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This New Year's Eve will be just a warm-up

Yes, New Year's Eve will be pretty special as this marks the final party before the next decade.

But for the Entertainment Committee, the 2019 New Year's Eve ball is the prelude to an even more special event,

Jan. 1, 2020, will mark the 50th anniversary for the Entertainment Committee as a club and 12 months from now a milestone party will be taking place - the 50th annual New Year's Eve Ball.

Pace yourselves!

Stay in control!

Enjoy the 49th version of the biggest party in our On Top of the World community, but keep in mind, there are only 366 days remaining until the Golden Anniversary bash.

Don't overdo 49!

"We are leaving 2019 and looking forward to our 50th anniversary," said Entertainment Committee President Mary Ann O'Neil. "We will be celebrating 49 years and starting our next 50 years."

Let the tradition continue.

"Flashback" will once again be on stage for the big event and providing a variety of music from the 1950s to today.

The auditorium will be decorated in purple and silver. More than 60 tables will be set up to accommodate more than 500 guests.

Rock 'n Roll music will play in the background. Dance music will allow everyone one last dance with their sweeties before the next decade begins.

East Activity Center auditorium doors open at 8:30 p.m., followed by the party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

But don't plan on going, looking for tickets. The event has been sold out since Dec. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door.

"We will have champagne at every



The dance floor was always full at the 2018-19 New Year's Eve bash as residents looked their best and danced the night away. Expect more at the 2019-20 party. (OTOW News file photos by Mary Lou Wall)

table so everyone can have a champagne toast to welcome in the new year," Mary Ann said.

"Flashback is a favorite band for our residents and they are here to entertain us. They will be getting the party started."

By the time you read this story, the decorations will already be in place. Members of the Artist Guild contributed their talents to make 2019-20 a beautiful, artistic transition.

Mary Ann said, people may not realize, but members of the Entertainment Committee spend a lot of time planning 12-months of activities a year in advance.

Every show, dance and concert has been planned a year ahead of time, and when Dec. 31 finally rolls around, every member of the committee finally sits back, relaxes and admires all that was achieved for the previous 12 months.

At 9 p.m. each Entertainment Committee board member and volunteer finally becomes a patron of their own work.

No more planning ... for one night.

Whether you are attending the New Year's Eve 2019 or not, on behalf of your Entertainment Committee, "Happy New Year" and "Welcome 2020."



Entertainment Committee President Mary Ann O'Neil, and husband, Jim, will help On Top of the World residents toast in a new year at midnight.

Happy New Year!

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You think the Baby Boomers are fun, you should have seen them on a cruise together!

By Theresa McAllister

If you ever wondered how much fun one group of people can have, just ask the Baby Boomers!

Boomers made plans to dance their way into 2020 and spent New Year's Day on Clearwater Beach with plans to continue this tradition.

Did I say fun? Club members also took a cruise.

Snorkeling, tubing, ziplining and eating! There was never a dull moment as 48 Boomers and their guests boarded the Rhapsody of the Seas for seven days of adventure.

While onboard they were treated to a private cocktail party with specially selected appetizers, beverages and a lavish sweets table.

Wow...what a great way to celebrate our Baby Boomers!

Looking for everyday fun, check out some of our regular activities.

If you love music, come to the West Activity Center Learning Lab each Friday at 1 p.m. and join the Baby Boomers' acoustic



Baby Boomers

jam. Sing along, play the ukulele or guitar, shake some maracas or just listen. The music and the fun will bring you back each week.

For (or should that be fore) our golfers, we meet at the 9-hole golf course at 2 p.m. each Monday. The game is non-competitive and all levels of golfers are welcome.

After the game we head to one of our favorite Mexican restaurants for dollar tacos, cheap margaritas and raucous laughter as we sing along with the music.

Boomers love their music!

As fun-loving as we are, we also love to stay in shape. So, on



Nearly 50 Baby Boomers and guests took part in a cruise together. Now, how they ended up all wearing white for this picture is a question you will have to ask them.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, you will find a group of Boomers tapping, clapping and dancing to Latin rhythms during our 45-minute Zumba class.

Now that you have gotten to know us, it is time for us to get

to know you! So, join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8. We have no age restrictions, no dues and no officers. Boomers meet at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month in the East Ac-

tivity Center Largo Room. January's meeting will be the second Wednesday because of New Year's Day. The second meeting is Jan. 16.

Hope to see you there.

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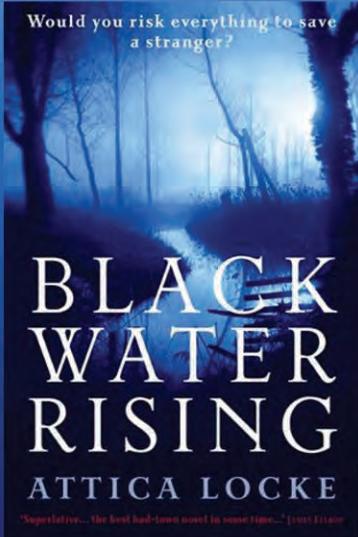
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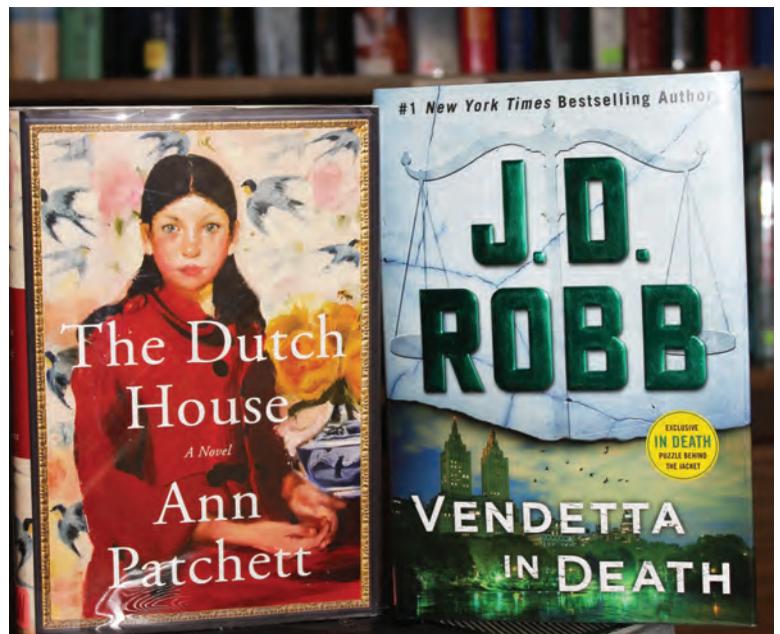


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Thursday, Feb. 6,
Good Karma Book Club
guests will discuss
"Black Water Rising"
by Attica Locke.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab
and share your thoughts.
Open to all residents.

The Good Karma Book Club will also meet on Thursday, Feb. 20.
If you have a book or author to recommend, this is the day to attend.
All OTOW residents are welcome.



New Books at your OTOW Library

"The Oysterville Sewing Circle" by Susan Wiggs

"Outfox" by Sandra Brown

"The Christmas Spirit on Tradd Street" by Karin White

"The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett

"Vendetta in Death" by JD Robb

"The Girl Who Lived Twice" by David Lagercrantz

"Sins of the Father" by J A Jance

"What Happened in Paradise" by Elin Hilderbrand

Open House For On Top of the World Residents

Visit the Clearwater or Palm Harbor YMCA open house on January 6, 2020, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.
By attending the open house, you will also receive a free, one-week membership to the YMCA from Jan. 6-12.



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(727) 461-9622
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This is the best time of the year to update your emergency contact information

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Time seems to march on much too quickly these days.

Let me begin by thanking those residents who decorated their buildings for the holiday season and for promptly removing their decorations at the end of the season.

The community was warm, inviting and very festive, and I am happy to report that all decorations were compliant with the local Fire Marshal's office.

Updating Emergency Contact Information

While the majority of our owners are in residence this month, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to update your emergency references and contact phone numbers.

This information was originally collected at the time of your interview for residency. For many of you, that information is well over 10 years old.

We urge you to update this information.

In the event of an emergency involving your unit at On Top of the World, or



in the event of an emergency situation involving you, the Association needs current emergency contact information.

If another OTOW resident, or someone local has a key to your unit, please include this information when completing your Emergency Contact Form.

The form is available on this page. Once completed, please drop your form off at the Community Service Office.

You can also update this information conveniently online at [www.otowclear-](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com)

[waterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) and clicking the "Service Department" tab. From there select the option: "To submit an online Emergency Contact Update click here."

Reminder

New Laundry Machine Seminar

Installation of new washers and dryers was completed in December. The existing machines were moved, making way for the new washers and dryers that offer the most recent "smart" technology.

Several payment methods are being offered, such as credit card, pay card or using a smartphone app. With the smartphone app, you can also be kept up-to-date on the status of machine availability and know exactly when your wash or dry cycle finishes!

CSC ServiceWorks installed pay card stations at the East and West Activity Centers where you can purchase reusable prepaid cards.

If you have questions on how to operate the new machines or would like more general information, please plan to attend the informational seminar that will be held at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Did You Know?

Potential purchasers and tenants, as well as real estate professionals, may obtain applications for Association orientations online by visiting www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.

Under the Community Information Tab, select "Condominium Association Forms" for prospective new owners and "Direct Owner Leasing Application" for prospective new, or renewing, tenants.

In order to expedite either orientation process, please follow all directions included in the paperwork.

With the cooler weather here, if you are using a space heater, make sure it is well away from any combustible object. Avoid overloading an electrical outlet with appliances, extension cords and especially a space heater. Overloading any electrical outlet can be a sure prescription for a fire. Always remember to turn off the unit when not in use or when you are not at home.

Important CSO Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call rolls over to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voice-mails will be responded to during normal business hours.

Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate de-

partment to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request immediately to discern if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items, exclusive to the unit, are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request.

As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981.

Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

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

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, afterhours, in the event of an emergency such as water intrusion into your unit.

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

Black Bins for Newspapers Only

Every building's first floor center core has a black bin for On Top of the World community newspapers only.

On Top of the World employees will stock the newspapers at the beginning of each month and recycle any remaining newspapers at the end of the month. As a reminder, these bins are not for the general use of collecting items such as books, decorations or garbage.

Your consideration is appreciated.

I want to wish everyone a peaceful New Year!



OWNER EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE

Please update as information changes
Return completed form to the Community Service Office at
2069 World Parkway E, Clearwater, FL 33763

Date: _____ Bldg #: _____ Apt #: _____

Owner's Name: _____

OTOW Address: _____

Ph #: _____ Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

KEY HOLDER:

Name: _____ Bldg #: _____

Phone #: _____ Apt #: _____

Annual Meeting in December

Annual Meeting Recap

The On Top of the World Annual Meeting and election was held on Dec. 19, 2019. It was very well attended by residents.

The majority of the meeting was spent answering written questions submitted by residents.

Notably, unemployment in Pinellas County continues at historic lows in a range of 3.1 percent. Additionally, the availability of affordable housing is in very short supply in the region.

The net effect is that the Management Company is paying a premium for staffing. Your Board sees no end in sight for this trend. Staffing will continue to be a challenge for building and grounds maintenance workers.

Forward looking projects include completing the common area washer and dryer change-outs throughout the community in the first quarter. This whole change-out process has proved to be challenging, since the company that owned the old units was refusing to remove them. Fortunately, they finally accepted that their services were no longer needed and began removal.

The roadway striping project is wrapping up with the addition of added street markings requested by the county. Renovation projects around the Activity Centers are caught up, except for the replacement of a pool heater.

Several questions dealt with cable television services and whether or not Spectrum would expand bulk services.

In answer to the question, I responded that the Association has had ongoing communication with Spectrum on their desire to area bulk service option. This conversation has actually been going on for a long time and I must stress that nothing is imminent in happening in this regard.

The current bulk service proposal that Spectrum put forth is based on 100 percent participation of all condos within the OTOW Condominiums. The rate charged for cable and internet in similar other condo association communities is \$46.50 per month, and includes 525 digital channels, 55 music channels, on-demand pay options, and 100 mb internet service with modem and wireless router.

If an arrangement acceptable to the Board could be structured, it would be the addition of a bulk rate of \$46.50 per month added to your monthly Community Service Fee (CSF).

The majority of residents now taking higher tier services from Spectrum would benefit from offset charges from what they are currently paying directly to Spectrum. Each owner would need to do the math on that to determine the benefit for themselves.

The Board is very reticent on taking on third party costs into the CSF, inasmuch as this is something that cannot be controlled directly. Comparing this to electric service in the common areas, the



Chairman

Board has indirect control by the duration of operational times and connections to influence the monthly use charges.

Not so with bulk cable. The bill is the bill each and every year and is most probably subject to a 4 percent annual increase. The Board does not wish to see residents burdened by additional expenses without offsetting benefits.

This was an election year for your Board. As a result of voting, the following were re-elected or elected: Kenneth D. Colen, Leslee R. Colen, Maryann J. Larson, Sharon Licata, Corby Ratliff, Gail Sanders and C. Guy Woolbright.

A special thank you to the counting committee who added up all the votes.

Avoid Being Taken Advantage of

It seems like a day doesn't go by that I don't get a card in my mail box to the effect of "Urgent that You Contact Me! I'll buy your home."

My first thought isn't printable. I'd like to believe that this scam violates Florida law. The jury is still out on that one.

So what is going on?

If you received such a mail or phone call solicitation, you have possibly been contacted by a real estate "wholesaler." The way this works is the person behind the offer is offering cash for a quick sale of your condo. "Cool" you may think, but hold on a minute. A sales price is never mentioned in the solicitation. How do you know what your home is really worth?

Maybe this is just another scam to obtain private and personal information from you. How would you feel if you left \$20,000 to \$40,000 in real value on the table?

Unfortunately, this happens often. It is increasingly common that homeowners, often seniors, find themselves being courted and enticed by real estate investors into selling their homes for below a fair market value.

Scammers are not stupid. They believe seniors have the money.

I consulted with attorney Gerald Colen on this topic and he pointed out that the other part of this grand scam is you may get a phone call which is always a voice message. The caller claims to be in the neighborhood and wants to buy your condo and doesn't care about the condition.

There are a few scams going on here

but the main one is to get you to call back. That way, they know you are a "mark." Then, they prey.

According to the Florida Attorney General's office, retirement communities have become a target for these predatory home-buying practices for many reasons. We may become frail from illness and need to move to a care facility. Maybe you've lost a spouse and can't bear to be in the home you shared together. Maybe medical debt is a burden and you see no other way than to get living expenses before going on to lord knows what kind of living arrangement.

Often times, these "fast money buyers" employ deceptive or high pressure tactics to cheat an owner out of their home.

I recently read a story of a woman in a downtown Atlanta neighborhood who refused to sell, despite repeated offers. The aggregator reported her to the city for code violations. Finally, after being dunned by multiple warnings from city code enforcement, and lacking the funding to make the necessary repairs, the woman relented and sold for a below-market price.

The home, shortly thereafter, was sold for multiples of what she was paid.

Flipping is the term for this practice and this is the goal to begin with: fast money.

It takes some patience and restraint, but your real estate may be your most valuable asset. Know its value.

Of course, the most reliable way is to work with a reputable real estate brokerage and establish an estimate of market value based on recent sales of comparable properties. This is fast and most brokers will do it as a courtesy.

Of course, you may be asked to sign a listing contract for the sale of your property. But that's fair if you are serious about wanting to sell.

Finally, a sale moderated by a reputable broker may take a little longer (not by much in this market!), but you can be comfortable that you are not leaving value on the table.

If you get a mailer, ignore it. If you get a phone message, ignore it. If you pick up on a call, tell the caller "it is not for sale," tell them to "remove my number from their list," and then hang up.

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.

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

All carriers write an HO6 rider policy 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.

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.

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provides valuable information

In all cases the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units. The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for its repair work in every instance.

Damage to your vehicle, while it is parked in the community, is not covered by your HO6 policy. State law requires you to maintain a policy on your automobile. The prudent owner will purchase comprehensive or 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.

Feeling Flush? Think First! The Management Company has recently been called out to deal with a range of plumbing blockages. Upon investigation of the several incidents in December, they found grout, washcloths, small hand towels, adult diapers, cat litter and "flushable" wipes. Get the point?

The only thing flushable is human waste and toilet paper. Everything else is NOT flushable (even so called "flushable" wipes, which may flush, but don't break down and cause some dandy blockages).

A sewage back up can cause real problems and damage to ground floor neighbors. Please be responsible and mindful of your first floor neighbors. Flush only human waste and toilet paper.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

January will see our painting contractor continuing with back facade waterproof coating applications and then transitioning to front facade painting projects by mid-month.

Building 53 will be the final back fa-

cade coating project for this winter, and Buildings 54 and 55 will be the first two front facade projects for the 2020 calendar year.

In order to facilitate this, the management company asks for your cooperation in the removal of all holiday decorations no later than Jan. 13 as this will allow the recoating of structures to stay on schedule without any delays.

Both application processes include a thorough pressure washing, followed by the 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 which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or 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 72 will be the next structure to have its stairwell railings improved with the work kicking off sometime in late January or the first week of February, 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 are estimated to be complete in five to seven weeks from the start of the project.

Notices will be posted in advance of the start date so residents should 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 Management Company, in conjunction with a licensed contractor, will be removing a roofline element on Building 44 beginning on Jan. 6, weather permitting. This project will affect the parking stalls in the front of the building and vehicle owners should expect to be asked to relocate their vehicles as each day's portion of the project is completed. This first phase of the project is anticipated to take three weeks to complete, with the second phase of the work beginning in the spring.

Notices have been published to the bulletin boards of the building and residents are asked to stay away from active work zones in the interest of everyone's safety. Thanks for your cooperation!

Recurring 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.

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 package 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.

Although the majority of clamshell awnings have been removed, there are a few hold outs. Usually the awnings develop compromised connection points to the common element. In response, Inspection Services has been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the building.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance and have been marked for elimination by your Board. For condo owners that refuse to comply, the sale or transfer of that unit will be blocked by the Association until the awning is removed.

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On Top of the World residents enjoy holiday movie together on Movie Day

Happy New Year!

Movie Day

Thank you to SCA and the Good Neighbors Association for hosting the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" on Dec. 9.

This was On Top of the World's first movie event and a great evening was enjoyed by all!

SCA transformed the auditorium into a movie theater with tables and chairs set up giving movie goers a great view of the screen.

SCA plans to keep that same setup for future movies.

Residents enjoyed a free event, which included popcorn - and boy did the aroma of fresh popcorn fill the air!

Everyone in attendance was as enthusiastic as their hosts and when the movie started, all were immediately attentive. It reminded me of a simpler time when I was a kid. I shared in your laughter and wiped a few tears away right along with you.

Good Neighbors Association served a hot dog combo, delicious homemade lemonade, and every variety of movie candy you could think of. They always do a magnificent job at the Good Karma Outpost.

Good Neighbors Association also handled registrations for this event and received your tickets at the door. What a great team of members and volunteers.

Thank you, again!

Nearly 50 people attended this first movie day with the auditorium set up with dinner-style seating. For future events, please keep in mind, seating is limited. If you pick up tickets, but discover you are unable to attend, please return your tickets to Good Neighbors Association so someone else can use them. We cannot add seats once all the tickets are given away.

You can contact Jim Bjorgo or myself and we can make arrangements to transfer your ticket to another lucky resident.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the next movie to be held in March.

What movie do you want to see next? Please email me at general_activity@otowfl.com, call 799-2734 or drop off a note at the Activities Office.

Activities and Clubs Forming

Did you know we have nearly 100 resident-run clubs and activities at On Top of the World-Clearwater?

Too many to list here.

Every year new clubs and activities form and sometimes after years together, dissolve. This past year we bid farewell to our German Interest Group, but if you are an approved resident of On Top of the World and would like to restart or start a similar club, please stop by or contact me.

Question: How does one start a club or activity at On Top of the World?

Answer: Visit the activity office, call or email me. Let me know what type of club or activity you want to start (often such a group already exists and you'll just need to join). Next, let's discuss the level of interest for such a club. If you're not sure, as a resident of On Top of the World, you qualify



for a free ad in this newspaper to survey the interest. See our editor, Doug Kates, in the newsroom to place an ad. The next step would be to complete our club packet "Steps to Forming a Club" which includes our Facility Rules, etc.

My role as Activity Manager is one of facilitator for your ideas, not the other way around. However, more often than not, I'm already on your wave length.

For example, a few months ago some residents stopped in and expressed interest in forming new groups.

Janey Hockett, who holds a Masters Degree in Oral History/Folklore, and Antoinette d'Oronzio, coordinator of the Good Karma Book Club and Italian Class, asked about starting a Storytelling/Folklore group. I've been wondering if someone would come along to lead such an activity. Now, there is finally a formal activity of this nature.

The storytelling group plans to meet in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3 p.m. The first meet-up will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Then, last week, I met a resident, Steve Palys, who is a storyteller and poet. He is a member of the Florida Storytellers of Old Tampa Bay and regularly performs at Safety Harbor Arts and Music Center.

He, along with another resident, Al Palumbo, want to bring storytelling, poetry reading and more to On Top of the World.

As your Activity Manager, this has been something I felt would benefit residents!

How many of you were creative in high school or college and somewhere along the way got side-tracked with, well, life.

According to Steve, storytelling connects people and facilitates creativity through personal expression. This form of artistic expression has caught on like wildfire at the Safety Harbor Arts & Music Center. I know it's been happening in places like Chicago and New York City since the 1960s.

He also stated that, "Storytelling and poetry is a way to connect with others and to have more confidence. It is also so much fun to share and learn about yourself and those around you.

"My stories are things that happen in life. I have been writing stories and poems for about five years and at one time I used to be very shy."

He noted, all types of stories are welcome and he will even help you develop your writing.

Residents might even share other tal-

ents from the stage, like playing weird instruments or sharing about an interesting thing with the audience, "Show and Tell" for adults!

They plan to start out with one night a month and see how it goes. It all starts on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

I'm excited about these new activities and hope it all comes together.

If you, too, would like to form a club or activity, I'd love to hear from you!

Remember, On Top of the World is a place where your heart's desire and dreams come true! Let's make 2020 the year that we all come together no matter our differences and share what makes us all the same, our humanity.

Voter Registration

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections will be holding a voter registration event in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For upcoming election information, or to view the voter guide and frequently asked questions, or to check your voter registration status, please visit: votepinellas.com.

The Pinellas County Supervisor would also like all OTOW residents to be aware that you live in an unincorporated area of Pinellas County and the County Commissioners are your source of information and assistance. While you have a Clearwater address, you do not participate in Clearwater municipal elections.

"Navigating the Grand Parenting Journey"

Jan. 24, 10-11:30 a.m. (Live)

Where

West Activity Center Learning Lab

Instructors

Dr. Richard Horowitz
and Jane Horowitz

Grandparenting can be joyous and challenging at the same time. The key to making the experience as positive and fulfilling for both you and your grandchildren is to acquire the tools to overcome the challenges that are both universal and unique to your family.

Presenters will explore challenges and offer suggestions on how they can be met in the most productive and satisfying way for the grandparent, the adult child and the grandchild.

Please register in advance by stopping by the Activity Office, or call (727) 799-2734, or email: general_activity@otowfl.com.

This is a free event.

Aging Successfully Series WISE Program

Are you over 60 and looking for an opportunity to stay healthy?

I am pleased to announce Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services, who brought the WISE Program to On Top of the World residents this past summer, will return to ensure that Snowbirds also have an opportunity to complete this program.

WISE stands for Wellness Initiative for Senior Education. The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics.

Join us for this fun program, where you'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive

The Six Sessions Are:

- Understanding Changes Associated with Aging
- Aging Sensitivity
- Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity
- Medication and the Older Adult
- Addiction and the Older Adult
- An Enhanced Quality of Life

The program will take place in the East Activity Center Largo Room from 10 a.m. to noon on the following Tuesdays: Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3 and March 10. Please check your calendar to ensure you can commit to the entire program. The program is free, but registration is required for a minimum class size of six and a maximum class size of 25. Register in person at the first class.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 53 of this newspaper.

Consumer Protection

A Consumer Protection Tax Identity Theft seminar will take place Tuesday, Feb. 4, 9-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Anna Marie Millett, investigator and outreach coordinator, continues to bring us new information on the latest scams, so even if you attended one of these seminars recently, it's worth your while to attend.

Stevens & Stevens shredding will be on site from 9-11 a.m.

Activity Card Information

When renewing your activity card or getting a new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address. Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident when using a pool.

Nancy's Bulletin Board

Master the Possibilities
DISTANCE LEARNING 

Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

National Geographic Live! Why Four Cowboys Rode Wild Horses 3,000 Miles Across America
January 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Video Presentation



In 2013, filmmaker Ben Master, three of his friends, and 16 wild mustangs journeyed across 3,000 miles of some of the most rugged territory in the American West. This audacious trek—to inspire adoptions of wild horses and burros—has since inspired Ben to help others on their own journeys. View this special video presentation as Ben shares inspiring stories from the road and watch clips from his documentary, Unbranded.

Course Fee: Free

National Geographic- Undercover History: Titanic
January 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Video Presentation



Register for a National Geographic video presentation uncovering the history of the Titanic. In the North Atlantic's Grand Banks, Dr. Robert Ballard was on the verge of one of the 20th century's greatest finds, the wreck of the RMS Titanic. But the story we thought we knew is just the tip of the iceberg. Behind the search for the famed liner is a spy story of stealth, subs, and Superpowers, ripped from a Cold War thriller. Dr. Ballard had just found the Titanic in the middle of a top-secret military mission.

Course Fee: Free

Knowing Rockwell
January 30, 10-11:30 a.m.
Live Broadcast from Ocala- Ardis Clark & Amanda Clark-Rudolph




You may have noticed the fiery young redhead in Norman Rockwell's famous Homecoming G.I. painting. After all, how could one forget the vibrant girl in a blue dress ecstatically smiling at the soldier returning home? But you probably weren't aware that that girl is now Ocala resident, Ardis Clark who grew up next door to the Rockwell's and modeled for many of Norman's works. She's teaming up with her granddaughter/local freelance writer, Amanda Clark-Rudolph for a one-of-a-kind presentation in which they will share Rockwell memories, photographs, video clips, and trinkets. Ardis will also show images of paintings that feature her mother, grandmother, and siblings - since modeling for the illustrator was a family affair.

Course Fee: \$2

Register Today!
Visit the Activity Office
Call: (727) 799-2734
Email: general_activity@otowfl.com

REGISTER TO VOTE
Tuesday, January 14th
8:30am - 12:30 pm



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Register to Vote (new Florida voter)
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Consumer Protection Free Shredding

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Stevens & Stevens shredding will be on site from 9-11 a.m.

● There will be no ticket sales or club information tables in the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 2. ●

● One Blood will be here at the EAC North Parking lot on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ●

● **AAA Driving Course** ●

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

Aging Successfully Series

Learn how to make healthy lifestyle choices

Tuesday Classes

February 4	February 25
February 11	March 3
February 18	March 10

Free / Registration Required / Call Nancy 799-2734



Ingredients

- Dried baby lima beans, 1 pound
- 8 cups chicken broth
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- ½ cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup carrots, chopped
- 1 cup ham, chopped
- 1 minced garlic clove
- ½ cup marinara sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Instructions

1. Presoak beans in six cups of water. Drain and add fresh water again to cover beans for the remainder of an overnight presoak.
2. Place drained beans and six cups of chicken broth in a large saucepan; cover and bring to simmer for about 1½ hours on stove-top. Stir occasionally.
3. Sauté celery, carrots and onions until the onions are translucent. Add to the soup pot, along with ham.
4. At the end, add marinara sauce, salt, pepper and two more cups of broth. Makes about eight cups of soup.

Type of Lima Bean	Potassium (mg)
(1/2 cup serving)	
Dried, cooked	581
Frozen	355
Canned	189

Disclaimer: Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health. This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to
Marie
 marieshealthyfood@gmail.com
Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.
 otowboxoffice.com



Southern Lima Bean Soup

Southern Comfort Food

We all have foods we crave when we want to feel taken care of. They fill us with warmth. A dish of lima beans with fresh-made cornbread, on a cool fall night, is a common southern comfort food. People respond to lima beans with either glee or vitriol or with total ambivalence. Lima beans, with their nutty and sweet

flavor, are one of the least ‘beany’ tasting of beans. But overcook them and they can turn bitter and sulfurous. Baby lima beans are green, small and tender. The larger, yellow, lima beans have a somewhat more mealy texture and are called butter beans.

Health Value

Soup can serve as a main meal and be a helpful tactic for losing weight when replacing high-fat, high-calorie dishes. Low-calorie soups of broth and vegetables are the best choice. Cream-based soups, or those loaded with cheese or pasta, can add significant calories to your diet. In some instances, it is delicious to puree a portion of cooked beans and add it back to the soup. This imparts a rich, velvety texture without the extra calories of cream or cheese. Serve your soups with a side salad instead of bread. White beans, which include lima beans, are terrific sources of potassium, B vitamins, iron and fiber. Dried lima beans offer excellent potassium benefit among white beans. The dried form is tastier, less expensive and has significantly less sodium versus

the canned version. It also has considerably higher potassium levels - one large can of lima beans has nearly 1300 milligrams of potassium. (iii) By comparison, one medium banana has 422 milligrams of potassium. Potassium is a mineral of great importance. The healthy adult RDA for potassium is estimated to 470 milligrams. Potassium and sodium help maintain critical fluid balance within the body, but its role in bone health is less well appreciated. When potassium intake is not adequate, alkalizing mineral compounds are drawn from the bone to help reduce the acid state. (i) So potassium is an important step to help reduce the risk of bone loss and prevent osteoporosis. (ii)

The Science

Presoaking beans removes enzymes that cause gas-causing consequences. Plus, presoaking helps cut beans’ cooking time in half. Discard this water at the end of the soaking period. Excessive stirring turns beans into mush. Gently nudge the beans around with a wooden, slotted spoon once or twice. Salt should be added at the last minute because, according to some people, it interferes with the softening of the bean. Likewise, add acidic seasoning such as tomatoes, vinegar or citrus at the last minute for the same reason.

Adding marinara sauce adds some sweetness and an attractive color to this soup. This would be especially a good touch if you use large lima beans that can often have a slightly bitter taste. The smaller baby lima bean is more sweet and tender and needs less cooking time. My dear chefs, your soup will taste even better the next day. Soup that hangs out overnight enables distinct flavors to blend harmoniously together.

Links

i - betterbones.com/ ii - eatright.org/ iii - https://www.eatthismuch.com/food/nutrition/lima-beans,2336/



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January

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

Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Passion for Pastels: Fridays, 10 am, Largo Room
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Largo Room
 Acrylic Painting, Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Largo Room
 Painting Workshop, Mondays, 9 am, Largo Room

OTHER CLASSES

Italian Language & Culture, Fridays, 10:30 am, Dunedin
 Learn To Play Bridge, Thursdays, 9 am, Dunedin

CARD GAMES BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room (17th Oldsmar Rm)

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:00, Belleair Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 pm, Learning Lab

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

BEGINNERS DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Ozona Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

PINOCHLE

T, H, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

SCOPA

Mondays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Bob: M,T, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

COMPUTER CLUB - WAC Learning Lab

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

COMPUTER CLUB - WAC Belleair Room

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

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

JEWELRY MAKING HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-12

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

LADIES QUET

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

EXERCISES

BONE SAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, 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, Safety Harbor Room

TAI CHI

Tai Chi 18: M,W,F 2:45 pm, Exercise Room

Tai Chi 108: M,T,W,H,F 4 p.m., Exercise Room

Chi Kung Balance Matters: T,H 3 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Hatha)

Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Basic)

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

ZUMBA

Mondays, 11:30 am, Gold Chair Zumba, Belleair

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 9 am, EAC Pool (Water Zumba)

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

Tennis / Pickleball Schedules

Women's Tennis

Mondays - 8 am
 Wednesdays - 8 am
 Fridays - 8 am

Men's Tennis

Tuesdays - 8 am
 Thursdays - 8 am
 Saturdays - 8 am

Pickleball

Sundays - 9 am
 Mondays / Thursdays - 5 pm
 Tuesdays - 12 pm

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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	Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Travel Club Meeting 12:30 PM - Oldsmar Ro Ent. Committee, Board 10:00 AM - Crystal Bea (Veranda) Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbo
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Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium	Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbo
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Lambda Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Learning Lab	Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Keyboard Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Palm Harbo

are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

SUNDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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			Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room) TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Largo Room (Art) Art Guild Board Meeting 3:00 PM - Largo Room (Art) Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)	Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Canadian Club Social 4:30 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise) Canadian Club Social 4:30 PM - Belleair Room (Sunrise) Socrates Cafe Meeting 10:00 AM - Safety Harbor (Sunrise) Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Oldsmar Room (Starlite) Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Crystal Beach Room (Veranda)	Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Ozona Room
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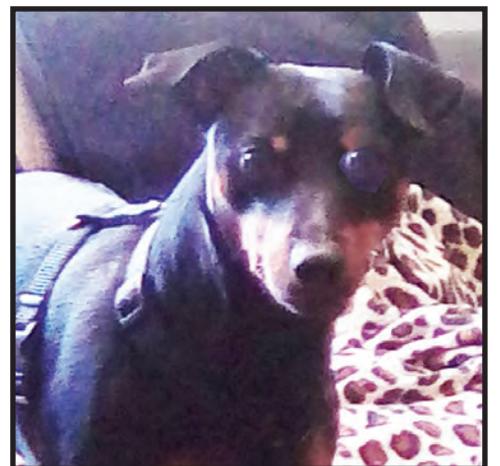
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Dancers, singers and musicians from the Academie Da Vinci Charter School in Dunedin provided live entertainment during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in December. Pictured above and at right were just two of the groups featured.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



Da Vinci students add holiday entertainment

They sang. They danced. They played musical instruments.

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Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee in December was a holiday special with entertainment provided by Academie Da Vinci Charter School students from Dunedin.

The students provided holiday music, danced and even twirled each other around in the air.

And guess what? The kids are coming back in January.

At the Get Acquainted event on Thursday, Jan. 9, students from third through fifth grade will present "Flakes" on our auditorium stage. This is their winter show and they are presenting it to us.

OTOW clubs and groups will be selling tickets to their functions and opening their information tables at 8:30 a.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m., followed by announcements, new-



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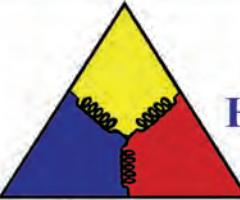
Expect the show to begin around 9:30 a.m.

Also at Get Acquainted Coffee in December, Good Neighbors marked its 50th anniversary as a club. Residents enjoyed cake with their coffee and celebrated five decades of giving back to the community.



Members of Good Neighbors Association cut the cake to help celebrate their 50th anniversary as an On Top of the World club. Get Acquainted Coffee in December included coffee and cake.

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If your homemade chili is special, plan on entering the second annual Chili Cook-Off set for February

By Jim Bjorgo

On behalf of everyone at Good Neighbors Association, we wish you all the best for the coming year, including good health, prosperity and joy.

Good Neighbors continues to plan events for the coming year. Some of the good old events are returning and we are going to try some new events we have never done before.

The twice-annual clothing drives and flea market/craft shows will be back. The monthly Get Acquainted Coffees will return.

Our first major event of 2020 will be our second annual Chili Cook-Off, which will take place Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the East Activity Center auditorium starting at 5 p.m.

We are looking for entrants who would like to showcase their own particular variety of chili and have a flare for decorating a table. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 20.

We are also looking for tasters to be judges. You can register up until the event.

So, you can enter the contest, you can judge the contest or you can just come and enjoy the chili. There will also be a hot dog meal for an additional charge.

Please stop by the Good Neighbors Association information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m., any Monday or Thursday, for more information or to register.

In Sunday, March 8, Good Neighbors is planning a special event. We are cur-



rently in the early stages. As soon as all our ducks are in a row, we will share the details. Keep this date open until further notice.

Get Acquainted Coffee in January will feature third, fourth and fifth grade students from Academie Da Vinci Charter School in Dunedin. They are returning for the second straight month, but this time will be presenting their winter show "Flakes" for our enjoyment.

Your Good Neighbors Association Board of Directors was recently elected for the 2020 season. Those serving will be President Jim Bjorgo, Vice President



In December, Good Neighbors Association thanked all its volunteers with a pizza party in the Oldsmar Room. As you can see, there are many volunteers who make Good Neighbors events possible each year.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Joanne Dameron, Vice President and Assistant Treasurer Maureen Bjorgo, Treasurer Roger Nicoll, Secretary Susan Trost, Board Member Jackie Mikes, Board Member Joan Sopok, Board Member Evelyn Simmer, Board Member Randy Reinth.

Please welcome in your new board.

Throughout 2020, Good Neighbors will be encouraging residents to support the Helping Hands charity, which is a part

of Countryside Cares. Whenever possible, we ask that you bring in canned or boxed goods and place them in the blue barrel in the southwest corner of the auditorium. We are working with good people who go out of their way to help those who are less fortunate. Be as generous as you can.

Need any information about our group? Stop by our information table and Monday or Thursday morning and ask.

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Computer Club learns about smartphones and tablets

By Joe Wisinski

When the On Top of the World Computer Club was founded almost 30 years ago, smartphones weren't even a dream.

Now, for most of us, a day never goes by when we don't use these remarkable devices.

"These amazing new inventions seem to add a spark to our lives," said computer club vice president Scott Mascitelli. "And they allow us to better communicate with the kids and grandkids."

Accordingly, the Computer Club has been spending an increasing amount of time learning about smartphones and tablets.

Sometimes the club devotes an entire meeting to learning about apps, techniques, or tricks for using the devices. Other times we break up into groups, one for iPhones and one for Android-based devices, for hands-on instruction.



Of course, the club is still first and foremost a Computer Club, and we never stop learning about them. But we also enjoy discovering and using the latest technology.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Visitors are welcome. Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance. Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

For more information about the computer club, go to www.otowcc.com.



Whether your preference is iPhone or Android, the Computer Club can help you learn more about smartphones.

A goal for next year is to cut down the number of disappearing newspapers

The Press Association welcomed a special guest to its December meeting.

Mark Wright, who oversees circulation of On Top of the World newspapers, sat in and listened to concerns and questions from the news staff.

Actually, most of the comments were very good as many writers thanked Mark for overseeing delivery of the newspaper each month.

For anyone who does not know, a publishing company delivers more than 5,000 newspapers to our community each month. On Top of the World employees then divide the newspapers into drop zones and then deliver them to each building across the community.

It's a very well-organized system which allows all our residents to get their newspaper early in the morning on delivery day.

Several members of the news staff thanked Mark for his team's effort to make the deliveries in a timely matter and to leave neatly stacked bundles in each building.

But there are also aspects of the delivery process OTOW is trying to improve on.

Some newspaper staff said residents



are stealing entire bundles of newspapers and using them for bird cages and cat boxes.

Other people are taking bundles and donating them to local animal shelters.

Some people, for whatever reason, are simply throwing newspapers away after delivery to buildings.

Mark said he would tell his crew members to keep their eyes open for anyone stealing newspaper, but residents are asked to keep their eyes open, too.

As a reminder to all residents, black

bins in each building are for newspapers only. The bins are not for books, decorations or plants. Newspapers must remain in the bins until the end of the month. Advertisers are told newspapers are available to residents and guests for an entire month and therefore unread newspapers cannot be recycled early or thrown away.

On Top of the World will recycle the old newspapers when the new newspapers arrive.

If anyone knows of an individual who is stealing newspapers from bins, please contact the newsroom or tell a crew member who delivers newspapers.

More newspapers cannot be added to the bin during the month. However, there are extra newspapers available in the East and West Activity Center lobbies.

Editor Doug Kates thanked Mark for attending and listening to concerns.

In other Press Association matters, only 16 people have signed up to purchase new shirts. An order will not be placed until 25 people have signed up. The cost is \$24 per shirt. The new logos are embroidered on a blue shirt with a color. There is a men's and women's style.

At the Press Association meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 1:30 p.m., Doug will ask staff if they want to switch to a green shirt for St. Patrick's Day.

If you want a shirt, and have not placed an order, please do so by Jan. 2 or place your order at the next Press Association meeting in the EAC Crystal Beach Room.



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Some of the phone calls came to my landline at my home. Two came to my cellphone. I answered a couple of them and it was a typical robocall. Someone on the other end said they had tried to reach me but couldn't and my IP address (Internet Protocol) had been compromised.

An IP address is a numerical label that is assigned to each computer network so it can communicate with the internet. Think of it as a postal address, but for your computer.

The robocaller wanted me to click on a link so they could change my IP address. If I did that, which I certainly did NOT, the scammer would have gained control over my computer, including all personal and private information.

You must never respond to such robocalls no matter how legitimate they appear to be, or how much the caller tries to frighten you.

All of us know this, but it bears repeating. We should never answer phone calls if you don't immediately recognize the caller. If you answer a phone call and it's a robocall saying you must click on something, just hang up.

And yes, be aware that you may also be receiving a legitimate call, say, from our doctor's office, but after they leave a message, just call them back.

Just be cautious.

Scam Alert: I got a phone call from someone. Since I did not recognize the phone number, I should not have answered, but I'm human and make mis-



takes, so I answered it.

The caller asked me if I were so and so and she named a close relative of mine. That immediately told me that someone was just fishing around trying to find my relative. I hung up. In the same situation, you should hang up too.

Q. I've been to your lectures. You seem to be a nice guy. Here is a question from one of my children: Would it not be wise for me and my wife to put our home in our children's names in order to avoid the nursing home or Medicaid taking it if we go into a nursing home?

A. No, it would not be wise to put your home in your children's names to avoid the nursing home or Medicaid taking it if you go into a nursing home.

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However, should you do it, you will lose your homestead exemption and the save our homes cap.

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have against creditors claims.

AND, if your children have creditors' claims against them, they will attach to the home (and please don't tell me your children will not let that happen to them 'cuz they are just so perfect.)

You could transfer your home to your kids through what is called a ladybird deed. Under that scheme, you deed it to them and reserve a life estate to yourself, but with the right to sell it without them having to join in that deed.

However, no matter what the ladybird deed says, if you want to remove a child's name from your deed, you WILL need his/her/their joinder in the deed because otherwise, title insurance companies will be very reluctant to issue title insurance to a later purchaser.

Your homestead is your single most protected asset. I think you should leave it alone.

In truth, this is a very complex question so it's best if you speak with your own attorney about this.

Notice, I said YOUR own attorney.

Don't rely on your kids' attorney. Seek your own separate advice.

Regarding your comment that I "seem to be a nice guy," I wasn't sure, so I ran that by my wife of 54 years.

She's still thinking about the answer.

My wife said, if I take her on a nice cruise, she'll agree I am a nice guy.

Q. My daughter and I have had no communication for the last five years. The last time we spoke, she said never to contact her again. So, I haven't.

Recently, out of the blue, she and her significant other called to say that she needs several thousand dollars and if I

refuse, she will hire a lawyer and sue me. Her significant other said he is a police officer and knows this.

A. Yeah. Well, I am a lawyer and I know you do not have to give her or her S.O., anything.

They won't find a lawyer to represent them without a nice fat retainer, up front.

My advice is to follow her request and do not contact her, not even to reply.

By the way, I doubt her S.O. is a police officer. Otherwise, he'd know there's a crime called extortion.

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Stubby Kaye famous for Broadway characters who made it to the big screen

If you saw the stage production or movie version of "Guys and Dolls" or "Lil Abner" you will certainly remember Stubby Kaye.

Stubby originated the roles of Nicely Nicely Johnson in Guys & Dolls, and Marryin' Sam in Lil Abner, introducing two show stopping numbers of the era.

Those numbers were "Sit down. You're rocking the boat" and "Jubilation T Cornpone."

Stubby was born in Manhattan on the last day of World War I. His parents were first generation Jewish-Americans originally from Russia and Austria.

He was married twice. His first wife was Jeanne Watson. They were married in

1960 and were divorced because of personal differences within their first year of marriage.

Stubby's second wife was Angela Bracewell, a former dancer at the London Palladium. They remained married until his death. There were no children in either marriage.

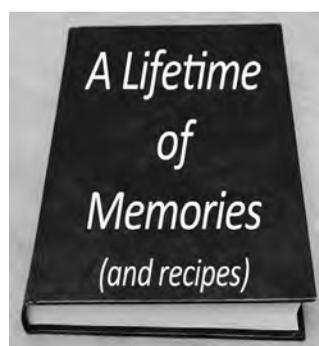
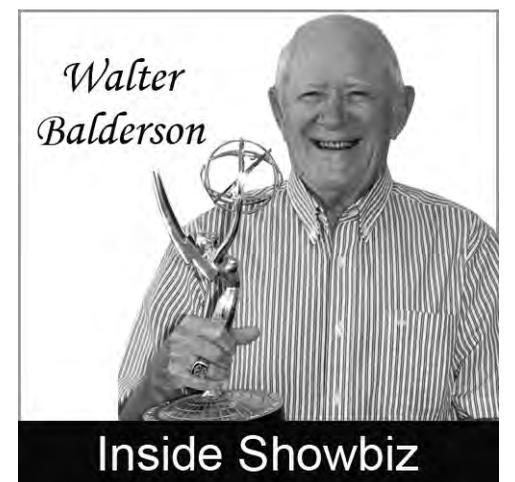
Stubby began his career in 1939 appearing in Vaudeville for more than two decades before starring on Broadway. He duplicated his Broadway roles on the big screen in both Guys and Dolls and Lil Abner. During World War II, he toured America and Europe in several USO groups entertaining the men and women in service.

Stubby's popularity as a prolific comic tenor largely gained him fame and he was a popular guest on many TV shows including, Ed Sullivan, Steve Allen and The Martha Rae Show.

Other roles included the grouchy but sweet-natured dance manager in "Sweet Charity" on Broadway and in The Cool Mikado.

A little tidbit that might be worth noting. Stubby's second cousin is comedian-political commentator Bill Maher.

Stubby, one of the best musical comedy performers of the 20th century, died on Dec. 14, 1997, at his home in Palm Springs, Calif.



New OTOW group teaches you how to write a story about your life

A new class "Storytelling, Folklore and Me" starts Jan. 7 in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

The class will meet 1:30 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month.

What's it about?

Have you ever thought about writing your

life story?

This class will present the tools, help and opportunity to do just that. If you want, you can share your story with future generations.

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Art Guild to host one more speaker from Studio 1212

By Mary Slack Maynard

The Art Guild held its annual holiday potluck lunch during its December meeting.

Guild members discussed current business and enjoyed food from various "pots." Participants were treated to a presentation by Colleen Baxter and Adrienne Cox from the Studio 1212 Art Gallery on Cleveland Street in Clearwater.

The Studio 1212 group was started in 1970 by students of internationally known artist William Pachner. The center provides artists with the opportunity "to associate with each other on an informal basis, to promote group discussions about their work, to have a place to create, exhibit and sell their art and to provide open art workshops as a way to support art education in and to give back to the community."

Colleen and Adrienne talked about the power of the imagination, and how an image in the artist's mind can be combined with color and shape to create impressive visual depictions of life as the artist sees it.



All who are interested in the Guild are invited to the next meeting, Jan. 10 in the East Activity Center Largo Room. Artist Sherida Wysocki, also from the Studio1212 Art Gallery, will give a presentation.

The Guild also offers a variety of classes over the winter season. Whether you paint or draw, or have an interest in improving on what you already know, attend one of the classes offered by Guild members.



Colleen Baxter and Adrienne Cox were guest speakers at the Art Guild meeting in December. They talked about listening to your imagination.

New York-New Jersey Club presents a Valentine's Day Dance on Valentine's Day. Visit the club's information table 8:30-10:30 a.m. any Monday or Thursday in the East Activity Center for more information.

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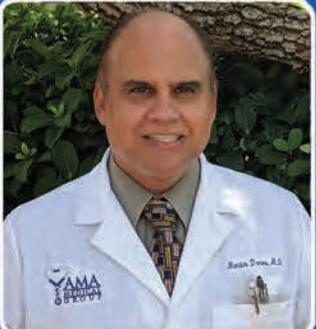
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Hope you saw it!

Many believe this was best holiday concert in years



Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

I must begin with a heartfelt “thank you” from On Top of the World Chorus to each one of you who attended our Holiday Concert!

“CAPP” is an acronym I have created for Chorus Audience Participation Power.

There is no doubt that your enthusiastic participation has a powerful effect on the quality of our performance. This certainly proved true this concert as many proclaimed it to be the “best one yet!”

Chorus members and guests were still basking in the glow at the post-concert dinner held at Duff’s Buffet.

We are counting on more CAPP on March 28 and 29 when we perform our spring concert. Please save the dates.

As usual, I want to invite others to join us. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7-9 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room of



Pictured on top of this page is the 2019 On Top of the World Chorus performing during its holiday concert in December. Then above, is Chorus members at their post-concert dinner.

the East Activities Center. Rehearsals will continue each Monday from 10-11 a.m. and each Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the same location.

Following the spring performances, Chorus will be in recess until October.

The good news is, several persons have already expressed their intention to join us in March. If you are one of those,

please know how eager we are at the prospect of having you on board!

There will always be room for more.

If you like to reminisce about the good-old-days when you sang in the high school and/or college and church choir, why not do it again with us. We would love to see you at the first rehearsal, or soon thereafter.

For more information call Rod or Ilene Bargerstock at 727-408-5759. If you need to leave a message, just say the word “chorus” and one of us will call you back ASAP.

Here’s hoping your Christmas was merry and bright and that your New Year will be happy and blessed.

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Nicki

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Nicki has completed two training classes and received an Honor Roll Certificate with her completion certificates!

She loves to wear her dresses and she likes riding in a stroller when her mom goes shopping.

She even has a car seat!

She is very happy to have many friends here in her building. She loves all dogs and cats!

Her mom loves spoiling her!

Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus 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 at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from the 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 and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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Irish Club says 25th parade will be the best one ever



Irish Club

By Barbara Rice

A festive December brunch put Irish Club members in the holiday spirit and looking forward to the arrival of the Emerald Isle's Father Christmas.

Thirty-four members celebrated at the Dunedin Golf Club on Dec. 8.

However, St. Patrick's Day shamrocks, not sugar plums, were dancing in their heads.

"The Christmas brunch was the calm before the storm," commented President Barbara Lenzi. "Plans were underway for the biggest, best On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration."

March 7 will mark the 25th anniversary of the annual parade.

For a quarter of a century, the Luck of the Irish has spread throughout the On Top of the World community on this



Irish Club members enjoyed a holiday dinner together, but many were already thinking ahead to St. Patrick's Day.

special March day thanks to today's hard working Irish Club members, and many members who are remembered fondly over the past 25 years.

Mike Cooper is the 2020 parade coordinator.

If this will be your first parade, you will be wowed by the bagpipers, bands, military marchers, floats, clowns, antique cars, many OTOW club entries, and more.

If you have been before, you know to plant your lawn chair at a good viewing

point along the parade route.

Although not required, green is the color of the day.

Gather for fun and food at the end of the parade route at the East Activity Center.

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks on parade day. If interested in helping, stop by the Irish Club table on Monday or Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center and speak with a member.

The Irish Club's calendar of other activities include entertainment by Terry Connelly on Jan. 15. Nomination of officers will be followed by off to the horse races on Jan. 24. Paul Duffy's variety show will be on Feb. 21. A dance on March 4 will be highlighted by a dinner cooked by Mamma Felice.

Tickets for all Irish Club events are available at the club's table on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the EAC.

First movie day is in the books



Popcorn was popping, the East Activity Center auditorium lights were turned off, the movie screen was lowered, and for the first time in a long time, On Top of the World residents enjoyed a movie without even leaving the community. In December, OTOW debuted what it hopes will become a permanent event in the community. 'It's a Wonderful Life' was shown and residents enjoyed a table seating environment. OTOW is already planning ahead to show its second movie. If you have a suggestion what to see, stop by the Community Service Office and drop off a note. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



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You don't have to go back in time to try some original line dances

By Leila Walker

Meet Don and Marian Leamy.

Marian is a member of the On Top of the World Line Dance Club. She danced on the American Bandstand TV show when it was broadcast in Philadelphia and was even interviewed by Dick Clark!

Don approached this writer about doing an article on the beginning of line dancing. There have been various opinions about when and where line dancing got its start.

Some think line dancing began in the 1970s. But if you are from Philadelphia, you would claim line dancing began in the 1950s with a dance called "The Stroll."

If you grew up in the '50s, you probably did The Stroll. Even if you did not grow up in the '50s, you probably did The Stroll!

It was that popular!

In 1957, The Stroll was introduced to a nationwide audience thanks to American Bandstand. This dance craze swept the nation. The rest of the story is history.

This was the beginning for all line



dances that followed.

Don also discussed another popular line dance from the '50s. You may also recall the "The Wagner Walk" done to Smokey Robinson's "It's a Good Good Feeling."

There. Two dances. You are probably ready to learn even more at our OTOW Line Dance Club sessions. You can learn the dances and then try them at other vari-

ous OTOW events.

You can see Don and Marian dance The Stroll at other club dances. You will see other OTOW Line Dance Club members at the same dances. Join them!

If you are a beginner dancer, try the Line Dance Club's 1 p.m. Tuesday session or the 8:30 a.m. Saturday session.

Regular classes are held after the beginner classes.

All classes are held in the East Activity Center auditorium.

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

Information about our club can be seen on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on Facebook.

There are line-dance-at-home videos available on OTOW-TV weekdays at 11 a.m. Try one in your living room and see if you like it!

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.



Marian and Don Leamy

If you enjoy Italian food, please attend Italian Club's dinner dance on Jan. 22



Italian-American Club

By Maryann Fontaine

Just a reminder, you don't have to be Italian to belong to the Italian-American club.

All you have to do is live at On Top of the World, enjoy eating good Italian food and socializing with friends.

So please join us at our monthly events.

We hope all who attended our Christmas party at Alfano's enjoyed the food and celebration. Now we look forward to another new year doing the same.

Listed is our activities for 2020. So Happy New Year to all.

On Jan. 22, from 5-8 p.m., our club will host a Taste of Italy Dinner/Dance.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Music will be by Dino, who is a fa-



Residents enjoy last year's Taste of Italy Dinner Dance. This year's event is on Jan. 22.

vorite. You can dance or just relax after enjoying your meal.

On Feb. 7 at 11 a.m., our club will be meeting at Tampa Bay Downs, where we will enjoy a good afternoon buffet lunch before the races.

On Feb. 19, from 5-8 p.m., our club will host Casino Night. Sub sandwiches are \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

Our club has scheduled our first picnic at the OTOW Pavilion on Wednesday, March 11, from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.

On March 25, from 5-8 p.m., the Italian-American Club will host its annual St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Music will be by Denise.

On April 17, from 5-8 p.m., our club

will host Pizza Night with salads. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers.

All our activities, unless stated otherwise, are in the East Activity Center auditorium.

If you have questions about our club, or what to pay for an upcoming event, please visit our information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Republican Club plans to have more guest speakers in 2020 that will benefit our residents



Republican Club

By Marvin Lazernik

Now that the holiday season has ended, presents have been opened, relatives and friends reunited, and weight loss programs are selling like crazy – let us not forget we live in a great country.

This past year, the Ronald Reagan Republican Club had speakers such as our State Senator Ed Hooper, US Congressman Gus Bilirakis, County Commission Dave Eggers, tax appraiser Mike Twitty and several other officials that represent our OTOW community as well as Pinellas County and other counties.

Our club will continue to educate On Top of the World residents by bringing in speakers in 2020 that represent our com-



Pictured above is almost everyone who attended a Republican Club Christmas Party in December. Even President Donald Trump attended with Santa Claus.

munity.

Our club has also given out more than 175 pocket size Constitutions and over 300 Pinellas County phone directories to OTOW residents

In 2020, new challenges will arise and our club will again bring in speakers that represent us. We also will have some open lectures for everyone in our community to attend.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, our lecturer will

be State Attorney Bernie McCabe, Pinellas and Pasco County Sixth Judicial Court District. He supervises more than 150 appointed assistants who investigate and prosecute criminal and civil cases on behalf of the State of Florida.

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Call (951) 377-0909 for further information. You may also go to otowboxoffice.com and look under Republican Club for further information on upcoming speakers and participating events.

Make your own jewelry gifts

By Charles Fuhr

They say that diamonds are forever.

Well, let me put you in on a little fact. So are rubies, sapphires and other gems.

If you would like to make your family a gift that would be around for a long, long time, come and join the jewelry-making class at On Top of the World.

The art of taking a piece of rough gem and turning it into a beautiful gem is not as hard as you might think.

The jewelry-making class takes place 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The room is in the East Activity Center. Our front door faces the swimming pool.



Jewelry Making



This was one of many tables at the Countryside Country Club as Travel Club members enjoyed the holiday dinner.

Spring events will be announced at January monthly meeting

By Tom Jamrozy

The Travel Club had a wonderful holiday party on Dec. 5 at the Countryside Country Club.

With 133 guests, we enjoyed a buffet dinner, gift cards, dancing and gave away raffle tickets for a chance at gifts and chocolates.

We always have a great turnout so get tickets early so you don't miss out on next year.

Our next club meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 3, with the new board at the helm. Come early to sign in, buy "share the wealth" tickets, purchase trips or Lunch Bunch tickets.

Already on sale are events for the first three months of 2020 and April events will be revealed at the meeting.

Day trips include:

- The James Museum of Western Art and Wildlife with a stop at a distillery on the way home;



Travel Club

- A seven-day Caribbean Cruise out of Tampa;

- A day trip on the Calypso Queen Buffet Cruise;

- A trip to the Lakeland Wilderness Safari.

- Lunch Bunches include Ozona Blue, Abe's and O'Keefe's.

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New York - New Jersey Club



Pictured above is a scene from last year's Valentines Dance. This year the dance is on Feb. 14.

Hurry, tickets still available for Coney Island Night

By Pat Hayes

Come get a taste of New York and join the New York-New Jersey Club at Coney Island Night on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests.

The hot dogs come with all the fixings and music will be provided by KP Duo.

Our annual Valentines Day Dinner Dance will actually be on Valentine's Day in 2020.

Pick up your tickets now for Friday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Cost is \$17 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Mama Felice will be serving lasagna or spinach lasagna, meatballs, sausage, broccoli in garlic and oil, and salad.

If you leave room, dessert is an option.

Coffee, water and ice will be available. We are pleased to have booked Denise with a Twist as the DJ.

On March 7, the New York-New Jersey Club will march in the Irish Club parade. Please register in advance at our information table so we will know in advance you will be marching with our club.

Our most popular event "Strawberry Festival" has been scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for guests.

We are pleased to announce we have once again invited East Lake High School's premier group of "Madrigal Singers" to provide entertainment.

Strawberries will be served with whipped cream, pound cake, coffee and water.

On May 13, please help the Veterans Club celebrate Armed Forces Day in the East Activity Center. Details will be announced later by the Veterans Club.

Your board of directors is in the process of finalizing the following events for mid-year:

- Thursday, Aug. 13, "Summer Luau"

EAC, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 10, "New York Cheesecake" EAC, 2 p.m.

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

Membership is still just \$5. We are a social club with volunteer spirit. We support all of the clubs. In addition, we have a strong commitment to Kimberly Home for single mothers, and the Veterans Club.

All tickets need to be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m. Stop by the club information table and meet our volunteers.

You never know what we'll discuss at Socrates Café

By Trevor Colby

On Top of the World's Socrates Café club started this past October and attendance has been wonderful.

Recent subjects discussed include how can we change what is communicated, what causes attraction and what is freedom.

We encourage anyone who is interested in developing their point of view with civility and respect to join us at 10 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month in the East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room.

The concept of Socrates Cafés started in the early 1990s when freelance writer Christopher Phillips wondered what he could do to continue the efforts of earlier philosophers.

Today, there are more than 600 Socrates Cafés around the world in which people from different backgrounds come together to exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences.

The ancient Greek philosopher



Socrates promoted the idea that we learn more when we question and discuss our thoughts with others.

The answer for Christopher Phillips was to be a philosopher in the mold of Socrates, and to hold dialogues with anyone who would like to engage in a common quest to gain a better understanding of human nature.

Please join us and add your opinions.

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Irish Club Parade March 7, 10 am

Democratic Club looking for new officers, new leaders, in 2020

By Donna Lukas

Do you think of yourself as a leader? Would your light be shining brightly if it wasn't hiding under a basket?

Would you participate in more club activity if you could direct it?

For some reason, more people become politically active during a presidential election year. Guess what has come around again this year?

Our current officers for the Democratic Club need a break. But they would be happy to talk to you about you taking their place for a year that begins in March.

At our Jan. 9 meeting, we will be nominating club officers for the coming year. If you answered yes to any of those opening questions, 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. 9 meeting. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, 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



Democratic Club

club members during the February meeting. Election of the nominated officers will take place during the club meeting in March.

If you didn't attend the Democratic Club Holiday Potluck Dinner in December, we missed you. You missed pulled pork, ham, vegetables, salads and casseroles galore, plus desserts and beverages.

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

Our next club meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9, which is our usual date - the second Thursday of the month.

We will be back in our usual location. We will be meeting in the East Activity



Members of the Democratic Club stop for a photo during their holiday dinner in December.

Center Oldsmar Room from 2-3:30 p.m.

If you haven't already paid your annual \$12 membership dues for 2020, you can do so at that meeting. Or you can send your check, made out to OTOW Democratic Club, to our treasurer Joyce Abelson at 2463 Brazilia Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, FL 33763.

If you missed attending one of our

meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on the Box Office. You can visit our own club page. Go to otowboxoffice.com and click on the "Democratic Donkey."

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

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Veterans should make plans to ride our float during the upcoming Irish Club parade



There was more food galore at the Veterans Group monthly meeting in December. The group talked about upcoming plans, including the Irish Club parade on March 7.

By William Peterson

Well, can you believe it, we have made it through another year and it is now 2020.

Pam Rosenblatt, co-director of the Veterans Group, and I, hope that you had a great holiday season.

The last meeting of our Veterans Group was brief. We talked a short time about upcoming events in the new year, but the majority of time was spent enjoying some good food and conversation.

A heartfelt thanks to all of our vets who brought a dish to be shared.

Pam gave out schedules for our meetings and events in 2020, and if you did not get one, please stop by our Veterans Group information table in the East Activity Center and pick one up.

We will now be meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Belleair Room on the West side as it is a larger space.

Since Jan. 1 is New Year's Day, we will be meeting on Jan. 8.

We will be looking for volunteers to help organize our veterans float in the

Irish Club's St. Patty's Day Parade on March 7. We hope to see a lot of our veterans in attendance, and for those who cannot walk the parade route, there will be a flatbed truck to ride on.

Also, we will have a Corvette for our World War II Veterans to ride in.

We will also be forming a committee, headed by Will Peterson, for our annual Veterans thank you celebration to be held on Wednesday, May 13. So, if you have any ideas that you would like to share, please volunteer to be a part of this committee. We would like to keep the committee to five people, but will accept suggestions

from any member.

Do you have any old cell phones lying around your condo? If so, we have a box at our table to collect them. So go through your drawers and bring them in to us so we can redistribute them.

We have a table in the East Activity

Center auditorium from 8-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and volunteers are always welcome to help staff it. We have all types of information that veterans can use to find assistance for almost any questions they have about veteran's affairs.

Thank you for your service!

Oil painting on Mondays

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Sharon's class in 9:30-noon, every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

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Neighborhood Watch Core Group members Becky Balderson and Denise Malfer deliver toys to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. The toys were collected from OTOW residents and delivered to needy children in the community.

Neighborhood Watch wants to know how people in your building solved issues

By Dave Beaven

January is the prime month for reflecting backward and looking forward.

For our Neighborhood Watch Group, 2019 was a formative year. We did presentations on getting the most from the Nextdoor Website, as well as a presentation on active shooters.

This past summer, we also participated in National Night Out, which is a nationwide event that encourages people to meet and interact with their neighbors.

Starting this past fall, and heading into 2020, we are looking to keep track of community issues here at On Top of the World. Our motto is: We watch out for each other.

If you are having problems in your building, we would like to document them. Or if you have resolved issues, we would definitely like to hear from you how you did it.

You can reach us by email at: area-watch2020@gmail.com.

All reports that we receive will be tracked on our Webpage: <https://area-watch2020.blogspot.com>.



By identifying trends and gathering information, we expect to gain experience in resolving problems and make our community even better.

In addition, Neighborhood Watch will present occasional speakers to address issues that concern our residents.

We partner with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, which has been helpful to us since we started.

Neighborhood Watch members are also available to speak to OTOW clubs and buildings about our mission. Just drop us an email. We wish you all a safe and healthy 2020.

Tickets now on sale for 50th Theater Workshop show

By Tony Baker

Another year. Another show

But this one will be special.

Theater Workshop will present its 50th anniversary show in February.

Casting is almost complete and everyone is excited and ready to do their very best to entertain our residents.

We have a special members this year - it will be a complete team effort.

I am very privileged to be the director. We have some surprises waiting for you and new members joining the cast.

If you haven't attended past shows, please make an effort to attend this one. All we ask is a \$5 donation and it will be the best \$5 you spend this winter.

You can purchase tickets from any cast member or at our information table



Theater Workshop

in the East Activity Center auditorium, 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Texas Card Club now hosts a tournament

The On Top of the World Texas Card Club meets from November through mid-April every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

We are the only community card club that is open to all owners and residents of OTOW, plus one guest or one visitor per night.

You just have to show up by 6:15 p.m., sign in and we will seat you at a table.

Texas Card Club plays a variety of games. If you need help, someone will assist you.

Players can qualify for a monthly tournament. Our first one took place in December and Debbie Hall was crowned champion.

Second place was Rita Levene, followed by Tom King, Mary Erickson and Joe De Chiaro. They all received prizes and a fun time was enjoyed by everyone.

If you like playing cards and have a free evening, drop by and we will welcome you.

For more information, contact Barry Levene at 727-480-4559.

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Two members of the same OTOW club bump into each other on two different cruises



By Dale Stackhouse

Who would expect that on a visit to the Peter the Great summer palace in Russia, you would run into a fellow line dancer?

This happened to two of our Snowbirds Club members recently.

Mary Marsden was on a Baltic Cruise, enjoying a tour of the palace, when she thought she saw a familiar face go by with another tour group.

Later, that sighting was confirmed.

Mary encountered Dolly Newcome, who was also on a Baltic cruise, but with a different group.

Both On Top of the World residents had departed from their northern homes, and neither had any knowledge of the other's plans.

Somehow, they came together, just like line dancers do on Wednesdays in the



Dolly Newcome, left, and Mary Marsden share photos of their recent trip to Russia. Even though they started their trip from different locations, they ended up in the same place.

East Activity Center auditorium.

The Snowbirds Club has had a busy holiday season, with many activities to choose from: Thanksgiving dinner, "Elf" the musical, a Nashville Country Christmas at Ruth Eckerd Hall, and two different bus trips to see Christmas Lights - St Augustine's Night of Lights, and Orlando's Singing Christmas Trees.

Some Snowbirds Club members en-

joyed a cruise to the Bahamas, while others stayed closer to home. Their choices included "A Christmas Cactus" at Just For Laughs Theater, or horse races at Tampa Bay Downs.

There will be two more dinner theater dates coming up in January and February, and now is a good time to think about taking advantage of low group rates for two "Bucket List" cruises. Our club has

connections if you want to visit Alaska in August 2020 or Hawaii in February 2021.

Visit the Snowbirds Club information table on Mondays or Thursdays for more information.

Don't forget. There will be no line dance class on Jan. 8, as many will be on a "Dancing Dolly" cruise.

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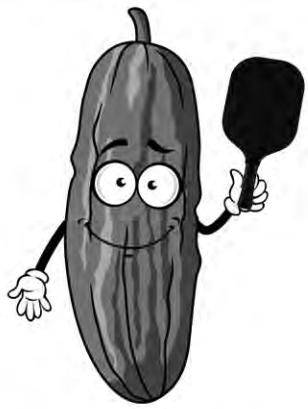


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Pickleball has reached nearly 90 members



Pickleball

By Kathy Ahrens

Pickleball has really taken off here at On Top of the World.

The club has 87 members so far.

We enjoyed a Christmas pizza party after our pickleball play on Sunday, Dec. 8. We played that morning to Christmas songs and singing.

Even though we have a large group



A group of pickleball players pose for a photo after a morning of fun on the new courts.

of players, don't worry about joining us. When we have many people who want to play, we divide into two groups, advanced and intermediate. Everyone plays.

Our play days and times are now

Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. - noon, Monday evenings 4-7 p.m., Tuesday afternoons noon-3 p.m., and Thursdays 4-7 p.m.

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Tracing your roots with DNA



Debbe Hagner, a DNA research expert, was the guest speaker at the Family History meeting this past December.

By Joanne Cordes

For the Family History meeting in December, our club was very pleased to host a special guest speaker,

Debbe Hagner, an accredited genealogist, is known as a “Family Tree Surgeon” as noted on her business card.

Debbe’s presentation was titled “Basic DNA 102,” but we learned so much more than “the basics.”

Things we learned and talked about included the pros and cons, features and costs of various DNA services.

We also reviewed various DNA services, including Ancestry, 23andMe, Family Tree DNA, MyHeritage, Living DNA, and Genographic Project (launched in 2005, a multiyear research initiative of the National Geographic Society).

Debbe pointed out that most people who spend money for a DNA kit are primarily concerned with knowing their ethnicity and the percentages of each region—just like the TV ads show. Then there are many, many other people who are interested in their heritage and learning the stories of their family.

This is who we are - our Family His-



Family History

tory Group is in search of “who are our common ancestors?”

If you are interested in learning about your family history, please join us. Our next meeting is 12:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Up next, celebrating winter party

Lambda believes no one should ever be left out of celebrating a holiday

By Bruce Lovett

The Lambda Club isn’t just about having parties and going to brunch. Mind you, having monthly-themed socials and visiting a variety of restaurants most Sundays is a great reason to start a club.

But Lambda serves a much more important purpose to the many permanent homeowners and seasonal inhabitants here at On Top of the World.

Because of geographical distances, financial restraints and personal circumstances, many of our residents are unable to be near family and old friends during important holidays.

Lambda is there to fill that void.

For every major seasonal event, the club supplies the room, the meat and the decorations while club members provide the sides, the support and the atmosphere.

A Thanksgiving feast was held on Thanksgiving Day so members had a holiday destination: the East Activity Center.

And as the picture with this article proves, it was quite a feast. There were appetizers and desserts on many different tables.

Then it was time to change the gourd for a Christmas candle and you would see



what our Christmas dinner was all about.

Change out the turkey for a couple of hams and you have an example of our Easter Sunday celebration.

Lambda, which is an organization



Lambda Club

that supports the LGBT community of On Top of the World and their neighbors and friends, truly does offer a home for the holidays.

Now back to the parties.

Our Christmas party and gift exchange in December was a smash as always. No one who brought a gift went home empty handed.

Northern oven mitts, tropical mirrors and everything in between changed hands, not to mention a lot of laughter.

Our next social is Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the EAC Largo Room. It is our annual “Winter of Florida” party.

Snowbirds, and permanent Floridians alike, are asked to wear clothing reminding them of the scary winter weather they left behind.

Snowball punch will be served and Johnny Winter will be playing on the jukebox.

Not forgetting that we do live in Florida, where golf can be played 12 months out of the year, it would be remiss not to mention our Monday Golf Guys. They meet every week at 2.30 p.m. by the caddyshack at the start of the 9-hole OTOW golf course.

No experience is necessary. Everyone from beginners on down are welcome.

It is a par 33 course and a few of our players can achieve that in just one hole.

If you are interested in finding out more about this activity, or the club in general, you can visit our web page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

We are also on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com or you can contact us by e-mail at: lambda@gmail.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Start the year with a cabaret

By Shirley Hunter

At the start of a new year, many of us set new goals and resolutions, put old habits behind and try new things.

In January, On Top of the World's Canadian Club offers the following fun events to choose from:

Happy Hour Cabaret: On Friday, Jan 3, we start the year off with this popular gathering in the West Activity Center Bellear Room from 4:30-7 p.m.

BYOB, a glass and a finger food to share.

The evening features some local talent as well as an open mic. Do you sing, play an instrument or tell jokes? We would really like to hear you perform. The room



fills up fast, so don't be late!

A Day at the Races: On Friday, Jan. 17, a group of our members is heading to Tampa Bay Downs. Your \$24 ticket in-

cludes parking, a delicious hot and cold buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m., reserved seats and a program.

Space is limited so sign up soon by calling John Henry at 727-421-0250.

Friendship Dinner and Dance: We are celebrating our 45th anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium. Mamma Felice will cater and Ward Hemmond will DJ. Appropriate dress is requested - no shorts please. Buy your tickets Jan. 9-30 in the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Golf Fun Day: This is planned for Sunday, Feb. 16. Rain date is Feb. 23.

Register as a foursome by contacting

Lorie Rutherford at lorie.rutherford77@gmail.com.

Final registrations are in the EAC auditorium on Feb. 3 and Feb. 6 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Bring your club membership card. Details will follow in the February newspaper.

Registration: All residents of OTOW are welcome to participate in our activities by joining the club any Monday or Thursday in the EAC auditorium until Jan. 30. After January, call Shirley at 727-239-3726. Bring your OTOW Activity Card to register.

We wish everyone in the OTOW community a healthy and happy New Year!



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Any OTOW resident can participate in Jack and Jill Golf Tournament

On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League will host its annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The rain date is February 18.

The event will be held at On Top of the World's 18-Hole Golf Course and will conclude with lunch and an opportunity to participate in a "50/50" drawing. 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.

Guests are invited 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 tournament, a registration form and additional information is available online at otowladiesgolf.com under the tab labeled Jack & Jill Tournament.

Registration forms will also be available in mid-January at the golf course green house on Tuesday mornings from 7:45-8:30 a.m. Registration begins on Jan. 21, and continues Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 from 7:45-8:30 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. Tournament day check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and tee time is at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Karen Beaver at 717-468-3745.

Annual Fixers Club meeting

The annual On Top of the World Fixers Club meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Clearwater Room behind the Good Karma Café.

The meeting will include the election of officers for 2020.

Self nominations will be accepted from the floor for all positions.

Celebrating 50 Years

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Pictured above is the 2020 Entertainment Committee Board. In the first row, from left to right, are Connie McDonald, Lucille Greenhalgh, Mary Ann O'Neil, Marian Leamy and Sue Watlington. In back are Susan Carlson, Marvin Flam, Mike Wood, Karen Dafee and Kirk Safee.

Coming in 2020 are 15 dances, 12 Meet-and-Greets and 11 shows

By Marvin Flam

Happy New Year!

A rocking, sold-out, New Year's Eve party always welcomes in a new year and this year's party also welcomes in the Entertainment Committee's 50th anniversary.

The party always has dancing, noise makers, champagne and fun.

It is a great way to start "Celebrate 50" which will last throughout 2020.

In 1970, a group of volunteer residents began working together to provide organized professional entertainment for the enjoyment of the On Top of the World Community.

In the beginning, the Entertainment Committee presented several different types of entertainment for our community and it continues today.

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All tickets and information for the 2020 entertainment year are available in the auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. You can also call 727-449-9243 or email entcom2014@gmail.com.

Additional information is available by visiting the Community Service Office in the EAC, visiting the Box Office at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, checking out OTOW-TV channel 732, checking your building's bulletin boards and the newspaper.

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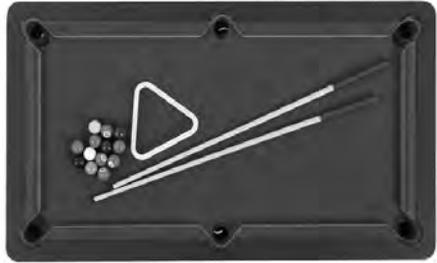


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Barbara Barnhart wins final tournament of 2019



Que'T Billiards

By Sandy Mulholland

Prospero Ano Nuevo!

(Happy New Year!)

The Ladies Que'T Billiards Club wishes you all a wonderful 2020.

During our club tournament in December, Barbara Barnhart was the champion by winning all five of her games.

The gals played 8-ball, where the object is to pocket one group of numbered balls, either solids or stripes, before legally pocketing the 8-ball. Sometimes, getting that 8-ball in the "called pocket" can be a daunt-

ing task. But not for Barbara!

The table is always open immediately after the break shot; whereby, it is legal to hit any solid or stripe. The choice of group is determined only when a player legally pockets a called object ball after the break shot. The game can even be won on the breaking shot. Believe it or not!

No fretting is necessary if you are not familiar with the rules for shooting pool. They can be learned: There are two coaches available on Wednesdays when the ladies meet. Ed Solivan and Denny Balderson will

teach you the ropes and offer encouragement throughout the evening.

The Ladies Que'T Billiards Club plays on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with practice sessions commencing at 5:30/6 p.m. It's an awesome Girls Night Out with this lovely group of gals. Come on by and see for yourselves!

Tournaments are usually the first Wednesday of each month. Be aware as the ladies throw down the gauntlet on those nights! We are fun, fashion (a pink tee) and fortitude!

Ladies 9-Hole Golf League will continue holiday spirit with occasional food collection drives

By Nancy Schifferle

A truly wonderful Christmas and holiday luncheon was held on Dec. 5 at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach.

Mrs. Santa Claus made her annual appearance and made sure that each golfer attending received a holiday gift.

Gilda Gambocorta is heading a new community service committee. Our league is collecting food for the Helping Hands Society. The first collection date of Dec. 17 resulted in baskets of donations - a great start in providing food for this local non-profit organization.

The next collection date is Jan. 7. Show the love ladies. Bring food.

Marilyn Lisbon was recently honored for her Nov. 19 two-stroke eagle on the Par 4, hole No. 2. Our sincere congratulations Marilyn.

Ruth Philips, who is working on her handicap, is expected to permanently join.

New members are always welcomed and encouraged to give us a try. Please contact our wonderful president Carroll

Ladies 9 Golf

Harris at (432) 528-8684 for information or just show up at our Little House on the nine-hole course any Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting.

The Ladies 9-Hole Golf league extend our very best wishes to all for a healthy and Happy 2020.

Here are the weekly awards for Nov. 19.

In Flight A, first place was won by Marilyn Lisbon, in second place was Ann Stewart and taking third place was Paula Ergang.

In Flight B, first place was won by Ann Jarvis, in second place was Kathy Aherns and taking third place was Margo Smith.

In Flight C, first place was won by Carroll Harris, in second place was Cheryl Butcher and taking third place was Pat



Members of the 9-Hole Ladies Golf League celebrate the holidays together and received a visit from Mrs. Claus.

Murray.

In Flight D, first place was won by Mary Ellen Makowski, in second place

was Jackie Cornnett, in third place was Linda Graff and Elaine Ellis, and taking fourth place was Sarah Fergas.

Mike Marsh, Dan Morey and Ada Maloof pick up weekly victories

Mild weather and great course conditions have provided golfers with the perfect opportunity to post excellent scores.

Snowbirds are still showing up slowly and we hope to have our entire group ready to complete after the holidays.

Major events that will occur after the first of the year will include our annual four-person scramble, a match play tournament and several other interesting tests of skill.

Week three of the new season saw Mike Marsh tack first place. Len Howell was second and Dan Hyden placed third. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Bruce MacPherson took two skins.

Mike LaViolette, Dan Morey, Paul

Thursday Golf

Farrell, Edmund Molina, Jim Stewart and Mike Marsh collected one skin each. Ada Maloof, Angelo Santucci, Bill Gambacurta and Tim Belcastro were the long drivers. Warren Levene was closest to the pin.

Dan Morey was the week four champion. Mike Marsh finished second and Angelo Santucci was third.

Harry Barbin shot the low gross round and collected one skin. Dan Morey, John Adkins and Bruce MacPherson also collected skins.

Tiebreakers were used to separate the winners in week five. After a match of scorecards, Ada Maloof prevailed. Grant Hone was second and Dave Pittenger was third. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. With so many great scores there were no skins taken. The long drive winners were Ada Maloof, Angelo Santucci, Bill Higgins and Harry Barbin. Angelo Santucci also had the closest to the pin shot.

The league is a mixed league, providing an opportunity for couples to compete each week. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format. This is a "Quota point" system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this

format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota not directly against other players.

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.

If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Golfers sign in from 9-9:30 a.m. every Thursday.

You can find the details on the Box Office Website at otowboxoffice.com. Look for the Thursday Golf League button and Web page.



SPORTS

Participation records fall as 30 players show up for a joyous day of softball

By Bob Rittner

On Top of the World softball is an age-ecumenical league, ranging from 53-91 years old.

And we have welcomed guest players as young as 20.

Meet the over 80 veterans:

Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Lepping are experts at placing the ball, like Wee Willie Keeler, "hitting them where they ain't."

Unlike Wee Willie, Guy and Bill also have outstanding power, driving the ball from line to line and often over outfielders' heads.

Joe Maley and Roger Hebel, outfielders who play shallow at their peril, smash towering flies and screaming liners deep over the fielder's heads. Each exhibits soft hands and a strong arm in the field.

Don Stroher, our most senior member, continually awes us with his reflexes at the mound. While speed is not the hallmark of this group, Don runs singles into doubles and has pinch run as well.

Reggie Phelan has big-time power, driving liners over and between outfielders no matter how deep they play, and his high arc pitches effectively stifle hits.

**West Siders 5
2nd Time Sports 3**

This was our game of the month.

With 14 players per team, seven players blanketed the outfield, a league record.

Tara Gunning was the pivot on six double plays, a league record.

Joe DeChiaro hit his sixth triple, the first time a player garnered six triples and six homers in the first 10 games of the season.

The West Siders clinched a see-saw game in the seventh inning with three runs on five singles, the last a hard shot up the middle by Roger Hebel plating two runs.

Defense dominated. Henry Buyny made a spectacular back-handed catch

Softball

of a one-hopper in right field to hold the runner to a single. Bob Ballentine snared three smoking liners at second base. Catcher Guy Bertuzzi alertly fired a strike to third catching a runner trying to take the extra base. Roger Martel flashed in to catch a sinking liner below his knees.

**West Siders 7
2nd Time Sports 7
East Siders 2**

An attendance record set last week fell. Thirty players required three teams.

Joe DeChiaro's grand slam seemed to seal the West Siders victory, but seven singles plated five runs for the tie.

Lenny Segall tripled and Eddie Ramirez was 3-for-3.

Bob Fields's basket catch at his knees in deep right field stymied a scoring opportunity for 2nd Time Sports. Other sparkling defensive plays were made by Jim Tiano, Tara Gunning and Alex Scaranda.

Kelly Mullaney, Tara's sister, visited and demonstrated the same wonderful fielding and hitting skills that Tara has delivered all season.

**2nd Time Sports 4
West Siders 3**

Through seven, the score was 1-0. In the eighth inning, 2nd Time Sports scored three runs, just enough to survive a three-run rally by the West Siders.

Bob Pugliese's clutch two-RBI single led a late rally for the West Siders that ended when pitcher Joe Maley grabbed a hard liner and doubled a runner off second base.

Cindy McCarthy's miraculous catch



Some of On Top of the World's most experienced softball players are pictured above: from left are Bill Lepping, Reggie Phelan, Roger Hebel, Don Stroher, Guy Bertuzzi and Joe Maley. They represent about 500 years of baseball/softball experience.

of a rising liner over first base was the turning point as it saved two runs.

**2nd Time Sports 7
West Siders 1**

Led by superb fielding by Robert Bannick at second base, 2nd Time Sports raced to a 7-0 lead before the West Siders eeked out a run in the ninth. Robert also contributed two hits to the victory.

**West Siders 7
2nd Time Sports 5**

Reggie Phelan returned with two doubles among his four hits while Bob Stoddard returned with three hits and impeccable first base play.

Despite their heroics, their opponents

scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, sparked by Jim Kemp's long triple, to break a tie and hold on for the win.

**West Siders 11
2nd Time Sports 9**

Joe De Chiaro's two homers and Mike Sieber's four-hit day kept the game close, but consistent hitting by the entire 2nd Time Sports lineup, including three doubles by Lenny Segall, led to the victory.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Community-wide tennis tournament coming in February

By Joseph Spahalski

The On Top of the World Tennis Club would like to introduce our newly elected officers.

They are President Ann Haskell, Vice President Becky Balderson, Treasurer John McIntyre, Secretary Bill Carey and Tournament Director Joe DeChiaro.

Also, a big "thank you" to Bruce Mc-

Tennis

Master, our past president, for keeping everyone informed as to where we could find a court to play on during the rebuilding of the courts.

Let's look at what the future might

bring:

In February, our club will host its annual tennis tournament.. This is open to anyone who has paid their dues. Please sign up in January.

How about pizza under the lights and a league picnic with fun competitions?

These are both coming up. Watch this newspaper for updates.

Finally, our awards social will take place at the end of the season.

So, if you haven't played in a while, or never played before, come on over and see what our tennis club is all about. Sign up. Dues are \$10.

Plus, there is open tennis every day.

Call Ann Haskell at 727-242-6234 for more information.



Santa brings each golfer earrings ... and chocolate

Ladies 18 Golf

By Robin Goralczyk

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held its annual Christmas Party at the Clearwater Country Club and 33 residents enjoyed a delicious lunch ending with a chocolate sundae.

Who doesn't love chocolate?

Everyone attending the event received Christmas earrings as an early Christmas present. The earrings were made by one of Santa's elves, who is also one of our league members, Gail Ducharme.

Thank you Gail.

Door prizes were provided by President Gloria Sayer, Becky West and Gwen Wyer.

We played a very suspenseful version of a white elephant gift exchange. Not everybody ended up with a gift because there were thieves among us, but in the end everyone who still had a gift unwrapped it.

Surprise! The "look what I got" moments brought much laughter.

Share the wealth winners were Teri Mikszenas, April Glenn and Katie Welch.

This year's shotguns and social hours have added fun and games to our league activities. Congratulations to our weekly



The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held its Christmas Party on Dec. 4 at the Clearwater Country Club.

flight and contest winners.

On Nov. 19, in Flight A, Maureen Stewart took first place, followed by Becky West in second, and Vera Lundgren and Kim Norried tied for third. In Flight B, Nancy Lo and Donna Smerz tied for first place, Marge Hanson and Karen Beaver tied for second place, and Jackie Woloszyn came in third. Sherry Ivey took first

place in Flight C. Joy Ray came in second, and Natsu Dawson came in third. Joy Ray chipped in.

On Nov. 26, in Flight A, Becky West came in first, Verna Lungren came in second and Sharon Hackenmiller and Kim Norried tied for third. In Flight B, Nancy Lo came in first, Marge Hanson and Cindy Schell tied for second, and Karen

French and Gwen Wyer tied for third. In Flight C, Natsu Dawson won first place, Suellen Dowe took second, and Rose Mulhall came in third. Sharon Hackenmiller won closest to the pin on hole 15. Suellen Dowe chipped in on hole 6, and Jane Hanley chipped in on hole 1. Katie Quelch won the 50:50.

On Dec. 3, Maureen Stewart won Flight A, Becky West came in second, and Gloria Sayer came in third. In Flight B, Nancy Lo came in first, Karen French came in second, and Suellen Dawson came in third.

In Flight C, Rose Mulhall took first place. Rose Mulhall won closest to the pin on hole 15. Gloria Sayer had chip-ins on holes 8 and 15.

On Dec. 10, Flight A, Gloria Sayer took first place. Becky West and Verna Lundgren tied for second place, and Dottie Graham came in third. Flight B, in first place was Katie Quelch, Karen French and Donna Smerz tied for second. Nancy Lo came in third. In

Flight C, Sherry Ivey came in first place, Cindy Schell took second place, and Gwen Lemke came in third. Becky West won closest to the pin on hole 15.

Happy New Year to all and we will see you in January.

Men's Golf Association finds time for a holiday party and social

By David Cox

On Dec. 11, the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association had their Christmas Party, and after league play had a great social turnout which included wives and friends.

Refreshments were served with meatballs and other side items. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and worked to make this party a success.

From Golf Superintendent Todd Six: Plans continue to work on cart paths, enhance and work on all ornamentals to the golf course, and continue working on

Men's Golf

drainage at several holes.

Men's Wednesday Golf League tournament results are as following for recent weeks:

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, A Flight winner was Jay Schwallie, runner up was Jeff West. B Flight first place was Bill Holland, runner up was Dick Pasco. C Flight

first place was Tim Beaver, runner up was Ronald Murray. D Flight first place was John Fier, runner up was Jim McHugh.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, A Flight winner was Don Sorensen, runner up was Jim Anzalone. B Flight first place was Paul Janeau, runner up was Dick Pasco. C Flight first place winner was Bill Mooney, runner up was C.J. Messina. D Flight first place winner was Phil Smerz, runner up was Bob Earley.

On Wednesday Dec. 4, A Flight winner was Jere Keiser, runner up was Dave Combs. B Flight first place was Edmund

Molina, runner up was David Cox. C Flight first place winner was Phil Smerz, runner up was Guy Bertuzzi. D Flight first place winner was John Fier, runner up was Dan Fletcher.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, A Flight winner was Bill Haener, runner up was Don Sorensen. B Flight first place was David Cox, runner up was Tom Pettit. C Flight first place winner was Ronald Murray, runner up was Bill Robertson. D Flight first place winner was Harry Crawford, runner up was John Noble.

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Residents attend seminar to learn about new laundry machines and laundry payment cards

More than 230 residents attended a seminar in December to learn more about our new laundry machines at On Top of the World.

Representatives of CSC ServiceWorks reviewed basic procedures to use the laundry machines and dryers, and also reviewed how to pay to use the devices.

Basically, the new machines are here to do average washing and drying loads. Residents were discouraged from overloading machines and washing items that are considered too large - such as entire pillows. Residents were also encouraged to use liquid detergents, not powders.

Payment plans are very simple if residents take the time to learn the new system.

First of all, the new machines no longer work on coins.

There are three options to pay for laundry - 1. Credit card payments right at the machines; 2. Downloading a CSCPayMobile App; 3. Using a pre-paid card where you put cash on the card.

1. Credit card payments at the machines are similar to walking up to a store clerk and swiping a credit card, only you swipe the card yourself.

2. The CSCPayMobile App can be downloaded from the Internet and can be used for making payments.

3. Payment cards are blue plastic cards. Residents may pick up their first payment card at the Community Service Office, with \$5 already on the card. Supplies are limited. Only 2,000 free cards are available and only one free card is available per unit. Once the supply is gone, laundry cards will have to be purchased at machines located in the East and West Activity Centers lobbies.

Once in possession of a payment card, residents must "load" money onto the card for use in the laundry machines. Money can be loaded onto the payment cards at the machines in the activity center lobbies. There are two ways to do so - by cash or credit.

While standing at a machine (see graphic at right), simply place your blue payment card into the section marked "Card Holder" which is highlighted in green, blue and yellow in the bottom right corner. Once in place, the machine will automatically disclose the balance on the card.

To add money to the card, either enter cash in the "Bill Acceptor" slot above the card holder, or insert a credit card under the black credit card terminal located on the left side of the machine.

Whether you use cash or credit, the amount of money you choose will be added to your payment card.

If you lose your card, you will lose the cash on the card and you will have to get a new card.

In the event a problem takes place, a service number is provided on the machine and a representative is supposed to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The phone number is (844) 272-9675.

Residents were also advised that sometimes using a credit card at a laundry machine may take longer to process because a credit card requires approval and this adds delay.

For computer-savvy residents, you may use the CSCPayMobile App to receive information directly to your cell phone when your laundry is done or when a machine is open.

All machines were scheduled to be installed by mid-December.

A second information seminar will take place on Jan. 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium if you missed the one in December.



Pictured above is one of two machines in the On Top of the World community where residents can load money onto a laundry card for use on new laundry machine throughout buildings in the community. Each machine has instructions printed right on it, in English and in Spanish. Money can be added to your payment card via credit card or cash. This machine is in the East Activity Center main lobby.



A look back at the OTOW News January, 1995

- **Library News:** Are you drawn to a book that uses a familiar or personally interesting locale? Well, a new book by Lawrence Sanders titled "McNally's Caper," is about a private investigator in Palm Beach. He's a clothing and food snob who is not as swift as James Bond, but likeable. The second book is by that wonderful story teller, Phillis Whitney. She's written about a young lady who goes to Harper's Ferry, W.Va., to learn about her family background.
- **Good Neighbors:** The Good Neighbors Association recently honored six Good Neighbors volunteers with a holiday luncheon in the auditorium, at which time installation of officers for 1995 took place. In charge of all arrangements was First Vice President Elsie Gerhardt, who had some wonderful working committees. The tables were decorated with lovely little red and green bells made by members of the decoration committee.
- **OTOW Chorus:** It is said that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." There must be some truth in that maxim, because it had been so long since the members of the Chorus had seen each other. The Chorus Executive Board held a recent "get-together," at which time members and friends were invited to attend in the auditorium. Animated conversation, laughter, and refreshments combined, resulting in a pleasant reunion. Our thoughts now had to be on the upcoming spring concert.
- **Great Lakes Club:** It's that time of the year when you remember the good things that happened in the old year, but more importantly, make plans for the New Year, in this case, 1995. The first thing on your list should be membership. You can become or maintain your membership in the Great Lakes Club by signing up, beginning Jan. 2, 1995, in the auditorium of the East Activity Center between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Dues are \$1 for the full year. Incidentally, memberships will not be available after June 30th.
- **Ladies' 9-Hole Golf:** First I must mention our holiday luncheon at K-Lyn's Banquet Hall. We had a great turnout and lunch was enjoyed by all. Each person received a nice gift. Not enough thanks can be given to Marion LaBrecque and Dottie Johnson. Start thinking about our Scotch Foursome Tournament to be held Jan. 12, 1995. You gals get yourselves a male partner.
- **OTOW Shuffleboard:** We play on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Come early and practice. Hope all our former, members and new members will come and join in the fun with good neighbors and friends. We are now planning a party around Valentine's Day. Details forthcoming.
- **Rila Renaissance Building:** We are facing the New Year in the hopes that it brings us good health and happiness. Our building looked so nice during the holidays. Thanks to all who helped put up the lights and the decorations.

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Swedish Traditional residents ready for the New Year

Happy New Year from all your neighbors who reside in our great building, the Swedish Traditional.

A loud shout-out to all the ladies (and some men) who spent hours decorating the core and putting up all the wonderful outdoor lights. A great job of spreading holiday joy as always.

Our Christmas luncheon was delightful at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar. The Christmas tradition of giving was carried out by each person donating nonperishable goods to a local charity. Thank you, Angie Clawson, for taking the lead this month. Job well done!

Our informal monthly happy hour gatherings continue on the third Friday evening of the month at 5 p.m. What a great way to get to know your neighbors and have some fun. All are invited.

Please be courteous to others by making sure your dog waste bags get into the proper receptacle and not next to it or behind it.



When moving out or remodeling, remember the trash room is not a recycling center for rugs or furniture. There are many local companies that will remove broken and worn out pieces for you. Let's all work as one and do our best to keep this room the best it can be.

Wishing all a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Reporter has tickets on sale for Feb. Jesters performance

Happy New Years to all! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season.

Siboney Building residents had their holiday party this year at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor. Thirty-five residents were in attendance. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to Ralph DeVoe and the men in our building for putting up the Noel signs this year. At our last core party, the ladies had fun decorating our Christmas tree. We ate great food and enjoyed socializing with our neighbors.

I hope everyone had a chance to attend the chorus holiday concert this year. I thought it was great and it sure got me into the holiday spirit.

This year the Jesters will be presenting their show on Feb. 7, 8 and 9. Please try to attend. It's going to be a fun show titled "One Season Following Another." Tickets are on sale for a mere five dollars. If you want to buy a ticket, let me know. My number is on our building phone list.

Our next building monthly meeting



will be held on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Please attend. Refreshments will be served and important information will be discussed.

A Core Party will be held on Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited, so please join us and bring a dish to share.

Let's all welcome 2020 together, meeting all our neighbors and enjoying the socializing.

Celebrating the season the Rila Renaissance way

We had a great turn-out for our annual Rila Renaissance Christmas dinner (see photo).

Gerri Jaeger, our building captain, made reservations for us in the private dining room of Clearwater Family Restaurant, and we spent a great evening of catching up with neighbors that we do not see every day and especially with our seasonal residents. We all want to thank Gerri for all that she does for our building.

We want to thank all of our residents who volunteer their time and services throughout the year to keep the building running smoothly, overseeing our outings and for the help they provide in stringing the building's holiday lights.

We also thank the grandchildren of our residents who come each year to help decorate.

Volunteers will be collecting our annual building dues, \$5 per unit, during the last week of January. Our dues go to replacing Christmas lights as necessary, the electricity to run them, as well as our annual pizza party.

For those unable to attend the building's annual business meeting, here is an important item: According to the fire department, no flammable materials are to be kept in the storage rooms. That includes cardboard boxes and anything made of wood. When fire department personnel



come to inspect the storage rooms, they can immediately throw out anything that does not comply with these rules. Please make some time in January to check your assigned space to be sure that you are in compliance.

Our "Out to Lunch/Brunch Group" has requested that we drop brunches and concentrate our outings to luncheons only. So starting in January we will do luncheons every month. Our first will be on Thursday, Jan. 9, at Another Broken Egg. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. You can bring your friends or visitors with you.

Be sure to sign up on the notice on the bulletin board to RSVP to the e-mail blast we send out.

May all of you have a happy and healthy 2020.



There was a large turnout at the Clearwater Family Restaurant for the annual Rila Renaissance Christmas dinner, at which fine food and great conversation reigned.

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Decorating project ends up as early holiday celebration

Villa Riviera really did the holidays up right this year.

Over 30 people started the Thursday before Thanksgiving and decorated the lobby in less than an hour. And what turned out to be a winter wonderland was also a neighborhood celebration.

Lorna Ervin served the traditional cake celebrating November birthdays, and that was some cake! Lydia Cote wowed the crowd with her Brie cheese, cranberry croissants and cauliflower cheese dip. There were also home-made Pizzelle, individually bagged chips, yogurt celery sticks, etc., not to mention chocolates galore.

Nothing is better than rewarding yourself for your hard work with comfort food. What! Maybe there is? Of course... prizes!

That's right — we had a raffle and as long as you worked and stayed until the end, you had a chance to win. There were six winners, the big winner being Sharon Flint, who walked away with a \$25 gift certificate to AMC cinemas.



Thank you, Fran Barker, for organizing the amazing giveaways.

Less than a month later, most of the same people and some others met for our Christmas-December birthday/cocktail party in our newly-decorated lobby. Although there was a little breeze, it didn't keep people from stopping by, socializing, wishing each other the best for the holidays and sampling the vast array of hors d'oeuvre.



Members of the Villa Riviera decorating crew pose following completion of their tasks. It's the helpful elves who showed up to help, just as the headline in November was calling for!

Everything from cucumber sandwiches, chicken bites, cheese balls, nachos and dip, 'lil smokies, and everything in between was available.

Now that the New Year is ahead of us, it is time to return to our old schedule of celebrating monthly birthdays on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. around the main lobby.

The first will be on Jan. 23.

Birthday cakes for the first six months have already been signed up for, but you are always welcome to bring a small snack if so inclined. Just bring yourself, a chair and your choice of beverage.

Keep your eyes peeled to both the building bulletin board and this column for news of our spring barbecue.

Catching up with recent happenings at Viennese Villa

Welcome 2020! (Sounds more like an eye exam!)

Our own Elaine Power celebrates her 97th birthday Jan. 1, New Year's Day. The whole Villa wishes her a happy new trip around ole Sol.

The Villa's Christmas Party was very well-attended. Randae Tornetta gave the blessing. Kudos to our own Karen and Kirk Safee, Carroll Harris, Fred Schick, Russ Lamesfield and other elves. Kirk was in charge of the ham and Fred cooked the turkey, both to perfection. Kirk called bingo after dinner.

Certainly nice having facilities on campus for such events. No rush, easier parking, more opportunity to socialize and the big plus, better food.

Sharon Clifford made a lot of kiddos very happy with her Christmas book project. Sharon extends her thanks to all for being supportive with this worthwhile project.

If you like the way your key fob opens your car, how about one for your front door? See Brad Holt. No more lost keys or lockouts.

The new laundry facility looks nice. I like the idea of a cashless system. The extra units will make things far easier.



For those of us who swim, a huge thank you to On Top of the World for the refurbished sparkling-clean locker rooms. The biggest plus are the non-slip flooring and rugs in the hall. Now why not join the swim aerobics? We meet every morning at 9 a.m. for fun and merriment and exercise.

Son Mike and wife Colleen were here for holidays. Mike hosted another well attended benefit for the Sea Bird Sanctuary on Indian Shores.

The U.S. Post Office no longer recognizes no. 29, our building number, in mailing addresses. Use the full street address instead.



The Viennese Villa Christmas party featured ham, turkey and all the trimmings. There was bingo following the meal. A fine time had by all who attended.

That's about it for this first issue of the year. To one and all, we trust this New Year will bring health peace and joy.

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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 Crystal Beach Room (formerly the 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.

Resident leads 'construction' of decorations



How do you construct the holidays? Is it with lights, mysterious boxes, laughter, tape, menorahs, twinkling trees, cookies, and shiny paper?

Well, those articles were scattered in the core and in the windows of residents here at American Gothic.

Led by our talented Ron Clements, neighbors gathered together to begin construction of a wonderland to celebrate our holidays.

Decorating is certainly a part of the holiday fun, but the real essence of the holidays was in the spirits, hearts and smiles of American Gothic neighbors. They worked together and they partied together. The building's holiday party was at Carrabba's, where they enjoyed good food and outstanding friendship.

The neighbors of American Gothic are wishing you and your family peace and joy the remainder of this holiday season and into the New Year.



Ron Clements points to his "Christmas Under Construction" poster. Ron led the efforts to decorate the American Gothic neighborhood. (Photo by Dennis Telleck)



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, Jan. 23 & 24, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (Formerly the Veranda Room)

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A December filled with fun holiday activities

In December, the Azores building bustled with holiday activities and shone with beautiful holiday décor.

More than a dozen Azoreans kicked off the season by breaking bread together at Marguerite's Café. The dinner, expertly organized by Marie Pirello, was perfectly timed to welcome back our Snow-zoreans.

Azoreans gathered again for a special meeting to install our newest building officers and begin planning for 2020. Some fun events are in the works, including a barbeque at the new On Top of the World pavilion.

If you missed the meeting, you can read the minutes, which were beautifully captured by Jane Roman, our new building secretary. They are posted on the bulletin board.

The halls were all decked out for the annual Azores holiday party, which featured



various savory and sweet dishes. Azoreans love to eat, so everyone went home with bellies shaking like jelly. Many thanks to Paul Bunker, Jerry Cather, and Peggy Longfellow, among others, for organizing such a fun time.

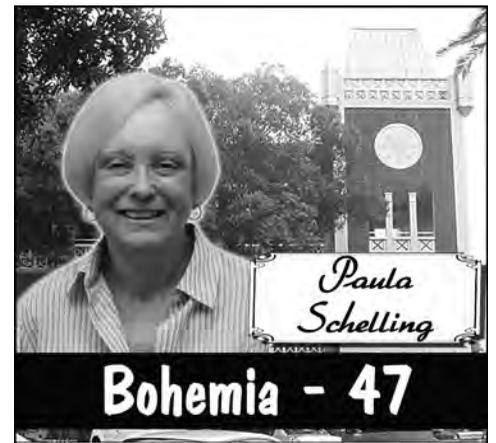
There's something special about Tampa Bay's combination of sunshine and

cool Gulf of Mexico breezes: they bring visitors – lots of them!

Vicky Jensen hosted old friends escaping the cold of Chicago. Highlights included hiking John Chestnut and Philippe Parks and a museum foray into St. Petersburg, which culminated in sipping cocktails in rocking chairs on the Vinoy Hotel veranda.

We hosted a close friend from Montreal, who seized every opportunity to be outdoors before heading home to zero-degree temperatures. Our son Jeff also escaped the cold to spend Christmas with us. It was a great excuse to over-decorate and bake ridiculous amounts of cookies!

Carol and Bob Kelly discovered another benefit of winter in Tampa Bay: free concerts. They enjoyed concerts by the Pinellas Park Community Orchestra, which plays every first Sunday, and the Second Time Around St. Petersburg Concert Band.



Donations of food, money exceed goals

With the holidays behind us, Bohemia Building residents have time to reflect on all that has occurred.

Our Christmas luncheon at the Clearwater Country Club was extremely successful with 45 residents in attendance. This year we had 10 beautiful baskets to raffle off with the proceeds going to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Youth Ranch. This yearly raffle is just one way of uniformly giving back to those who need help.

We set a yearly building goal of 500 pounds of food to donate to the local food bank. We were excited to see that we not only reached our goal, but exceeded it by almost a hundred pounds.

This is one of the easiest ways of helping others. We simply request that canned goods be brought to our building event and before you realize it, you've reached your goal.

We plan to close out the year with our residents meeting for dinner, followed by cocktails at the Lane's place, where we will ring in the New Year.

January is when we hold our annual building meeting with the election of officers. At this meeting, the residents are able to sign up for the various committees they are interested in.

The newly-formed social committee usually gathers within two weeks to build the calendar of events for the year. This is always a lively group with some creative ideas.

We are all looking forward to seeing what they create and what we will be doing this year.

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New residents to Englander hail from New Jersey

The Englander family is growing!

Welcome to our newest Englander neighbors, Mitch, Linda and their son, Justin Gerstenblith.

The Gerstenblith family is from Manalapan, N.J., and are excited about making On Top of the World their home. Now they are nearer to their other son and daughter-in-law, who live in Clearwater.

After lots of renovations and shopping for new furnishings, they are ready to move in, get settled and meet their neighbors.

Mitch and Linda also have a 5-year old grandson who I have learned is quite proficient at doing cartwheels. A new granddaughter is due in January, so keep your eyes out for the beaming smiles when that happens.

Special thanks go to Diane Kaplan and Terri Mikszenas who added lights, ribbons and decorations to our building wreaths. These along with everyone else's personal holiday lights and designs make our building sparkle.

Many of us enjoyed a festive and fun evening at Alfano's in Clearwater for our annual holiday dinner party. Thank you to



George Algozzina who offered the blessing for our food and gathering.

We welcomed Pat and Paula Porcelli as first-time attendees. Pat and Paula joined the Englander family earlier in the year. It was also the first time that Tim Metcalf and his guest were able to join us.

We love these events that bring our Englander family closer together.

I wish a happy and healthy 2020 to all and leave you with this bit of inspiration for the New Year: Yesterday is gone, forget it. Tomorrow never comes, don't worry. Today is here, get busy!

Church bus trip visits inspiring religious sites

Hello — it's party time! The first Chetnik party of the season was held recently. This was a great welcome back party with lots of food and catching up. Eighteen people were in attendance.

Our monthly luncheon in November was held at Daddy's Grill with 10 people attending. This was a great time with friends. You should come next month — you would be surprised what you hear!

Betty McKay turned 90! Her family gave her a huge birthday party in the West Activity Center Bellaire Room. A large group of family and friends had a great time. About 200 people attended. Where does she get all that spunk?

A group of 25 people from Countryside Baptist Church took a bus trip recently. First stop was Brunswick, Ga. We traveled through the marshlands and ate at Marshside Grill. We could see Saint Simon Island and Jekyll Island from there.

Second stop was the Billy Graham library and conference center in Charlotte, N.C. We ate at the Red Rocker Inn near there and had a great time at this awesome place.

Next stop was the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Ky. This is a replica of Noah's Ark in the Bible. It is built to scale,



the same as the original ark. We also saw the Creation Museum about 30 miles away.

The fourth stop was at Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn. The mountains are beautiful. This takes me back to my roots, the hills in Tennessee.

The last stop was Atlanta, Ga., where we ate at the oldest hamburger joint in the country, The Varsity. It is quite a place with lots of history as well. You need to know what you are going to eat before you walk in, because they stand there and say, "What ya have, what ya have, what ya have."

Watch for upcoming events on the Chetnik bulletin board.

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Orizaba 'sent in the clowns' for potluck event

It started off like a regular potluck dinner for the residents of the Orizaba Building.

A number of our residents showed up early to set up tables in the Belleair Room at the West Activity Center. Later, people brought their prepared dishes to share with each other. Happily, the Orizaba condo is located right next door to the West Activity Center, so they didn't have far to go.

Then the entertainment started arriving. We were already expecting two of our own residents, Doreen and Larren Doniger, to show up as professional clowns. What we didn't expect was that they would bring some other clowns with them, plus their own sound engineer with equipment.

Doreen played an adorably bubbly clown Roxe. Her husband Larren's clown was Foxe, more or less the straight man to Roxe and a funny storyteller. Clown Unicorny appropriately had a big horn on her forehead. Unicorny not only did some card tricks, but showed



everyone the secret of how one of them worked.

The last clown to arrive was named O.K. He was accompanied by a strange pet on a leash that had to be coaxed to come into the room. It turned out that the "pet" was actually a roller skate with a derby hat on top, but through O.K.'s magic, the skate seemed very much alive as he walked it around the room and gave it instructions.

The clowns did a series of humorous skits and monologues, but didn't let the audience off the hook.



This troupe of Caring Clowns provided hilarious entertainment at a recent Orizaba pot luck. They are (from left to right) O.K., Roxe, Foxe, Unicorny, and their sound technician.

They made sure that just about all the guests got called up to the front of the room to participate.

The troupe was Caring Clowns of The Comedy Connection (www.

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Kudos to decorators and a welcome to new residents

Happy New Year to you all, but first I must thank all the volunteers who made this a wonderful Christmas season for the Espana.

Our lobby was beautifully decorated under the direction of Ellen Fier. Who did all the work beside Ellen? Well, boxes were carried and ladders were climbed by Pilar Low, Norma Bastidas, and Michele Hammerton as well as by Ellen Fier.

I happened to go to the lobby while all of this was happening. Michele Hammerton took a "selfie." It's attached here to show off these four wonderful ladies. Be sure to contact Ellen if you want to help putting away the decoratons.

The decorating of the entrance to the south side and the north side of our building involves a lot of work — a really big job. Those who did this were John Fier, Joe Bastidas, Ed Oulton and Tony Perez. We all thank you for your efforts.

The Christmas luncheon was held at the Clearwater Country Club on Dec. 11. Nearly two dozen residents were on hand for the affair.

We have many new residents and I will start by introducing you all to Shelley



and Jerry Johnson. They live in the north-west wing of the Espana.

Jerry was born in Minnesota and was a stone and granite contractor. Jerry also spent considerable time in the U.S. Marine Corp. Shelley was a Guidance Counselor in a Pinellas County school.

Shelley and Jerry came to On Top of the World from nearby Seminole. They have a Yorkie named Chloe, who is 9 years old. Jerry and Shelley also have six children who live in various states around the country.

You will all get to know Shelley, since she is now in charge of the "Out to Lunch Bunch" luncheons.



Some of the Espana folks who helped with building decorations are pictured in this selfie. Back row left to right: Norma Batisda, Pilar Low, Ellen Fier. At center front is Michele Hannerton, who took the selfie.

Thirty residents attend Modernage holiday party

Laughter and happy faces filled the Sunset Grill, as the Modernage Building Christmas party began!

The party, put together by building resident Marge Sivek, is always a joyous occasion. She makes sure everyone has a gift at their place on the table and plans a family style get together every year!

Marge even had a basket of numbers to pick from, so some people actually won extra gifts.

The Sunset Grill was our host destination. Our servers, Tracy and Maggie, never missed a beat getting food and drinks out to us on time and joyfully done!

One of the nicest highlights of the evening was when our neighbor, Dennis O'Doherty, stood up and sang an Irish Christmas carol and then proceeded to sing "The Christmas Song" ("chestnuts roasting on an open fire..."). The whole section of the restaurant we were in became silent during his serenade, and he enjoyed a well-deserved round of applause afterward!



Thirty neighbors attended this wonderful party. Some were new and some have lived at Modernage and On Top of the World a very long time.

We appreciate each other greatly and enjoy spending time together as often as possible.

I'd like to wish all of my neighbors a happy, healthy New Year!

Residents get chance to visit popular Tarpon Springs

Residents of the Mandalay building enjoyed a very successful Christmas luncheon at Hellas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. We had a wonderful turnout with some new faces in our building giving many the opportunity to become better acquainted.

Tarpon Springs is an old Greek community, and claims bragging rights to having the largest population of this ethnic background anywhere in the U.S.

Some of our group sampled different foods they have never had before, including desserts which were a special treat.

Hellas has a bakery located on the premises and a few people even bought some treats to enjoy at home.



This historic town is a fun place to visit with many rare little treasures for purchase and sites to see.

This was our first building lunch here but surely will not be our last.

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Dunedin Country Club was venue for holiday luncheon

Once again, our intrepid group of Vikings made its way to the Dunedin Country Club for our Christmas party luncheon.

Opened in 1927, the country club has provided not only world-class golfing experiences, but also a first-class dining experience. Our group enjoyed the cuisine and the fellowship of their neighbors. The varied menu provided a great variety of options that were all reasonably priced.

The biggest surprise was that the Jr. Club Sandwich was anything but "junior." Most of the people who ordered it ended up taking half of it home.

Building Coordinator Pat Drake welcomed everyone to the luncheon and offered a prayer to start the event. There was no real building news to discuss, so we commenced ordering and dining.

Though only 15 Vikings made it to



the luncheon, everyone enjoyed themselves. Pat thanked Deena Valdez for arranging the event. Well-done, Deena!

We will hopefully have a spring picnic early next year. Keep checking the bulletin board for more news about all upcoming building events.



Some of the Viking Building residents who attended the building's holiday luncheon at the Dunedin Country Club. (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, On Top of the World residents featured in this newspaper have been contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to send a large sum 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 and 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, call the police.

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Alfano's Restaurant in Largo was the setting for the Granada holiday party on Dec. 9.

Twenty residents celebrate at holiday party

Granada Building residents decked our halls on Saturday, Dec. 7, with our tree, lights, ornaments and wreaths.

We were ready to party on Monday, Dec. 9, and we did it in style, at Alfano's in Largo.

Twenty of us enjoyed the gathering with some exchanging gifts and lots of laughter. Two former residents came from Illinois and joined in the party. It was great to see Bill and Karen Johnson again.

We also enjoyed seeing decorations up throughout On Top of the World, some quite creative.

Starting in the New Year, we have switched our luncheons to the second Monday of the month, so our building



luncheon will be at Duff's Buffet on Monday, Jan. 13, at noon. Please sign up

on the form posted on the bulletin board. It's always good to see our regulars, and we look forward to having new people join in.

It's a great way to meet your neighbors. Who knows, you may meet someone with the same interests that you have, such as golf, traveling, art, coloring, reading or playing cards, just to name a few things.

You may find someone who lived in the part of the country where you used to live. It can be a small world.

We will also have a "gathering on the green" the last Thursday of the month. Bring a chair, your drink and conversation and spend an hour with your neighbors in the Granada Building.

Spectacular lighting display draws crowds

Lights! Cellphones! Action! The nightly procession of admirers of the Austrian Alpine's light extravaganza took pictures with their cellphones of Lenny Segall and Kathy Ahrens's Christmas light display.

The two-story Santa, polar bear, unicorn, gingerbread man with a marshmallow hat, penguins, and ballerina all frolicked in the winter wonderland of the display.

Admirers were also dazzled by the brightly colored LED lights on the second and third floors of both sides of our building.

The holiday color, glitter and candy canes continued with Austrian Alpine's holiday party. The kitchen in the East Activity Center was the perfect place for the celebration. White tablecloths, centerpieces, the buffet set-up and music created a festive atmosphere for the 40 residents at the party.

Everyone wore cheerful smiles and colorful outfits as we chatted and



enjoyed a delicious dinner cooked by Virginia McDowell, Donna Gagnon, Kathleen Santosuossa and Pat Sheridan. Of course, our dear Chef Costco did all of the actual food preparation.

The desserts were a special delight with chocolate mousse cake, apple pie, cookies and three kinds of ice cream.

Pat Van Hise sang "Galway Bay," a favorite that always brings a few tears. Then, we all sang "Jingle Bells" with



Grace Hodek and Dulce Boyce enjoy the colorful Austrian Alpine Holiday Party.

great enthusiasm. There are so many wonderful, kind people in Austrian Alpine.

January and February will bring our building's annual meeting and storage room cleanup, respectively. These dates will be posted on our bulletin board.

SWIMMING POOL RULES DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS! Know the Rules and Abide by them!

**Swim at your own risk.
There is no lifeguard
on duty.**

- This facility is for the exclusive use of OTOW unit owners and registered tenants with a valid OTOW activity card. Please show your valid activity card upon staff's request.
- Guests must be accompanied by an owner or registered tenant with a valid OTOW activity card.
- The pool area is a non-smoking area. Please smoke in designated smoking areas(s) only.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather or when gates are locked.
- No diving, jumping, running, horseplay or throwing objects, balls, floats or inner tubes.
- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please shower before entering pool to remove lotions, oils, and sunblock.
- All pool furniture must remain in the designated pool deck area only. Personal pool or lawn furniture are not permitted on the pool deck.
- Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.

The following items are not permitted in the pool area:

Glass containers, coolers, food or drink (other than bottled water), pets (except for service animals).

LOOK FOR PEDESTRIANS

Before you turn onto Belcher Road,
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GUESTS
LAUNDRY HOURS ARE
8:00 A.M. til 8:00 P.M.



Left to Right: Bill Swaen, Robert Anderson, John Goolsby. Robert was recently inducted as president of the Clearwater chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Good Neighbors supporter's daughter wins big in early holiday surprise

Paradise resident Anna Georgiadis has been an active supporter of Good Neighbors for many years. Anna was present during the Good Neighbors' recent 50th anniversary celebration.

Anna also brought her lovely daughter, Phaedra Cress, who was visiting from New Jersey for the holidays.

Phaedra thoughtfully showed her support for Good Neighbors by purchasing tickets for the 50/50 raffle. She won \$106! What a fabulous early holiday surprise!



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Welcome our new residents who come from Brooklyn

We welcome new owners, Laura and Frank Wagner. The Wagners hail from Brooklyn, N.Y.

They are dear friends of Emily Contrada and Robert (Bob) Anderson. When the Wagners visited last year and considered buying a place here at On Top of the World, they jokingly said “only if it's next door to the Andersons.” Well, it happened that Raimond (Bud) Hildreth decided to sell his condo (which is next to the Andersons) to move to North Tampa to live closer to his daughter. And voila, now the Wagners are thrilled to be where they wanted to be.

They both retired from NYC Technical College. Laura was assistant to the Dean of Instruction and Frank was a system analyst in the IT department.



On Dec. 18, Bob Anderson was inducted as President of the Clearwater Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (see photo). Congratulations!



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Wedding anniversary, Japan trip are recent highlights

We have a couple in our New World French Building who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in November, Gene and Reta Carney.

They met when Gene's best friend married Reta's sister. They are originally from Arkansas, lived for a time in Vermont for work, and finally moved to Florida and settled in On Top of the World. Gene and Reta have now been here for over 10 years.

Douglas and Suzumi West recently returned from a trip to Okinawa, an island off Japan's mainland. This was Suzumi's home prior to settling in America. They have lived in Iowa, Nebraska, and finally Florida.

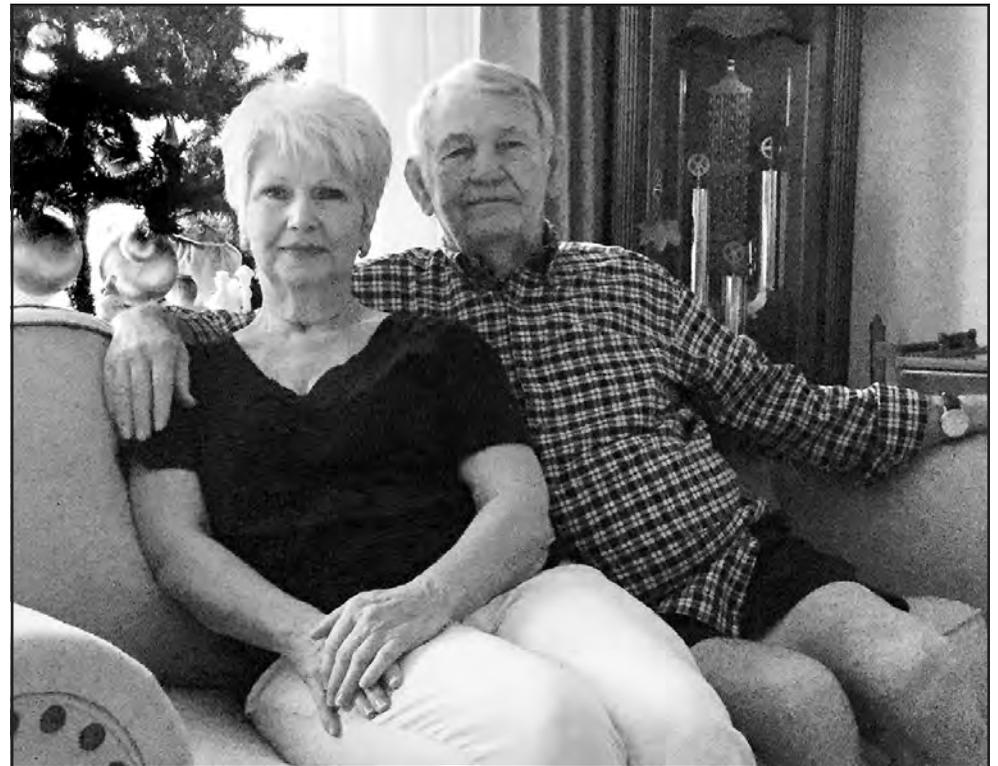
Following his retirement from the military, Douglas taught at the military base on Okinawa before moving here with Suzumi.

They took a six-week trip to visit Suzumi's son and family. They last saw their granddaughter more than two years



ago, so they had a great get-together. The family plans to visit Florida next year.

Our building just had its Christmas party at Alfano's Restaurant. We had a large private room. Forty people attended, organized by the Wing Angels. There were door prizes and other games. Everyone had a good time, and plan to do it again next year at the same place. The Wing Angels did a fantastic job — thank you for all your great work.



Congrats to New World French residents Reta and Gene Carney, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in November.

Attention OTOW News writers ...

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



OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart, Sprouts

Tuesday Mornings

Start time: 9 am

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza and Sprouts.

Tuesday Midday

Start time: 12:30 pm

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

Wednesday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Aldi and CVS

Thursday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Thursday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Publix

Friday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Walmart

Friday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Walmart

On a busy day, please allow 30 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time.

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- OTOW bus service is for On Top of the World residents with a valid activity card. There is no charge.
- Your OTOW bus driver is not allowed to accept tips, but you can say "Thank You." The bus driver is not allowed to help you on or off the bus.
- The bus driver is only allowed to pick up residents who make a reservation. Due to limited seating, you may not make more than one reservation per day. If space permits, you may ride the bus home one way.
- Medical devices, number of shopping bags and size of shopping bags may be restricted on the bus, depending on the passenger load.
- There is no eating or drinking on the bus. If you create a safety hazard, or cause an unsafe distraction to the bus driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is limited to 90 minutes, which begins at drop off.
- Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and can only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The 24-hour bus phone number is for reservations only. When making a reservation, please leave name, trip request, phone number, building number and unit number.

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER

(727) 799-3417

then press # 7 when asked to type an extension.

Box Office Sudoku

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OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This classified ad listing 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, building and unit number is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

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Sony color TV, beautiful picture \$35. 401-258-1713

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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.

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:
On Top of the World Activity Card Department
2069 World Parkway Blvd E
Clearwater, FL 33763



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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.

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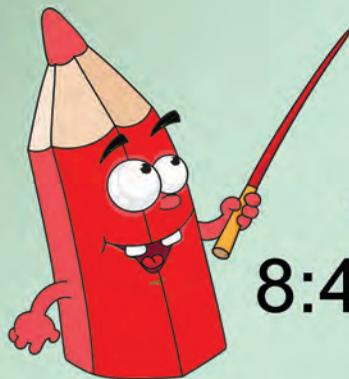
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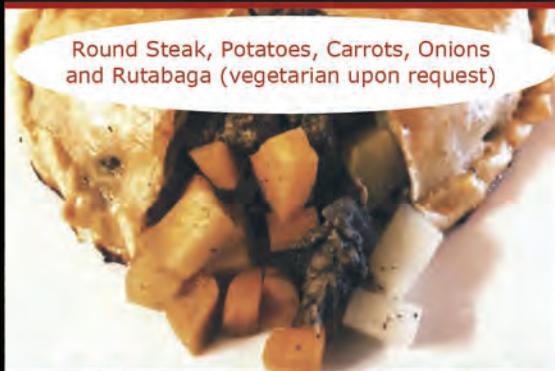
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