgins took third place and low gross. Harry Barbin, Ron Reeves, Bill Gambacurta and Fred Schick had one skin each.

Thursday Golf

Week four was a great day for scoring. Many golfers had excellent rounds. Paul Meyers took first place. CJ Messina was second and Bill Higgins was third. Bill also recorded the low gross round and took two skins. Paul Meyers, Scott Rogers and Harry Barbin had one skin each. The long drive winners were: Lynne Godfrey, Fred Schick, Sonny Morris and Scott Rogers. Paul Meyers was closest to the pin.

Dennis Telleck was the week five champion. Bruce MacPherson was sec-

ond and Dave Pittenger took third place. Bruce also recorded the low gross round. Edmund Molina and Bill Gambacurta took the only skins.

Our first team competition of the new season took place in week six. The team of Mike LaViolette and Gary Sandine were first. David Saccone and John Adkins won second. Bob Hunt and Edmund Molina took third. Scott Rogers and Bruce MacPherson finished fourth. The team of Hunt and Molina took three skins. The team of Olsen and Mahony took two skins. One skin each went to the teams of LaViolette and Sandine, Barbin and Young and Godfrey and Telleck.

For 26 weeks, league members play by a point system - our version of the PGA's Fedex Cup. The better you play, the more points you accumulate. The person with

the most points at the end of the season is league champion.

The current standings have Bill Higgins leading with 13 points. Bill Gambacurta, Len Howell, Paul Meyers, Bob Hunt and Mike LaViolette have 12 points. Ron Reeves and Bruce MacPherson follow with 10 points. Dennis Telleck and Gary Sandine have 9 and Lynne Godfrey has 8 points.

The league welcomes new members at any time. All OTOW residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

Players must sign in between 9-9:30 a.m. for the new season.

We play the course using the USGA Stableford format.



Ladies golf league donates \$563 to Caring and Sharing

By Pat Cassidy

The East Activity Center's kitchen area was very festive with red and white decorations for our Ladies 18-Hole Golf League Christmas Brunch on Dec. 5.

There were Christmas ornaments at every place and giveaway gifts for all.

The ornaments were donated to Jacqui Dolan by Pat Dalziel, who has moved back to Illinois.

Becky West and friends donated the little gifts given away. Everyone went home with a gift and a full stomach as the food was delicious.

Gwen Wyer was elected treasurer and sworn in by Pat Cassidy.

President Becky West reminded everyone that we need our slate of officers for next year in place by the February meeting. If you have any suggestions for vice president, please let her know.

Ladies 18 Golf

Terri Mikszenas collected \$463 from members and the league donated another \$100. All the proceeds will go to On Top of the World club, Caring and Sharing. Thanks to all.

We need a volunteer to coordinate our "Snowbird" picnic in the spring. It is always a fun event. If you can do it, give Becky a call.

Our 50th-year committee, Fran Zaloski, Gail DuCharme and Rosemary Sabatino, are shopping around and getting ideas to present to us for our approval.

As you approach the green, pay attention to the little white flag on the pin. If

it is low, it means the hole is in the front of the green. If it is mid-way, the hole is in the center of the green, and when it is high, the hole is at the far end of the green.

It was agreed that flight awards may be shortened to keep within available space of this article. This month, it is first place only.

For Nov. 20, Flight A winner was Verna Lundgren 62; Flight B Debbie Figaski 62; and Flight C Joy Ray 58.5.

On Nov. 27, Flight A champion was Nancy Lo 65; Flight B was Karen Beaver 68; and Flight C was Judith Weaver 71.

On Dec. 4, Flight A champion was Ursula Taylor 64; Flight B Jackie Dolan and Cindy Schell 63; and Flight C Joan Yorkery 65.

It was a little too chilly to golf on Dec. 11.



This is the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League's new treasurer Gwen Wyer.

Lester Whynot, Don Sorensen and Gary Sandine win A Flight tournaments

By David Cox

The On Top of the World 18-hole golf course is still looking good and pristine despite the winter months.

New flags have been put up on all the greens with a white flag representing front, middle and back-of-green hole locations.

Wild flower seeding has taken place.

Trees that were blown over from a recent storm have already been cleaned-up and removed.

For the winter months already here,

Men's Golf Association

the fairways and greens are in great shape. The Men's Golf Association hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Men's tournament results are as follows for recent weeks:

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, A Flight

first place winner was Lester Whynot and runner-up was David Cox. In B Flight, first place was Paul Farrell and runner up was Richard Folger. In C Flight, first place was Ronald Murray and runner up was Bill Gambacurta. In D Flight, first place was C.J. Messina and runner up was Les Gabel.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, A Flight winner was Don Sorensen and runner up was Steve Caffey. In B Flight, first place was Guy Bertuzzi and runner up was Paul Farrell. In C Flight, first place was Paul

Witonsky and runner up was Bill Robertson. In D Flight, winner was Chuck McAllister and runner up was Les Gabel.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, the A Flight winner was Gary Sandine and runner up was Rick Figaski. In B Flight, first place was Jack Sousa and runner up was Peter Rode. In C Flight, first place was John Taylor and runner up was Joseph Dowe. In D Flight, first place was Chuck McAllister and runner up was Les Meszaros.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, there was no golf play due to weather.

Ladies hold holiday party before preparing for Best Ball Tournament

By Penni Telleck

Did you see 24 swinging chicks at Bon Appetit having a merry time?

Who were these ladies?

They were from the On Top of the World 9-hole Ladies Golf League.

We celebrated our new and old friendships, as well as the holidays.

President Carroll Harris opened our holiday luncheon by expressing gratitude for the women responsible for putting the party together.

Thanks to Ann Stewart for organizing the event and baking cookies.

Then Carroll welcomed and introduced our newest golfers.

She also updated the golfers on important current events.

Gilda Gambacurta spoke next to remind golfers to participate in our food drive.

While we munched on dessert cook-

Ladies 9 Golf

ies, seven big red poinsettias were given away as door prizes. Other lucky golfers received gift certificates from local restaurants.

Tweet! Tweet! So sweet! And who had birdies last month? Shawn Welsch, Leora Hamm, Marjorie Olsen, Ginny Chilcote, and Cheryl Butcher did.

Congratulations, ladies.

Don't forget these important January dates. On Jan. 8 there will be a general meeting at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

On Jan. 15 we will have a shoot-out on hole No. 4 to see who can get closest



Members of the On Top of the World 9-Hole Ladies Golf League pose in front of Bon Appetit restaurant prior to their holiday party.

to the pin.

On Jan. 29 we are looking forward to a Best Ball Tournament with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Don't forget to bring your

50/50 money.

The 9-Hole Ladies Golf League wishes all our neighbors a very happy New Year.

Tickets on sale now for February show



Jesters

By Sue Calinski-McMillan

Happy New Year to everyone!

With the holidays almost behind us now, the Jesters are making their final push to get ready for showtime.

We are just about ready to make our annual presentation on the On Top of the World stage!

This is another one of those shows that you really don't want to miss. We will have plenty of dancing and music, as well as a great deal of comedy.

Remember, our motto is "Jest for fun," and this show is no exception!

If you don't have your tickets yet, be sure to get them soon! As always, tickets are only \$5 each. That is such a bargain for an evening of entertainment!

Make plans to come out and see your friends and neighbors performing in this year's show. Tickets are available from any of your Jesters' neighbors or friends, and



John Fier works on backdrop art that will be used in the Jesters' 2019 show 'Jesters at 40 - Lookin' Back, Lookin' Good.' Tickets are already on sale for the February event.

at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Jesters table.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Jesters' celebration of their 40th anniversary show!

"Jesters at 40: Lookin' Back, Lookin' Good" is shaping up to be a spectacular show, complete with glittering costumes, witty scripts and plenty of laughs!

We will present this year's show on Feb. 8, 9 and 10 with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

We hope to see you all there! Be ready to enjoy an evening of song, fun, and laughter with your friends!

On Dec. 12, the Jesters celebrated the holidays with a lovely catered dinner. Af-

ter dinner, we were entertained with lots of music and dancing provided by DJ Alice. All who attended had a wonderful time.

How nice it was to just socialize and not worry about rehearsing! Thank you to all of the Jesters who donated their time to make this event such a success! It was wonderful!



Aqua Aerobics



Water Aerobics celebrated another birthday for Lee Wiley on Dec. 3 at Ozona Blue. Elsie Jane Anderson, left, presents Lee with a cake. Elsie Jane also teaches water aerobics all winter long at the East Activity Center pool. Class is in session every Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m. and the pool is heated. If the temperature outside is above 60 degrees, class will be held. Everyone is welcome to join our group and it is always free!

Ten tips for staying young

1. Stick to the alphabet. Stop using numbers. Stop counting your age. Stop measuring your weight. Stop counting the inches you have shrunk. And stop counting the zeros in your medical bills.

2. Keep your cheerful friends. If they are all grumpy – find new friends.

3. Keep learning. Learn how to use a computer. Learn how to navigate the Internet. If you can't seem to remember things you learn, learn how to beat Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things in life. When you figure out what they are, write them down here _____.

5. Laugh often. Laugh out loud. Laugh for a long time. But when you discover you are out of breath, take a break.

6. There is only one person who will be with you your entire life – and that's you. There comes a time to grieve for loved ones we lose, but then it's time to move on. Be yourself. Endure.

7. Surround yourself with love. Fill your home with things that make you smile: Pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hob-

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

bies, alcohol ... a spouse.

8. Cherish your health. Preserve it. Don't take it for granted. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Visit a foreign country, a different state, a different county or just take a drive to the mall.

10. Tell someone today you love them. Remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the number of breaths you take away.



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Students thrilled to perform on our stage

For students at the Academie Da Vinci school in Dunedin, visiting On Top of the World was a rare chance to perform on an actual stage in front of a live audience.

Academie Da Vinci is a charter school for students from kindergarten through eighth grade. The school specializes in the arts and technology.

Students learn through an advanced curriculum and then are given the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned through projects and presentations.

Back in December, the arts were showcased on center stage.

More than 50 students helped On Top of the World ring in the holiday season with singing, dancing and musical instruments.

Most of the entertainment was Christmas songs or Broadway music.

Instructor Jenny Cox said, the school doesn't have a big stage or sound equipment, so it was a thrill for everyone to perform live on our stage.

In fact, as soon as the one hour performance was over, residents were already asking Jenny and instructor Anna Fazio when they would be coming back.

Maybe in the spring, they said.

If you missed the show in December,



make sure you attend the next one.

Academie Da Vinci was here as guests of the Good Neighbors Association, which puts on Get Acquainted Coffee the first Thursday of every month.

The morning begins at 8:30 a.m. with club ticket sales and information.

Free coffee and donuts are served beginning at 9 a.m.

Community announcements and vendor introductions take place next, followed by introduction of new residents and then the morning entertainment.

The next Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee will take place on Thursday, Jan. 10, in the East Activity Center auditorium. Entertainment for the meeting will be singer/musician Stan Swanson.

Good Neighbors will have new officers in place by the time the next Get Acquainted Coffee takes place. For a related story, see page 28 in this newspaper.

Students from the Academie Da Vinci school in Dunedin entertained residents during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in December. Students from three grade levels sang, played instruments and danced for us.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



Learn about these new OTOW neighbors

What a great way to begin 2019. It's my pleasure to introduce two of our new Loch Lomond neighbors.

Nelly and Miguel Perez hail from Buenos Aires, Argentina, by way of 25 years in the Worcester-Auburn, Mass., area. They learned about On Top of the World from friends who live in the Bohemian building across the street.

It only took them one January visit a few years ago for them to decide to move here, and aren't we lucky to have them? In Worcester, Miguel worked for Goya food distributors — you know, the company that offers those crispy crunchy Palmeritas and Guava Jelly.

Now, as they get settled, he spends time puttering around the condo, doing small fix-ups, renovating the patio and just enjoying retirement.

I also met Lori Palumbo the other day. She moved here from Tampa, where



she worked for the Department of Transportation for 30 years.

Her parents have lived at OTOW for a few years, so when retirement rolled around, Lori opted for the quiet and slow pace of our community.

Having joined the Baby Boomers

Club, however, she enjoys making her own kind of "noise" with her guitar.

Lori's son is in the Army currently stationed in Japan. Her daughter lives in Colorado.

When you see Patti Branch and Glen and Susie Rasmussen, please remember to thank them for our Christmas decorations.

We are in our "minimalist mode" this year, as last, but even a little décor goes a long way.

Have you checked out the bulletin board for ways to say Happy New Year in many more languages? Feliz año nuevo, Spanish; Bonne année, French; Frohes neues Jahr, German; ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος, Greek; felice anno nuovo, Italian; bliain nua sásta, Irish; szczęśliwego Nowego Roku, Polish.

In the meantime, let's hope and pray for a great 2019.

A Note For Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law.

Always clean up while walking your dog.

Be sure to keep your dog hydrated.

Check out OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF AND VOLUNTERS OF THE OTOW NEWS

Three important upcoming dates

Brought to you by your Community Service Office

January 16, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
East Activity Center Art Room
"Getting and Staying Motivated/Making Change Happen"
 Change is possible at any age.

January 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
East Activity Center North Parking Lot
The Big Red Bus
 Volunteers will be taking blood donations, providing a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Plus, you will receive a long sleeve T- shirt to keep you warm this winter. Please preregister at the Community Service Office front desk.

January 29, 9-11 a.m.
East Activity Center Auditorium
Tax Identity Theft
 It is very important for consumers to be aware of how they can prevent becoming a victim of tax identity theft. This presentation is brought to you by the Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Internal Revenue Service. Stevens & Stevens Shredding Services will also be on site to provide a free shred service from 9-11 a.m. at the East Activity Center parking lot off of World Parkway. Registration will be required.

January 24

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 Reference "Big Red Bus." Please register by Friday, Jan 22.
 Reference "Tax Identity Theft Seminar." Please register by January 25.



These Orizaba residents pose for a group shot at a local Cracker Barrel Restaurant, where they recently dined.

Say hello to Orizaba's new building reporter, take two

Yet another new Orizaba reporter? Wait... this doesn't look like the new Orizaba reporter profiled in the December 2018 issue of On Top of the World News. And it isn't!

Notice the name change from Keith Elder to Rachel Stone. You see, Keith was welcomed last month as Orizaba's Building Captain, with reporter being just one of his many responsibilities.

As a wise "Elder," Captain Keith decided to delegate the part of the job he'd rather not do: Reporter! I don't know how he figured out it should be me, Rachel Stone. All I know is that at his introductory meeting, he looked at me and asked "Are you a writer?"

Amazing. We'd never met before. How could he possibly know that I was an advertising copywriter and marketing communications specialist for most of my working career?

Or that I was also a performing songwriter especially adept at crafting clever lyrics?

Whatever psychic powers prompted Keith to ask me that question, my answering "Yes" immediately got me drafted as the reporter for Building 80, also known as the Orizaba (named for a Mexican volcano). But don't expect to read anything earth-shatteringly volcanic. Remember, this



newspaper only prints "good news."

My husband, Bill Rothfarb, and I moved here in June, 2016, from New York City, after visiting a long-time friend who lives at OTOW. It's all his fault that we're here.

During our visit, he convinced us to look at some apartments. Well, when we saw this unit right next door to the West Activity Center with pool and hot tub, we were hooked.

Closing was in two months, so we raced back to New York, tried to unload as many possessions as possible, and moved down here lock, stock and barrel. Yes, we still have a lot of stuff to unload! Any volunteers to help...?



A look back at the OTOW News January, 1994

- **IBM Computer User Group:** Weekly meetings continue Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the East Activity Center. We are pleased to welcome new members. Let us know what areas you are interested in. Ask for a General Information Sheet if you haven't received one. We are working on Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and trying to set up a system similar to that of the Pinellas Group.
- **Good Neighbors:** President Al Ackermann graciously welcomed 175 volunteers and their friends to a holiday luncheon. Traditional red and green decorations, including Christmas poinsettias, adorned the tables. At each place there were dainty little red and green baskets filled with candy. Party favors were also provided.
- **Am-Pol Club:** Our last month's Christmas party, which was held in the seasonably-decorated Sunrise Room, was thoroughly enjoyed by a sizable group, all decked out in finery suitable to the occasion. After the turkey/ham, stuffing/raisin sauce servings were disposed of, the entertainment carried well into the evening. There was Yuletide music, lively old-country Polka dancing, and a sparkling comedy presentation. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1994, back in our regular spot, the card room/kitchen annex.
- **Canadian Club:** We were happy at the large turnout at the season's first meeting. On Top of the World has been advertised as "A Community of Active Seniors" and the Canadian Club is a glowing example of that. We have a program of five social events in six weeks, plus the Thursday Games Nights and more.
- **Victorian Building:** Our Christmas party was a great way to wind up the year with so many who came to join the festivities. We had an excellent dinner at the Brown Derby. Our building captain, Betty Hood (with some help from others), made all the arrangements for this very congenial party. Sara Church donated a number of gifts, which made everyone a winner.
- **Hawaiian Towers:** Jeff and Yoko Friend and their grandsons spent Christmas holidays with Sylvia Friend. They are from Miami and enjoyed their visit here. Joe and Eileen Clark enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday in Key West. Coke Apple and her sister, Jean McCue from the Viennese Villa building, took a bus trip to Branson and enjoyed seven Christmas shows while there. They even saw a few snowflakes!

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Many believe this is 'the most beautiful time of the year'

At Rila Renaissance, we do our best to make our building as beautiful as we can during the holiday season.

So we put out a call for all of the volunteers we can get, and again this year we invited the building grandchildren that live in the area to help us decorate. Last year their enthusiasm was catching so they were invited to participate again this year.

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we gathered for our annual building meeting, and then the festivities began. The adults hung the exterior garland and lighting and the wreaths in the main core area. We turned the children loose to trim all of the trees.

Christmas is a time for children and their laughter and excitement was contagious. All of us got in the spirit of the season. We want to thank all of the children who participated. They did a wonderful job on the trees; see the picture attached of the tree in the main core.

Gerri Jaeger, our building captain, would like to give a big thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped out with building affairs during this past year and has asked me to pass along some notification



of upcoming events for the building.

We will be taking down our building decorations on Jan. 5, and volunteers would again be appreciated. If you can make it, check in with Gerri.

Also in January, we will be collecting the building dues necessary to fund our building events and needs, so be prepared with your \$5 contribution when a volunteer comes knocking.

We would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge all of the residents in this building who consistently



Young children such as these are invited each year to help decorate Rila Renaissance.

go out of their way to assist their building neighbors. It is especially appropriate that we remember you at this time of the year. You are who makes our building so special

and so nice to spend "the good life" in. May our building residents and all of our On Top of the World neighbors have a happy and healthy 2019.

Holidays celebrated in many ways at New World French

Busy time of the year, lots of parties and get-togethers in the New World French building.

A group of volunteers decorated the building and installed a lovely Christmas tree in the core. Lots of the units were decorated with pretty lights.

The Christmas party for the building was held at Alfano's on Dec. 8, with 48 people in attendance. We had several games: bingo, trivia, and pass the parcel.

The table decorations were done by Danielle Shaffer and Reta Carney. A wonderful job. Deborah Androvette and Diana Bendert organized the games with help from the husbands. Virginia Upton is the lead organizer for the party; she did a super job with help from the wing angels.

Bryan and Danielle Shaffer hosted a Christmas party for their neighbors on Dec. 15

Virginia Upton took a recent trip to San Antonio, Texas, to visit her daughter.



Pat Volheim visited her younger sister in Denver. She had not seen her in four years. She also got to see all the family (also saw some snowcapped mountains).

Pat Cullen Davis, (myself) with friends from England, took a trip to Amelia Island, Savannah, Ga., and Cocoa Beach.

We took the trolley ride of Savannah, and the next day went back to see the



Members of Ronald Huber's family visited him recently, as they try to do each year.

inside of the lovely cathedral there, and was surprised to see a snow scene, the trees and bushes all sprayed, the road covered in white padding. It looked so pretty, although we could not get in the cathedral. We were told there was a crew inside making a new version of "The Lady and the Tramp." There were even old cars on the road

making it look very authentic. Family members of Ronald Huber visited recently. They try to get together every year. Deborah Androvette loves to cruise. She works hard all year and takes several cruises a year to relax. She has just returned from a cruise to Key West and Cozumel.

IRISH CLUB

Parade Meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Tuesday, Jan. 22, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Tuesday, Feb. 5, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Tuesday, Feb. 19, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Tuesday, March 5, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Friday, March 8, 3:15, Starlite Room
 Saturday, March 9, 10 am, Actual Parade
 Tuesday, March 12 (Suggest an improvement)

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New year to kick off with meeting and core party

We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season.

We want to thank everyone who helped with the holiday decorations. The tree was beautiful and the Noel sign was bright.

Many residents decorated their condos and it made the Siboney building look so colorful.

This year the holiday party was held at the Family Restaurant in Largo. Twenty residents attended.

I hope everyone took the time to watch the On Top of the World TV channel 732 on Dec. 7 and 8, when news editor Doug Kates presented the wonderful tribute show to Doris Atkins, Maxine Sutcliffe's mother.

The show was fabulous. It was directed by Maxine Sutcliffe and Susan Carlson. Great job ladies. The talent was made up of people who had performed with Doris. My favorite was hearing Mike Kaplan sing "Unforgettable." Mike left OTOW a few years ago to reside in Largo.



The Jesters show is coming along great — this year it will be a 40-year anniversary show, "Looking Back, Looking Good." Show dates are Feb. 8, 9 and 10. Connie Ballard and I will be selling tickets at \$5 each.

Our first building meeting for 2019 will be Jan. 23. Our core party will be on Jan. 27. Please attend.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2019.

Let's all work together to keep our building clean

Hello to everyone at Hawaiian Towers. It is the beginning of the New Year, so let's get started with a few housekeeping reminders.

The residents in our building need to do their part in keeping the building a little bit more tidy. An On Top of the World crew cleans our building, but only on Tuesdays — the rest is up to us.

Don't forget, when your pet makes a mess in the elevator or hall, the owner needs to clean it up.

Don't stand at the trash door and throw your trash in. When you recycle, please put the items into the green can. Do not put recyclable items in plastic bags and then into the green can.

It is the residents' job to get rid of any items related to construction, such as carpet, appliances, building materials and any other items of this type.



If everyone would do their part to keep the building clean, then nobody would have anything to complain about.

Anyone interested in relating a story about something good or happy in their life, please see me and we will go over the rules and guidelines.

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All around OTOW, the decorations were awesome

Please thank John and Ellen Fier for decorating the entrance to the north side of our building.

I saw John up the ladder installing the lights and the wreath on the circular area, while Ellen held the ladder for his safety. They also installed the lights around the entrance. We thank you for seeing that the north side of the Espana had some decorations for Christmas.

I saw that the south side of our building had, a wreath but I do not know who climbed the ladder to hang it. Whoever you are, thank you.

Incidentally, on each side of the north entrance, the Fiers and the Osbornes had fantastic decorations.

The lobby looked great this year. Did you notice some of the new decorations? Santa did a fantastic job.

I drove around all the buildings on the west side of OTOW and enjoyed all the building decorations as well as the personal decorations. If you haven't done this already, it is worth doing.

I feel I should let you all know that several times a day a coyote is visiting us. He is apparently living in the woods behind



Malaguena. He enjoys sitting under the No Parking sign at the cul-de-sac on Philippine. He sits and looks at the lake. Last night he walked around our back yard. Please be careful and watch out for him. I haven't seen him run, but it is possible.

Well the weather has changed (again) and we have changed our shorts to our sweats. It may be cold to us Floridians, but remember we are not shoveling snow. Of course, Snowbirds don't think it is cold.

I can't believe that it is now 2019. Let's all have a happy, healthy New Year.

**ON THE AIR: OTOW-TV Channels
98.1 and 732**

Decorating, holiday lunch are highlights

November and December are known to be the busiest months of the year. I hope everyone took time out of their busy schedules for a little rest.

In December we decorated the building and had our annual holiday party. Thank you to the individuals who helped decorate the building. We had the party at Island Way Grill. Great times were had by 25 of us, with good food and fun in abundance.

I thought I would share this story of the legend of the candy cane:

It is widely believed that the candy, which earlier was straight as a stick, was given its distinctive J-shape by a German choirmaster. It is said that during service one evening, the children were being very loud and noisy and not paying any attention to the choirmaster.

To keep them quiet and still for the



Nativity ceremony, he gave them a long, white, sugar candy stick. Since giving chocolates and candies at church was considered sacrilegious, he bent these sticks at one end to make them look like a shepherd's staff and thus attached a

religious significance to them.

In Christianity, Jesus is regarded as the Good Shepherd and so, the staff is considered to be a sacred symbol. The Staff also represents the shepherds who came to visit the infant Jesus.

The candy cane became popular when, in 1847, a German-Swedish immigrant in Wooster, Ohio, decided to string candy canes on his Christmas tree as decorations. The idea soon caught on and became quite a fashion in no time. By 1900, candy canes, which were earlier only white, now came in red stripes, with peppermint and cinnamon flavoring.

Candy canes became a much sought-after Christmas decoration item as the "hook" in the candy makes it easier to hang them on the Yule tree, and the unique shape and colors made them an eye-catching attraction.

Bible Study Club

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

The club meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

LOOK FOR PEDESTRIANS

Before you turn onto Belcher Road, make sure no one is in the crosswalk.

Pedestrians have the right of way.



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, Jan. 17 & 18, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room

Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by Jan. 11.

Note: Class size is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

Your name: _____

Date of birth: _____

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You must bring a check for \$20 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.



Thirty-five American Gothic residents attended a fun-filled holiday party at the Island Way Grill. New neighbors were met and old friendships renewed. (Photo by Vicki Cicia)

Good will, sharing and joy abound at American Gothic

Look, neighbors, those twinkling lights are still everywhere at On Top of the World. They seem to radiate good will and happiness to all.

Here at American Gothic, we believe the holidays are a great time to strengthen ties with our neighbors. Nothing says happy holidays like sharing a fruit cake or cheese log with your neighbors.

This holiday season, neighbors reinforced our friendships at AG in many ways: Neighbors joined to trim our holiday tree. Neighbors decorated their windows. Neighbors' windows sparkled and twinkled each night.

Neighbors joined for a holiday feast at the Island Way Grill. Here we met new neighbors and enjoyed old friends.

Neighbors of American Gothic know the holidays are here only once a year. We are hoping you did lots that made you smile. We sure did!

In other news, Joe Borowczyk, American Gothic's building coordinator, chaired our annual building meeting.

He opened the meeting by opening large boxes of pizza. This is an AG tradition.



Eyum! We ate plain, cheese, pepperoni and cheese, sausage and cheese, meatball and cheese, and a white spinach pie.

After pizza, Jim Crawford, our treasurer, gave a brief report on our finances and distributed that information.

Removal of the decorations will be Saturday, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m.

The annual cleanout of storage rooms will take place Saturday, March 2.

Please watch the bulletin board for future events.

See you around, neighbors.



Englander residents take a moment for their annual photo amid celebration of the holiday season.

Residents are ready for January and all its events

Hope you are all preparing to enjoy the New Year and blessings of the season.

It's time for the New Year's resolutions, the diets, the new exercise regimes, de-cluttering and closet cleaning.

Of course, it's also January, so it's time for tailgate parties, Super Bowl parties and the usual dissolving of the resolutions, diets and exercise regimes — not to mention all those after-Christmas sales that seem to fill up closets once again. It's just a vicious cycle, isn't it?

Twenty of us enjoyed getting together at Alfano's Restaurant in Clearwater for our Christmas dinner. The food, the festivities and the company got us all into the holiday spirit and joy of the season, and made it possible for everyone to catch up on each other's holiday plans and activities and lives.

Our lucky winners this year for various gift cards were Chickie Brophy, Tony Longobardi, Susan Marchand,



Marc and Cindy Schell and Nick and Mary Spinos.

This year, two guests joined our group. Tony Longobardi brought his friend, Evida Drake, to our gathering. Carla Kimmel was quite proud to introduce us to her charming grandson who was in town from Denver.

As we close out this year and look forward to the next, we count our blessings and wish you all a happy, healthy and laughter-filled New Year.

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Here's a rundown of a few future Brahman events

Thanks to Gloria Sayer for arranging the holiday dinner for the Brahman Building. We dined at Island Way Grill to celebrate the holiday. At least 23 people attended, both new neighbors and existing ones.

Please note our building will be having more functions after the holidays end. Please keep an eye on the bulletin board for further information. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

There will be sign-up sheets for any event. Also, if you are interested in sponsoring an event, please let us know and we will help you put it together.

We will have our annual building meeting and coffee in January. Date and time will be posted on the bulletin board.

There will also be a ladies luncheon during the same month, date to be determined. In February we plan to have



a pizza party, and in March, weather permitting, an outside barbecue.

Dates and times will be posted closer to the events.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy and healthy New Year.



The Brahman Building Christmas party was held at Island Way Grill. Attendees enjoyed good food, great conversation and plenty of fun. December birthdays were also celebrated. (Photo by Gloria Sayer)

Emerald Isle party draws 30 hungry attendees

The Emerald Isle welcomed in the holidays with its annual holiday celebration Dec. 4 at the Dunedin Country Club.

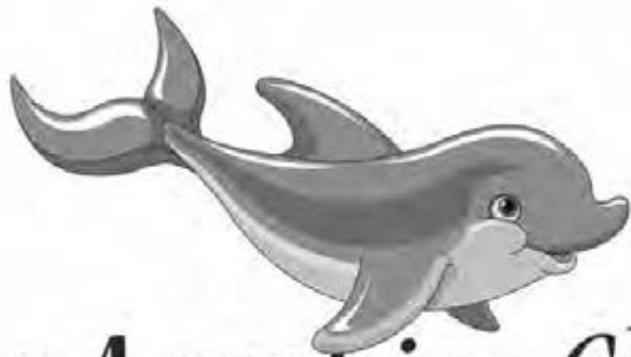
Neighbors and friends alike enjoyed appetizers, a very special dinner, and dessert in a cozy, festive atmosphere. There was a drawing for door prizes, which included several gift cards and small gifts.

The event was planned by our building captain, Cheryl Butcher and treasurer, Marge Gipperich. There were 30 guests in attendance, and the evening was a complete success.



This delicious cake welcomed Emerald Isle attendees to the building holiday party held Dec. 4 at the Dunedin Country Club. (Photo by Tom Butcher)

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New reporters eager to contribute Dorado stories

With so many things to do at On Top Of the World and the events in and around our area, it's been a challenge to fit everything in.

Some of the highlights this month for our residents were Lights of Lake Park, a charitable event that supports Suncoast Hospice, our own Carol Jo Brennemen's Christmas Village Open House, and being entertained by the Largo High School Madrigal Singers (dressed in full costumes of 16th and 17th century).

Our building core looks very festive, thanks to residents volunteering their time and effort.

We are exploring new ideas for 2019. We want you to join us. Look for the sign-up notice posted on the core bulletin board to join the Dorado decorating committee.

Everyone in our building sends a big thank you to Cheryl Milner for organizing our luncheons every month. They are a great way to meet your neighbors and all are welcome (especially newcomers).

Our group gatherings are growing. This month we had about 20 people attend at the Rodie's Restaurant and Pancake House. We had wonderful time.

Thanks to Carl Meyer, "A Dorado Day at the Racetrack" is planned at the



Tampa Bay Downs. A buffet lunch in their clubhouse is included in the price of the ticket. Payment is needed by Jan. 2. More information is available on the core bulletin board.

Ann Brown and yours truly (Edwina Schick) are the new contributing writers to the On Top Of the World News. Our goal is to share stories, pictures, and events of the Dorado Building so our neighbors get to know each other better. We welcome your input.

Wishing you and yours a healthy, safe, and wonderful New Year,



Shown here are some of the building volunteers who helped decorate the Dorado core for the holidays. Volunteers are always needed to assist the building in various ways.

Granada's annual Tampa Bay Downs outing set for April

Another year has come and gone and I am always surprised by how fast time flies as we get older.

We had a Granada decorating party for the holidays with a great team of helpers. Coffee and donuts as always were served.

We had our annual holiday lunch at Alfonso's with a great turnout.

I would also like to thank Arlene Berger for her many years of dedication and service as the Granada Building writer. She has decided to retire and enjoy all the things that she is active with.

Arlene enjoys taking OLLI classes and setting up our annual Tampa Bay Downs outing. Note that the day of this event has been changed to April 7, 2019.

Arlene told me the Clearwater Free Clinic is looking for volunteers, so if you are looking for something satisfying to do with your time, check it out.

Looking into 2019, we have our



building luncheon scheduled for Jan. 21 at the E & E Stakeout Grill at noon. Please check the sign-up sheet.

Our "gathering on the green" social hour will be held on Jan. 31.

As always, we look forward to what is in store as we begin a New Year and we at the Granada Building wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.



The Granada Building held its holiday get-together at Alfonso's Restaurant. Each table was decorated with a small Christmas tree.

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Viking volunteers once again do superb decorating job

The holiday spirit came early for the residents of Viking this year, putting up Christmas decorations and planning our Christmas holiday luncheon.

Building coordinator Pat Drake and Brenda Shapiro led the usual suspects in the decorations. Overall, we had a good crew. Joanna and Gene Barckhoff, Ilene and Rod Bargerstock, Laura O'Connor, Pat Ellingham, Morry Seiden, Pat Barabino, and Hart Kraimer enthusiastically plied their skills to the effort.

A few days later, Hart Kraimer did his annual job of putting up our Christmas tree and decorating our lobby. He also put some decorations in the hallways on the second and third floors.

The highlight of our season is the Christmas holiday luncheon, which was held this year at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. Thanks to Deena Valdez for arranging this event. Deena also put bright Christmas tree decorations on our table to lend to the festive occasion.

Each resident received a present of a plastic candy cane filled with M&Ms. Some presents were distributed to several residents to further the holiday cheer.



Ilene and Rod Bargerstock received one of the gifts for having the most grandchildren (11).

Mary Marsden was recognized as being the fittest member of Viking.

Brenda Shapiro received a lucky elephant for having lived the longest in the building (11 years) of those present.

Pat Drake received a 2019 calendar for being the only one born in December.

Jim Smyth got a nice plaque recognizing his excellent debate skills.

Pat Drake made a special presentation of a lovely plant to Ilene and Rod



The Viking Building held its holiday luncheon at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach. (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

Bargerstock for all of the services they have provided to our building over the years.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. If you weren't there, you missed a good time to

meet and join with your fellow residents. We are planning a spring picnic for March 2. We hope to see everyone there.

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Here's To A Healthy and Happy New Year!

Welcome to new Villa Riviera reporter

Where two or more are gathered, Christmas cheer abounds.

My husband, Charles, and I moved from Plano, Texas in April of 2017 and we have enjoyed getting to know our On Top of the World neighbors.

We found that it was difficult to get to know folks on the other side of the building unless you ran into one another walking the dog. So, it was decided that the task of Christmas decorating could provide a cheerful opportunity for folks to gather to kick off the holidays.

For the past 18 years, Villa Riviera has enjoyed the Christmas decorations displayed in the core of our building that “magically appeared” as a result of two resident “elves.” Very few folks were aware that the Christmas elves were two of our Canadian snowbirds, Les and Donna Meszaros. Thank you both for your thoughtful yearly tradition!

On Dec. 6, 15 residents from both sides of our building gathered and turned a yearly task into Christmas



cheer. Thanks, Clarese Brady, for sharing your homemade breakfast treat!

While we do not currently have a building coordinator, where more than two were gathered that day, there was creative discussion regarding 2019!

Future gatherings include Christmas pack-up on Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. and first-floor storage room clean-out Jan. 11-12 beginning at 10 a.m.



Beautiful core Christmas tree was decorated by two Villa Riviera “elves,” Snowbirds Les and Donna Meszaros.

Visits and trips highlight Azores holidays

“I’ll be home for Christmas” certainly rang true for these Azorians.

Denise Foley headed to Massachusetts to spend Christmas with her son and family. Denise and Frank Foley were like “ships passing in the night” as he headed south to spend the holiday with his daughter in Winter Springs. Both were back at On Top of the World to ring in the New Year, however.

The Pirrello Family gathered with Marie and Tom Pirrello to celebrate a Florida Christmas. There is nothing better than the feel of sand between your toes as you wait for the arrival of St. Nick.

Bob Kelly and Carol Gasparre “enticed” Carol’s brother Bob, his son, and their wives from Toronto to spend the Big Day with them. So delightful was their visit they decided to extend their sojourn in paradise into the New Year.



Celeste and Kelly Fitzgerald hosted Kelly’s sisters, Terry and Dorie, on actual Christmas. Kelly’s cousins arrived the following week for a “faux Christmas” complete with presents under the tree.

Al Sakey had a surprise visit from

his son Matthew, this reporter’s fellow Connecticutian, for his birthday and an early Christmas celebration.

Ann Setkowitz said Matthew and his wife conspired to make it the perfect gift with no wrapping required.

Closer to home, Azorians had not one but two holiday celebrations. Twenty-five of us partook of the bountiful holiday feast at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

This was followed by our annual holiday core party later in the month. Great food and even greater carol singing was enjoyed by all.

We have many January babies to wish a very happy to: Gerald Smith, Janet and Jim Williams, Maggie Sayward, Carl Maietta, Kay Spencer, Jim Mercer, Jack Lundgren and Gordon Fowlie.

Check the bulletin board for the actual date they joined us for the first time.

Mallorcans made it a fun day of decorating

Happy New Year to each and every one of you! Let’s hope 2019 brings all good things to all.

We Mallorcans were busy last month, as usual. We decorated our building and we were very pleased with how well the holiday lights looked.

We started out the day with pastries and coffee and then began the stringing of the lights in earnest. To make the effort quite a bit easier, Terry and Dick Kuplen, along with Jim and Rita Rudderham had begun the process the day before, so when the appointed time came to decorate, much was already done.

Nonetheless, several Mallorcans braved the cold and wind to finish the decorating.

To round out the day, Josie Marsiglio hosted a cocktail party for the workers. Everyone was pleased with the final result.



We have the Kuplens and the Rudderhams to thank for their hard work, and also a special thanks to a few of our newcomers. They were really a big help.

Once again, we held our Christmas party at the Sunrise Room, and, as usual, it was a fun-filled evening.

We began with a happy hour, during which we were able to catch up with our friends and neighbors. Following the cocktail hour, we enjoyed a buffet dinner with all the fixings. Everyone brought a dish to pass, so it was a table loaded with wonderful food.

After dessert, we engaged in our Christmas gift exchange. It was a lot of fun to celebrate Christmas with our Mallorcan friends as well as those from the Monaco building.

Check the bulletin board for upcoming events. In January we expect to have our annual building meeting, and probably there will be a trip or two to the Early Bird Dinner Theater or to an area restaurant.

May peace and harmony be yours in the New Year.

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Gorgeous Pinellas Botanical Gardens visited

As snow is blowing and temperatures hit freezing, our Northern friends and family find it's time to visit Florida.

Max and Iris Freitas entertained Max's cousin, Judy, from Massachusetts. Judy mixed right in with the building girls on their night out when they visited Pinellas Botanical Gardens, taking in the spectacular Christmas lights.

They then enjoyed dinner at Olive Garden. The girls are looking forward to her next visit, probably as much as Max and Iris.

Ramon and Nofiaj Gjokaj were excited when their twin grandchildren, from New York, visited briefly before moving on to a soccer tournament in Bradenton. Unfortunately, it was cold



here, so the kids weren't able to enjoy what is normally our beautiful weather.

The building girls' Bunco group celebrated their final gathering of the

year on the premises rather than at their regular meeting spot. They celebrated with a festive holiday brunch forgoing their usual routine.

The winter building cruise to the Eastern Caribbean is fast approaching. It is a major topic of conversation amongst the participants, especially now with the cooler weather we are experiencing.

Many in our building family looked forward to seeing in the New Year with dinner at a local restaurant followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Lane's condo.

We wish each and every one of you a healthy, prosperous New Year.



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Reporter does well in Senior Games

French Renaissance residents enjoyed a fabulous Christmas party, catered by Felice Pork. We ate, discussed, sang songs, and told stories, enjoying each other's company for a fun evening.

We will have a building meeting Saturday, Jan. 5, at 9 a.m., followed by taking down of the Christmas lights. Come one, come all!

Congratulations to yours truly, Karen French, who came in 5th in the table tennis Florida Senior Games at the Long Center.



If you want to enjoy this fun game, come to the West Activity Center, Sunrise Room Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We call it ping pong here because we have more fun, while table tennis players are more serious! In truth, it is the same game.

I am happy to be our new reporter for French Renaissance I and II. Please feel free to bring your news stories to me for publication.

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Annual Valencia building meeting set for Jan. 9

Pauline and I wish a very happy, prosperous and healthy New Year to all of our Valencia neighbors.

New Years is like a re-start for me. A brand new trip around the sun where we get another chance to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and all the special occasions that are associated with each New Year.

Here is a little tidbit: In the earth's trip around our sun, it travels about 584 million miles. So multiply your age by 584 million and you will see how far you have traveled without lifting a finger...

For those who make New Year's resolutions, good luck. I don't do resolutions, since they never work for me. Probably because I can never keep them. The only problem I have with each New Year is that it seems to come faster and faster.

Let's start the year off with some business. We are planning our annual building meeting to be held on Jan. 9 in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity



Center at 7 p.m. These are very important and informative meetings and all of our neighbors are encouraged to attend and hopefully participate.

Remember, it's only once a year. We get together as a group where we discuss common areas and the shared interest that comes from living in the same building.



Valencia residents attended a December building luncheon at Rumba's in Oldsmar.

Building residents who do not attend can be affected by decisions that need to be made without their input. So please come, participate, and join your neighbors to help make this meeting a very productive one.

In December, we held the last

building luncheon for the year. Hosted by Phil and Debbie Roth, we met at Rumba's in Oldsmar. A sizable number of residents attended. The food as always was delicious and the company was great. A great way to end the year. Good job, Phil and Debby.

Nonagenarians feted at holiday party

Happy New Year. Welcome 2019!

Viennese Villa's Christmas party was held early so those leaving for the holidays were able to attend. The blessing was delivered by Tim Beaver.

The highlight of the evening was the birthday cake and song for Rosalie Borselli and Charlie Coffman who turned 90 and 92 respectively. Those two make 90 the new 60.

Once again, hats off to the crew who did the heavy lifting: Connie McDonald, Carroll Harris, Fred Schick and Karen and Kirk Safee. No one went home hungry.

Welcome to Bruno Nardizzi and Jim Farmer who, along with two Maine coon cats, hail from Seattle and now call the Villa their home. Bruno mentioned they walk the kitties, leashed of course.

We had the pleasure of seeing son Mike Leonard and new bride Colleen when they came down for Mike's third annual fund-raiser photo shoot for the Sea Bird Sanctuary. It was well-attended as was his presentation at Moccasin Lake which



included how to do night photography, a specialty of Mike's.

A fine article on recycling is on page 11 of this issue. It brings you the latest information on recycling rules and procedures for our building residents. Also, please be sure the door to the trash room is fully closed. We do not want uninvited four-footed guests having a picnic.

Wing captains will be making the



This lovely cake was part of a birthday celebration held during the Viennese Villa Christmas party. Rosalie Borselli and Charlie Coffman, who turned 90 and 92 respectively, were the happy honorees. (Photo by Brian Lance)

rounds this month for annual dues of \$10. Try scrolling from channel 603 up on your TV remote—you may be most pleasantly surprised.

Happy anniversary and birthday to all celebrants.

Until next month, any news fit to print, send it to Fresca@maine.rr.com

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Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

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The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone calls were a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork over large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

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Building holiday party draws more than 40 attendees

The sun and blue sky aligned for the Austrian Alpine building's December holiday party.

We gathered at Joyce Monahan's unit, both inside and out on her back patio and lawn.

Our building's delightful duo (holiday spirit and volunteer spirit) helped make this day a joyful success for the more than 40 residents who joined in the festivities. Best of all, we met and chatted with many of our new neighbors.

Before the party, 20 Austrian Alpine residents set up and decorated the tree, draped our building façade with garlands and wreaths, and set up the tables and chairs on the lawn. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Joyce Monahan, Jan Stiffler and Kathleen Santosuosso cooked the delicious food already prepared by our dear Chef Costco. The chef's desserts disappeared quickly due to our Austrian Alpine sweet teeth. Thank you, Joyce, for inviting us to your home. Also, thank you to our cooks.



On both sides of our building, there were imaginative lighted displays of Santa, reindeer, snowmen, polar bears, an igloo, a cup of cocoa with a singing marshmallow, and strobes of bright colors. All added to the holiday spirit.

Red amaryllises will soon be blooming around our building sign on World Parkway, thanks to Donna Berndt, who plants these beautiful flowers every year.



Left to right: Pat Van Hise, Will Schafer, Jim Lutz, Rich Hayes and Christine Nason enjoy appetizers and libations before dinner during the recent Austrian Alpine holiday party. The gentleman standing at right is Michael McDowell.

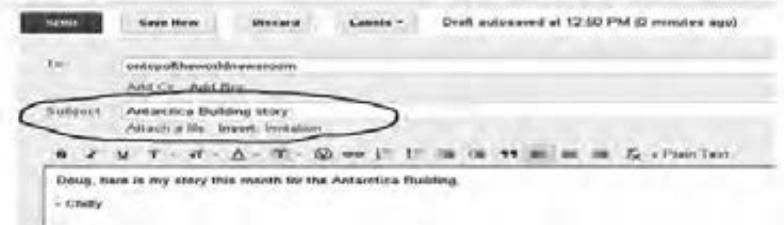
Our annual building meeting is Jan. 27, from 2-3 p.m. in the Veranda Room. Voluntary dues of \$10 per unit will be collected. New phone lists will be distributed.

Residents are encouraged to bring new ideas for fun activities and improvements.

Thank you to Rich Hayes for donating our new American flag!

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January building party set for OTOW Golf Club

Happy New Year! Hope all of you had a blessed Christmas with family and friends, as we did at Swedish Traditional.

The festive spirit was certainly evident with the sights of colorful lights and displays in our community and nearby neighborhoods.

I hope you and yours stopped everyday life to enjoy the festivities on land or water. The Tampa Bay/Clearwater area is a wonderful place to call home even for a few months!

A special thank you goes out to all the ladies who did a wonderful job decorating all three floors of our building.

Just a reminder that our building



party will be in January at the Golf Club. Hope to see you there.

Until next time...

Modernage residents partied heartily in December

By Marge Sivek

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Modernage residents gathered together in the core of the building to decorate the tree and place wreaths and lights on the outside of the building.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Mary Ann Fontaine hosted a Christmas open house party for residents. It was a nice time to

meet the new neighbors in the building.

Thirty-five residents enjoyed a Christmas party Dec. 6 at Joey's Italian Pizza. Everyone received a cookie cutter ornament that contained nuts and candy. After enjoying dinner, gift certificate prizes were drawn. It was a wonderful party and enjoyed by all. It was a time to get into the holiday spirit.



Mandalay Building residents enjoy their holiday party at the Beachcomber Restaurant.

New neighbor is welcomed at Mandalay holiday fest

On Dec. 3, the Mandalay Building celebrated its annual Christmas party. We went to Beachcomber restaurant to enjoy their early bird specials. The entrees were tasty as usual. Everyone had a great time.

We welcomed one of our new neighbors, Marie Heestand, who is the last lady standing on the right in the photo above.

We are planning another social sometime in February so we can all join in on another fun together!



Travels and parties keep Mandarin residents busy

Residents of the Mandarin Building really enjoyed the month of December. A lot of our neighbors had friends and relatives in town for the holidays.

Ed and Dolly Foland took a week long cruise to the sunny Caribbean on Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.

Also, Ed and Dolly hosted a holiday open house upon their return. They have held one every year over the past several years. It is always well attended and is looked forward to by all of the residents.

Also getting some travel time in were Rick and Debbie Figaski. They enjoyed time spent with friends as they visited Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tenn. They went to Dollywood and reported how beautiful it was in all of its Christmas lighting and the great shows they saw.

They also spent time in North



Carolina exploring Asheville and all of its quaint shops and restaurants. They topped off the trip with a tour of the beautiful Biltmore Estate. Here's to another great year of travel and time spent with friends.

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Residents enjoy holiday party, regional lighting displays

On Dec. 1, 30 residents gathered together in the Rural French building to usher in the holiday season.

Tables were spread with treats and holiday music played while residents laughingly trimmed our building's Christmas tree and set up the Hanukkah Table.

A good time was had by all. On Dec. 6, the residents met for our monthly luncheon at Alphonso's Restaurant. We wish to give special thanks to all those who worked to make our season bright.

Several members went to see the Christmas Boat Parade. It was beautiful and if you missed it this year, be sure to put it on next year's agenda.

Another seasonal great is the holiday lighting display at the Florida Botanical Gardens. Divided into theme areas that range from the cactus garden to the wedding garden, the place is a fairyland of lights.

Next month, Rural French residents are in for a real treat as we combine our monthly luncheon with an exciting afternoon of musical entertainment. On Jan. 19 at 2 p.m., we plan to attend



the combined free concert of the Clearwater Jazz Band and the Clearwater Symphony Orchestra.

Afterwards, residents can enjoy an early dinner at Duff's Buffet on U.S. Highway 19 N. This "all you can eat" buffet features soups, salads, entrees and desserts.

Participants can attend one or both activities. Signup sheets will be posted on the main bulletin board. Carpooling will be available for all those who need a ride. Contact Janey Hokett at 801-633-4662.



A holiday get-together was held in the building in December for 30 Rural French residents.

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Go to www.ontopoftheworldnews.com, then click on the Box Office logo. This is your gateway to all things happening at OTOW Clearwater — community alert messages, clubs, Karma Café specials, daily and monthly calendars of events, games and much more. Check it out frequently!



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Mid-East Moorish Building



(By Judy Mills.) Our Christmas lunch for the Middle Eastern Moorish Building was held at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. We enjoyed our special friends and fabulous food. The ladies who organized it are shown here. They are Jane Treggett and Diane Lewis. We appreciate all they did and can't wait to get together again!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK



Never park your vehicle on the driveway at the front entrance of the EAC!

Thank you

OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:

OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763

Building Number: _____ Unit Number: _____ Today's Date: _____

This change is: _____ Permanent _____ Temporary; Effective _____

Unit Owner Name(s): _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone Number: _____

Forwarding address: _____

Forwarding Phone Number: _____

Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!

(Submit new form upon return)

Box Office Sudoku

3	5	9	6	□	4	7	8	2	0
□	2	7	5	□	0	9	6	□	3
1	□	5	□	3	□	2	□	7	□
8	1	□	2	□	5	□	7	3	9
7	9	2	□	0	□	5	3	6	4
□	□	□	□	□	3	□	□	□	□
9	3	6	□	5	□	1	0	4	2
6	8	□	0	□	2	□	5	9	1
□	□	□	7	9	□	3	2	□	□
□	7	4	3	□	9	8	□	0	5

New To Sudoku?

Sudoku is a numbers game. Pictured above are 10 rows of numbers and 10 columns of numbers. In each row and in each column, there is space for 10 different numbers (0-9). The same number will never appear twice in the same row or column. Start the puzzle by finding a row or column with only one or two blank squares. Through the process of elimination, determine which number is missing and write it in. As you proceed, you will start to discover that some rows and some columns become easier to guess the missing numbers, until you have filled in every square on the board. At the end, if you have a row or column with two-like numbers in it, you have not completed the board correctly. Try again. For more practice, visit the On Top of the World Box Office and play Sudoku online: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

8 6 9 0 2 4 3 □ 1 5 6 Obviously, the missing number is 7.

OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less, including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. **If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

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FOR SALE

Oak sofa tables, 2 oak end tables, oak bookcase w/adjustable shelves \$100.

421-1019

Nutra Bullet \$20; Wolfgang Puck electric grill \$20; large Circulon roasting pan with rack \$15.

480-9456

Approx. 36" round glass table top \$15; oak table, approx. 32" \$15.

244-5638

Free organ, like new; small kitchen table w/2 padded chairs \$40; queen sofa bed couch \$40; new Shark vacuum \$40.

726-2063

Bible prophecy videos; Christian, fishing, golf, tennis magazines; books, pool cues household items, etc. Best offers.

791-1444

London Fog raincoat, zip out lining, size medium \$15.

791-7610

GE 30" black glass cooktop with 4 burners (2 large, 1 med., 1 small), very good condition \$100.

718-740-9327

Queen Anne chair, light green upholstery \$25.

315-271-6471

Coffee table, real dark wood, two tiers, perfect condition \$25.

717-372-3091

Vizio 32" HD television, like new \$50; record player, AM/FM radio combination by Thomas Paccone \$40; wood stack tables \$20.

286-6484

Cabinet handles (17), chrome w/screws \$2; Acer PC, M3400, Windows 10, 640GB, 19" monitor, keyboard & mouse \$195 firm.

797-8537

Texan ladies' golf clubs, canvas bag and nice cart, includes extras \$50; men's Calloway Big Bertha Steelhead Hawkeye driver \$20.

725-2451

Kenmore microwave, white, like new \$35; sewing machine, heavy-duty w/wheeled case, White brand \$45; wheeled suitcase \$10; coffee pot \$5.

260-705-6616

Two smart TVs (Vizio) 60" and 55" \$150 & \$200.

518-734-9935

45" diameter round kitchen table w/4 chairs \$75; women's Fuji bike \$25; adult Schwinn bike \$25; GT adult bike \$25.

797-4282

Portable electric sewing machine with stand \$60 OBO; comforters, medium and large, very good condition \$15.

726-4571

Tricycle (3-wheel bike).

408-5033

WANTED

Lightweight handicapped 3-wheel walker wanted.

791-7610

24" wall oven wanted.

Call 560-5710

ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

Condominium owners who directly rent their unit may obtain necessary forms in one of three ways:

1. An owner or tenant may go online to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Community Information" and print a copy of the Direct Owner Application for Approval and the Direct Owner Lease Application Checklist to aid in completing the application.
2. Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate Office receptionist.
3. And lastly, a written request must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment. Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail. Mail to the address listed below.

Mail or drop off all applications to:
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