



Summer means ‘home improvement’ projects around On Top of the World community

Summer gives On Top of the World a chance to work on “home improvement projects” and already this season a lot of work has taken place.

In mid-June, crews removed portions of the old sidewalk in the globe garden area and replaced it with a fresh, smooth coat of cement.

The project included the entire sidewalk around the globe, where one week was spent removing the old path and the following week spent creating a new path.

People who take morning walks around the globe will definitely notice the difference.



In mid-June, refurbished sidewalks were added to the globe garden area and around the globe.

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Community TV station upgrading to digital service to assure everyone can view local channel

By Doug Kates
Editor

Late last year, On Top of the World's community-wide television station went back on the air to provide residents with current information on local events, policies and important news.

Despite a technology upgrade to the broadcasting system, many residents were unable to view Channel 96 on their Bright House cable TV network. After researching the problem, Bright House determined a simple diagnosis. OTOW's television equipment broadcasted an analog signal while many Bright House customers were receiving a digital signal through a digital set top box.

Only residents on the analog system were able to receive the community television channel.

For the past few months, On Top of the World has been working with Bright House to resolve this issue to make sure every resident can view the community TV station. On June 28, the OTOW television station underwent another equipment upgrade which enabled the station to broadcast on a digital signal. Everyone with a digital converter or analog converter should be able to view the channel at this time.

For analog users, OTOW-TV will remain on Channel 96.



For anyone using a digital converter, OTOW-TV will appear on Channel 720.

For anyone with a built-in digital converter, OTOW-TV will appear on Channel 95.2.

As a result of the upgrade, OTOW residents with analog TV only will no longer be able to view the Jewelry Channel on Channel 95, but this station should be visible for anyone

with the digital signal on channels 110 or 174.

This technology change also creates an opportunity for current analog users to switch to a digital converter. While this is not required, going digital does provide a better-quality picture, more channels, as well as more movie options and digital music options.

Current analog customers may be experiencing wavy lines and poor

picture quality on Channel 96 – this is another matter OTOW is working to correct.

According to Bert Young, from Bright House Network, residents who want to upgrade to digital service will not be required to purchase a special programming package in order to receive the community station. OTOW-TV will be available with basic digital service.

Anyone wishing to switch to digital or who has questions about analog and digital service, can call Bright House for answers. No need to get anxiety about such a change, or even to call your grandchildren (always the expert in these matters) for help. Bright House is there to help and keep it simple.

Currently, OTOW-TV airs monthly schedule information submitted by community clubs, groups and sports teams, plus other important community information from your Board or the Management Company.

OTOW-TV recently aired videos from the Jesters Club and Chorus, plus has aired taped footage from the dog park grand opening and St. Patrick's Day parade.

More video content is expected as the station grows within the community.

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1. People are finding that their detergents work just as well with cold water. It will save you an average of 40 cents per load and if you do 3 loads a week that is a savings of around \$62.00 per year.

2. It will save you if you turn down the setting on your water heater and if you are going to be away for a few days or more you should turn it off. It is also smart to have a pan under the water heater to avoid leaks.

3. On warm summer days keep your shades, blinds and drapes closed to keep your rooms cooler. In the winter keep them open and let the sun help warm your rooms.

OTOW offers a variety of outdoor activities

Hope all of you are enjoying your summer.

Fortunately, so far, we have not had any severe weather, at least through May and early June. Summer is definitely a laid back time compared to fall and winter at On Top of the World. There are fewer activities on our calendar, but fortunately there are still many activities provided at our recreation areas.

If your preference is outside activities, you will find that OTOW offers numerous fun events from laid back ones to invigorating, work-up-a-sweat ones.

The game of horseshoes is a less strenuous, but a fun one to try out. Nearby you will find our shuffleboard courts. Shuffleboard meets on Monday and Thursday mornings during the summer and you can try the game on your own at any convenient time by borrowing the loaner equipment. Check our newspaper for more information on all the activities.

Our lawn bowling court is in the same area across from the East Activity Center main entrance and is open to players all during the summer.

If you are looking for some good



exercise you might want to try out our tennis courts. Our tennis club meets early each morning and the courts are open to residents after the club's allotted time. This is a more strenuous exercise and you should be sure and drink plenty of water so you do not dehydrate.

Golfing is probably the most popular sport at OTOW and whether you and friends just want to play a friendly game or if you want to join one of our golf leagues, it is a great outdoor activity. You can visit the pro shop for information and tee times.

Our two great swimming pools of-

fer you a great way to relax and a good way to exercise with less stress on your joints and muscles. Be sure to bring only plastic bottled water to the pool. Next month we'll view some indoor recreations.

Interesting Facts

Our shuffleboard courts were made available in 1969 and informal play began September of that year. A club was formed several months later for tournament play. By spring 1970, the club had 40 regular members. A three-day tournament was held May 1970. The club then had several semi-annual tournaments by 1972 and it also had games played between buildings.

Our club also participated with other clubs in the area. It's a great way to have fun and socialize with other residents.

OTOW is very proud of their lawn bowling courts. The club officially started February 1971. In order to give instructions to novice players, a committee of experienced players was formed. In December 1971, a board of directors was chosen and that winter 39 bowlers participated in mixed triples. Lawn bowling still remains a favorite recreation at OTOW.

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Below are tips to prepare you for a hurricane

June is the start of the hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm.

Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association related assets, and making sure we have an up-

dated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure roofs in the event of damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. To that end, I am reprinting key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

Prepare for the possibility of a hurricane

- Designate as a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number, and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.

- Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate.

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

- Remove furniture from porches or patio, and secure hoses so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.

- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further dam-

aged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.

- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

As a hurricane approaches

- Refill prescriptions.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

- Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

- Tape, board or shutter windows.

- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMS may be closed for several days following the storm.

After a storm

- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”

- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

- If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Use the phone only for emergencies.

- Conserve water! DO NOT WASH DRIVEWAYS OF DEBRIS. If the power is out and you still have water pressure it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power.

During a hurricane

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

- Follow the orders of local authorities.

- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.

- Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

The insurance process ...

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.

- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

- Keep records and receipts for ALL expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

If your electricity goes out

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match as this is a fire hazard.

- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Hurricane Center
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Hurricane & Storm Tracking
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A positive outlook for the



The General Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was held at 9 a.m. on June 14.

It was refreshing to see so large a turnout. The written questions were all thoughtful and pertinent to the Association.

Quite a bit has happened in a relatively short time. Here is a recap of the largest projects over the past 12 months:

- Inspection and Enforcement Services have been ongoing;
- The hub of communication and interest for residents is regularly updated at OTOWClearwaterinfo.com. (If you haven't already done so, sign up to receive emails on items of interest affecting your community);
- Competitive pricing on paving allowed for resurfacing of 24 parking lots and seven streets;
- All six, six-ton air conditioning units were replaced at the East Activity Center;
- Roofing projects included five complete re-roofs, and five mansard re-roofs.

The Association's restructured inspection service enforces rules, standards, awareness and compliance in this community. Inspections assist in keeping your community beautiful and safe. Not only is the welfare of the residents protected, but also employees and guests. Inspections also provide a way to maintain architectural control to enhance and protect the values of this community.

We also had some very thoughtful questions submitted.

One suggestion of interest related to the community bus. Specifically, why not include the activity centers as a stop on the regular shopping runs. This is a "can do" item. Other questions related to efficiency of operations and



On Top of the World Chairman Kenneth Colen uses graphic images to explain how clam shell awnings can cause structural damage to buildings. An effort is currently underway to replace clam shells with other acceptable forms of awnings. *(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)*

energy efficiency.

Clam Shell Awnings

A presentation on "clam shell" awnings was made. The presentation detailed many of the problems to date with awning attachments and the extreme structural damage that does occur over time. Your Board has asked the management company to evaluate existing installations, and to contact

owners of awnings that need removal due to deterioration of the unit or its attachment to the building. The Board has not set a timeline for removal of all such awnings. It will study the matter further and decide based on actual field conditions.

Your Vote

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted in person or

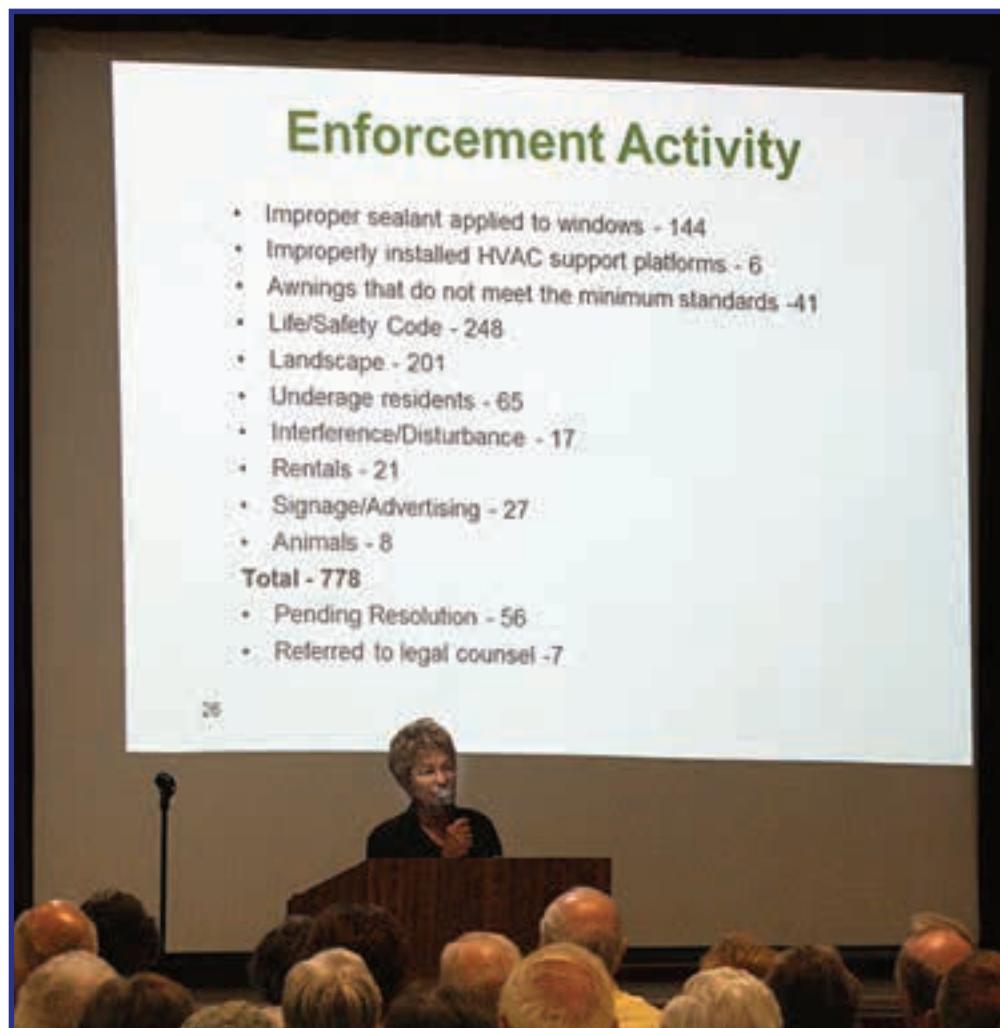
by proxy.

Your Board cannot underscore the importance of your vote whether in person or by proxy.

Under Florida Statutes, in order to hold a meeting and conduct business, the Association needs a quorum of voting interests. So every vote counts regardless of how you vote!

By a majority vote of ballots and proxies, you once again affirmed that

The Association's fiscal year



Vice President Leslee Colen shows residents a graphic highlighting enforcement efforts over the past year.

even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired. It may also have some owner's liability coverage bundled in with it.

Wind Mitigation

Your Association continues to receive numerous requests for Wind Mitigation Certificates. This is a document that states whether or not certain components of a structure comply with the 2001 Standard Building Code.

Because of the volume of requests, a form for each and every building address has been posted on www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com.

Simply open the Website, click on the "Community Information" tab and follow the link to the Wind Mitigation forms. You, or your insurance agent, will need to enter in the name of the insured and the unit number. Otherwise, the form should be good to go.

In the event the Association is requested to fill out a different form, or for some reason must become involved in the process of dealing with your insurance agent, there is a minimum charge of \$15, payable in advance.

All buildings with roof replacements in 2011 should have an updated

wind mitigation form on the Website by July. They are all accessible at: <http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/wind-mitigation-forms.aspx>

Maintenance Update

Painting and waterproofing are scheduled for the front elevation of Building 74 starting around July 1, weather permitting of course.

Roof replacement work is completed this cycle. New roof replacement work will begin in January 2013.

Asphalt Paving and resurfacing projects are completed this cycle. The next cycle of work will begin in May 2013.

Sidewalk panel replacements (lifting due to tree roots /cracked from other events) at various locations on property will be ongoing this summer (the trees always win). Additionally, property wide chain-link fence restoration related to tree damage or deterioration from age will also be ongoing.

Floor replacements will be made at Building 60 (second and third floors), Building 83 (second and third floors), Building 88 (second floor). This will complete all flooring for the 2011-2012 budget year.

Note that the installation sched-

ule may progress slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures. Flooring strip and seal will be ongoing throughout the summer. Please take extra care navigating the work areas.

Installation of new center core lighting fixtures in the "X" style building only will continue into September due to a backorder of product.

Upgrade of elevator meter cans is expected to begin in July, subject to receipt of permits. Buildings affected are: 36, 37, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 64, 65, 78, 79, 84N, and 89. The date the outages will take place has not been confirmed by Progress Energy and will be dependent on the issuance of permits by Pinellas County.

Awning Inspections

Awning inspections will be an ongoing activity. The management company has reported numerous awnings in disrepair or weak attachments.

In some cases, the method of mounting has damaged the building to such an extent that the awning must be removed.

As noted in prior articles, the "clam-shell" awnings do not meet the Association's standard for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

Landscape, Building Modifications

Landscape and building modification inspections are an ongoing activity. This includes bringing units with improperly mounted flag poles into compliance with the newly adopted standard.

Structural Inspection

Finally, structural inspection and correction program across property to determine conditions of common elements, including walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc., is ongoing.

Parking lot stall number re-stenciling and water meter box number re-stenciling are ongoing.

Compliance enforcement in all categories with a specific focus on excessive items on rear and front porches due to tropical storm season is also ongoing.

Have a safe and wonderful July 4th! We are fortunate to be living in the greatest country on Earth.

you wish to waive the establishment of reserves for replacement of roads, roofs and painting. We believe this is a wise decision because through proper planning and budgeting, your Board has been able to stay ahead of the maintenance and replacement curve on community infrastructure.

Every building budget includes an estimate of the remaining useful life for painting, roofing and paving. This estimate is updated annually. As a component nears the end of the estimated useful life, it is inspected to determine if replacement needs to be accelerated or if there is still serviceable life left. If this latter is the case, then the target period can be extended for a determined period.

There is no good reason to incur expense if a roof or a parking lot is still serviceable for an additional term. If it is determined that the component continues to be serviceable, the frequency of inspections are increased. At the point that it is determined the component is ready for replacement, that item is then included in the next budget cycle.

Property Insurance Update

The Association is still required to "...obtain and maintain adequate insurance" for the condominium property.

"Best efforts" and "adequate insurance" are not defined.

I'm pleased to report that your Board was able to find full limits of coverage this year. Premiums were at a nominal increase over last year. Even though the Wind Risk study projected lower probable loss, there were other factors affecting the insurance markets.

The deductible continues the same as in the prior year's policy: \$10,000 per non-wind storm occurrence; 5 percent of the stated value subject to \$250,000 minimum for named wind storm.

The Association policy covers property from the interior drywall out, but does not cover finished surfaces, fixtures, cabinetry or other installations within a condo unit, nor the A/C unit within the limits of the unit.

Unit owners are directed to purchase a personal policy for their unit and belongings "HO-6" policy.

In the case of the destroyed building due to a fire, the HO-6 policy pays the unit owner for new flooring, kitchen appliances, furniture and it may



R.A. Dickey of the Mets and David Price of the Rays battled on the mound in June. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

What could be better than the New York Mets coming to town?

Thanks to interleague baseball play, sooner or later your favorite baseball team will come to Tampa Bay, even if it's a National League team.

Ever since I moved down here six years ago, I've been waiting for my favorite team, the New York Mets, to make an appearance at the Trop.

When the 2012 schedule came out and I saw the Mets headed here, I got my tickets early and eagerly awaited the arrival of my team.

The night finally came in mid-June ... and for me anyway, it was no disappointment.

Mets pitcher R.A. Dickey threw a one-hitter with a dozen strikeouts to get a complete-game victory.

I was thrilled to watch New York defeat Tampa Bay 9-1, while those surrounding me frowned in disgust as Tampa Bay gave up its 20th run in two combined losses to the Mets.

Eventually, New York swept the



three-game series and outscored the Rays 29-7.

But all was not lost for Tampa Bay fans, and even Mets fans got a bonus. You see, two special events took place during the game I attended.

First, the Rays have a tradition that if Tampa Bay pitching finishes the night with 10 strikeouts or more, everyone with a ticket gets a free pizza from a local business.

It took David Price no time at all to ring up eight strikeouts, and then in the late innings, relief help recorded two more strikeouts to send fans into a frenzy.

Yes, if you were a Rays fan, winning the free pizza was kind of the highlight for this night.

But wait ... the free food giveaways didn't stop there.

The Rays also have a nightly tradition where they pick someone out of the crowd and put them behind the eyepiece of a television camera. The object of this game is for the contestant to try to find a cow in the crowd.

Yes, a cow.

Well, it just so happens that on the same night that the Mets were in town, R.A. Dickey threw a one-hitter, Rays pitching combined for more than 10 strikeouts, and everyone won a pizza, that I just so happened to be standing within feet of the famous chicken-

restaurant cow.

The contestant for this evening was a young girl and everyone knew right away she had the eyes of a hawk because she spotted the cow in the crowd and won a free chicken sandwich for everyone sitting in the section surrounding the cow.

So how's this as a nightly summary - I watched the Mets win, got a free pizza and won a free chicken sandwich.

How could a night at the ballpark get any better?

As the final out was recorded and everyone began heading for the exits, my company for the evening could be heard grumbling in the background over the one-sided loss.

But, as they pointed out, "we've been to many games before, but this is the first time we sat with the cow."

Good luck during your next visit to the Trop.

If you want to see the Tampa Bay Rays in action, join the Entertainment Committee for an Aug. 22 trip to Tropicana Field for a game against the Kansas City Royals. Visit the E.C. booth for more information.

New letter-to-the-editor feature provides this newspaper with great story idea

The Press Association doesn't officially meet in June or July, but that doesn't mean club members stop writing stories.

In fact, even though summer is the toughest time to come up with story ideas, because one-third of our community's residents have headed elsewhere, you wouldn't know it by looking at this month's newspaper. There are interesting stories in all three sections.

Congratulations to every reporter who found something to write about this month!

Last month, the Press Association debuted something new on its Web site. Residents can now leave Letters to the Editor on the Web site and any positive comments will be posted for viewers to read.

Thanks to the new feature, the newspaper received a great tip! One resident left a news tip that a specific veteran was recently honored in Washington D.C. That news tip was given to reporter Tom Brennan, who went on to write an excellent feature story on West Side resident John Velchoff.

Tom's article and Mary Lou Wall's photos turned out to be a great contribution to this month's newspa-



Press Association

per. You can read the story on pages 28 and 29.

If you have a news tip, or want to share a positive comment about this newspaper, or the community, please visit the Press Association Web site at <http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.html>.

Comments are not instantly added. If approved, comments will be posted.

A special thank you goes out to reporter Diane Cavanaugh, who, for the past few months, has been writing stories about residents who live in buildings that don't have reporters.

While some reporters have a tough time digging up stories right in their own buildings, Diane was asked to find story ideas from buildings she doesn't live in.

In fact, over the past 10 years,

there were 10 buildings that had never had a story in this newspaper. Since January, six of those buildings were crossed off that list: Southern Colonial, Curacao, Azteca, Moor, Avila II and Monaco.

Diane also tried to write an article for the Chalet, Avila I, Brisbane and Bedford buildings, but a lack of cooperation kept them in the dark.

If anyone, from any of those buildings, wants to write for this newspaper, please contact the editor, Doug Kates, in the newspaper office at 799-3216. All we ask is three stories a year. The stories can be about residents, building functions, parties, luncheons or dinners.

While the Press Association has been given two months off without a summer meeting, that doesn't mean reporters can relax their brains! Everyone can still learn something to improve their writing.

One topic which needs to be brought up at this time is respecting the privacy of Snowbirds.

When residents go north or west for the summer, they expect that the property they leave behind will be safe and secure for the duration they are gone. One easy way to jeopardize this

security is by telling the whole world that a neighbor is indeed gone for several months.

No OTOW News reporter is ever allowed to write a story about someone who is not currently residing in their Clearwater condo. Writing about Snowbirds is not an exception.

No stories should report that individuals have headed out of town. No stories should report that someone is on vacation. No stories should report that someone is in a hospital or nursing home.

These are just a few examples.

Reporters must always wait for residents to return home before submitting a story on them.

Once upon a time, a reporter for a city newspaper wrote a school board story and stated a board member missed a meeting because of a vacation. The next day the school board member's home was robbed.

It can easily happen and lessons should be learned from this experience.

OTOW News will take every step possible to make sure security is not jeopardized. Reporters with questions should contact Doug in the newsroom.

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Press Association
meeting:
1:30 p.m.
Aug. 2 in the EAC**



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

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

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

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

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

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***Does this name ring a bell?
Peter Sydney Ernest Ayler***

Do you know Peter Sydney Ernest Ayler?

I bet you do. Read on.

Peter was born in England to wealthy parents. He came to America just prior to WWII to pursue an acting career, and because of the shortage of leading men in Hollywood due to the war, he soon got leading roles at MGM.

After appearing in several movies, Peter really scored big when he appeared in the musical Good News with June Allyson.

His mother and wealthy aunt both cut off his inheritance when he chose an acting career.

He became a member of the Rat Pack with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. and soon became a favorite in Las Vegas.

Peter was married four times, the first to Patricia Kennedy, sister of the President. That marriage produced four children.

If you haven't guessed by now, Peter Sydney Ernest Ayler was Peter Lawford.

Being married to the President's sister, he was a frequent visitor to the White House. He began bringing in



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Inside Showbiz

Hollywood stars, including Marilyn Monroe, until Robert Kennedy decided it was getting out of hand and stopped the influx.

Marilyn, unhappy about her being barred, threatened to blow the whistle about the activities going on inside the White House. Her death soon after led to many theories about the cause of her death.

Peter's problems continued to grow as movie roles disappeared. He was now pretty much alone.

Peter died on Christmas Eve 1984 at the age of 61.

His body was interred at Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery. Due to a dispute between the cemetery and his widow, his ashes were removed and scattered in the Pacific Ocean.

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By Rosenfeld 799-4500

Even the most simple estate settlements can get tricky

Have a plan for property in case your spouse passes away

Q. I am a Canadian citizen. My deceased husband and I owned an apartment in On Top of the World. Now that he's deceased, I intend to sell the apartment and buy another one. I presented his Certification of Death from the funeral home to be recorded in the public records, but was told that was not the proper document that has to be recorded. I got it from the funeral home and it does have a raised seal on it. Can you explain why I can't have this one recorded?



recommend that we avoid it by doing a living trust?

A. This issue arises frequently. Although, here in Florida, when real property is held as a tenancy by the entireties, (husband and wife estate) or in a joint tenancy with rights of survivorship, it passes simultaneously upon the death of one owner, it is still necessary to record a death certificate for the deceased. Otherwise, the public records will have no information regarding the death of that owner.

What needs to be recorded in the public records here in Florida is a certified copy of Statement of Death (Long Form) — not a "Certification" of Death from a funeral home. This is true even though the document from the funeral home has a raised seal on it.

In order to obtain this (if you are from Ontario), you need to submit a Request for a Death Certificate to the Ontario Ministry of Government Services. They have a form for this. The easiest way to do this is to go online at www.serviceontario.ca.

Q. How long does it take to probate an estate in Florida and do you

A. It typically takes between 4-1/2 to 6 months to complete the probate of an estate that does not require any federal estate tax reporting, and that does not have any litigation issues involved.

Often, however, it may take closer to one year because of delays in obtaining a complete inventory of the assets of the deceased. Now and then there might be a delay caused by the fact that a beneficiary may be overseas or may not be located.

I do not feel that avoidance of probate is necessarily a good reason to have a trust. Readers of this column will have noticed that I feel that in too many cases, having a living trust is a waste of money and might not even result in saving any time for completion of administration of an estate.

And yes, I am well aware that the folks who put on the living trust and annuity seminars are fond of declaiming that living trusts (usually, I suppose, combined with the sale of annuities) are the best way to plan one's estate. To me, that's nonsense.

Many people do not need a living trust and shouldn't have one. This is especially true if the main objective is to avoid probate of assets. There are simple and less costly ways to avoid probate and a living trust is not needed to do that.

Look. Here's the thing. Estate planning for any estate is NOT a simple thing that can be tucked into a one-size-fits-all estate plan. People who do not have Wills or Trusts should meet with an attorney who handles estate planning and find out what that attorney recommends based on the precise facts that are presented. Even a simple estate, where all assets go to a spouse and then to one or two or three children equally, requires proper planning and that means sitting down with an attorney and finding out what is best in your specific situation.

Q. You have frequently ranted and raved against some folks who you believe are scammers and who want to get us to pay them to get a certified copy of a deed. I've seen a recent letter from some company and it looked very official and was actually a bit intimidating. It said that the lady had to have a certified copy of her deed and if she didn't pay them \$85 now, they would charge her a penalty of another \$35. Is there some type language that you would look out for and that would immediately tip us off that there's a scam running.

A. If you get a letter from any company, no matter what high and mighty name they use, and anywhere in the body of the letter you are told

that you should have or must have a certified copy of your deed, throw that letter in the dumpster. No one needs a certified copy of their deed — especially, by the way, if you have the original.

Q. My boyfriend and I (81 and 75) are going to take a cruise. Is it proper for each of us to pay half of all costs?

A. Only if you can't get him to pay ALL of it.

Gerald R. Colen is an attorney who is a member of both the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. He concentrates his practice of law in the areas of real estate, elder law, wills, trusts, probate, business law and simple and complex estate planning. He welcomes your questions and comments. This column is not intended to provide legal advice, but is only intended to provide limited information on the specific matters raised in the questions and answers. You should always consult your own attorney for specific advice. Mr. Colen is available for conferences at his law office at 7243 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, FL, 33777. His phone number is (727) 545-8114. He is also pleased to respond to email at his email address of gcolen@tampabay.rr.com or through his Web page at www.gcolen.com. In Ocala, FL, Mr. Colen is available by appointment for legal conferences at the On Top of the World sales office, which is located near Sid's Cafe.

Draw or paint this summer

By Jean Doane

The Art Guild does take the summer off with the exception of using the Art Room in the East Activity Center on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. to draw and paint.

The lighting is good and it is more fun to experiment with your art talents in the company of others working on projects. So, bring your paper, paints, pencils, charcoal or pastels and make a beautiful or unusual picture.

Our next general meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. The Art Guild needs new members, so join us. You don't have to be an artist.



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Fourth of July means food



The Fourth of July brings back so many fun memories of simpler times when I was a kid.

Our friends and family would gather at Julia Davis Park in Boise, ID for a day of great food, games and the annual tour of the zoo. I remember all the moms unpacking coolers filled with everything needed for a great cookout. Potato and macaroni salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cakes and cookies. Every recipe was made from scratch and everything was oh-so-good.

I'd like to share a couple of easy recipes I hope you will try for the Fourth of July or your next potluck. Happy eating!

No-Bake Banana Split Cake Dessert

INGREDIENTS

Yield: 12 to 16 servings
Prep Time: 30 minutes

For the Crust:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
½ cup unsalted butter, melted

For the Cream Cheese Layer:

12 oz cream cheese,
at room temperature.
¼ cup granulated sugar
8 ounces Cool Whip Whipped Topping

For the Fruit & Toppings:

3 to 4 bananas, sliced
1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple,
drained well
16 oz strawberries, hulled, and sliced
8 oz Cool Whip Whipped Topping
½ cup walnuts, chopped
Chocolate syrup
Maraschino cherries

1. Grease a 9×13-inch baking dish; set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, combine the graham cracker crumbs and melted butter, stirring until all of the crumbs are evenly moistened. Dump the crumbs into the prepared pan and press into an even layer. Refrigerate while you prepare the next layer.
3. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese and sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the Cool Whip until

thoroughly combined. Spread the cream cheese mixture on top of the graham cracker crust.

4. Arrange the banana slices in a single layer on top of the cream cheese filling, top with an even layer of the crushed pineapple, and then an even layer of the sliced strawberries.

5. Cover with the Cool Whip, smoothing the top. Sprinkle with the chopped walnuts, then drizzle with chocolate syrup and top with maraschino cherries. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or overnight.

Asian Coleslaw

Yield: 12 to 16 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

2 (16-ounce) bags coleslaw mix

1 cup sunflower seeds, shelled

or, sesame seeds, toasted

1 cup sliced almonds, toasted

1 bunch green onions, chopped

2 (3-ounce) packages Ramen
noodles, crushed

For the Dressing:

1 cup vegetable oil

½ cup granulated sugar

1/3 cup rice wine vinegar

2 seasoning packets from the
Ramen noodles

1. In a large bowl, mix together
the coleslaw mix, sunflower seeds, almonds, green onions and crushed Ra-

men noodles.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, sugar, vinegar and seasoning packets until well blended.

3. Pour the dressing over the coleslaw mixture and toss until it is evenly distributed. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dryers, washers must be inspected by licensed plumbers, electricians

The management company for On Top of the World Condominium Association has found instances of improperly installed washer/dryer units in several condominium units. These washer/dryer installations have been made without approval and guidance from the Association and without compliance to the plumbing code or the electrical code. This leaves the owner and/or prospective new owners open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or a fire.

Your Association strongly urges an inspection of washers and dryers installed in any condominiums built prior to 1995, in particular, those units located on the east side of Belcher Road. If your unit is located on the west side of Belcher, you may also be impacted if a washer and dryer were added after purchasing the unit.

The Association strongly urges you to contact both a licensed, insured plumber and electrician and arrange for an inspection immediately. Corrections to these potential hazards are the unit owner's obligation.

Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

All parties are put on Notice that the Association does not accept responsibility nor shall it assume responsibility for any type of loss or damage resulting from installed washers or dryers. In those instances where the Association has been required to expend sums of money to make repairs resulting from installed washers or dryers, the Association reserves the right to take legal action against the owners of the units where the washers or dryers are installed.

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This is what you get when you make a delivery for Meals on Wheels - smiles! Maryann Mercer, left, and Edith Hurtt, right, make a delivery to Josephine Deveraux. If you want to deliver smiles, Meals on Wheels could really use your help this summer. The number of volunteers is down. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Can you take the heat and deliver hot meals and smiles?

By Carl and Betty Leiby

Only you can help brighten the day for our On Top of the World Meals on Wheels clients!

Join our wonderful volunteers - the same ones you see with signs in their car windows which read, "Delivering Meals on Wheels."

Our volunteers deserve accolades for serving in our torrid heat of summer.

Our Snowbirds have gone home, so we need brave additional volunteers to help deliver meals to our homebound neighbors in these hot days.

The time required is from 10



Meals On Wheels

a.m. to Noon. Our clients enjoy meeting new neighbors, who help in this very special way.

The meals are picked up in Dunedin at the Masonic Lodge Dining Site. Meals on Wheels gives assistance to residents who are arriving

home from the hospital and need help with meals. We are also caring neighbors who check in on them Monday through Friday.

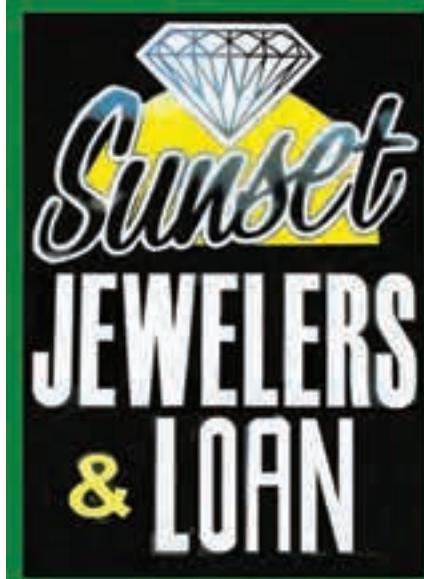
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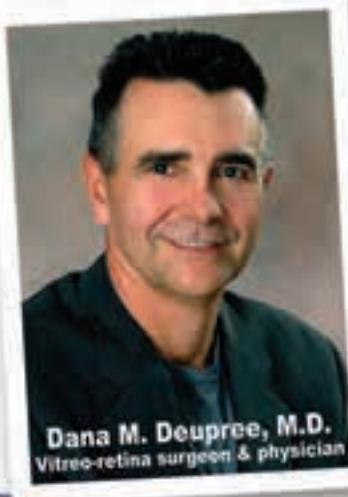


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Philosophy Club

What's Your View?

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

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Residents from the east side return home after a trip on the Jolly Trolley.

Jolly Trolley takes club members to lunch



Residents from the west side pose for a picture after lunch.



Singles Club

By Mary Widman

The Singles Club luncheon trip to the Don Cesar resort in St. Petersburg was a great success.

Transportation was by the Jolly Trolley. Many thanks to club President Dorothy Carpenito for making this a fun day. Dorothy has many other club activities planned for the future.

At the luncheon, we celebrated Ann Pollock's 95th birthday with a song and beautiful cake. Ann is a marvelous lady who has never spent a day in the hospital - how many of us can claim that statement?

Ann showed us playing cards she received from her family. The cards had pictures of every family member.

We all wish Ann many, many more years of good health and happiness.

Our June meeting included a wine and cheese party.

Our club will not meet during July and August. We will resume meeting in September. We meet the first Saturday of each month in the East Activity Center, starting at 6:30 p.m.

If you know of any member who is ill, please call our Sunshine Lady Mary Widman at 796-1184 so she can send a card from the club.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer. See you in September.

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Happy third birthday to our club

by Dave Beaven

July is our country's birthday.

It also happens to be the Lambda Club's birthday.

We held our first meeting three years ago, and the club membership has increased by tenfold from the handful of residents who showed up that first time.

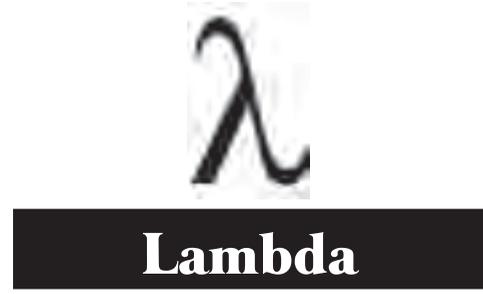
I would say that a party is called for!

We'll have one at our monthly meeting on Friday the 13th.

Oops, when I see that date, it makes me think twice!

But it's all good. Be there.

During the summer months, we'll continue with our monthly pool parties. Last month's inaugural get-to-



gether went very well, so it bears repeating. We'll meet on Saturday, July 7, at 6 pm in the Sunrise Room over in the West Activity Center.

Our movie night will be in the Lambda Lounge, alias the Crafts Room, in the East Activity Center at 7 p.m. on July 28.

I want to express thanks to

members who participated in our Father's Day potluck dinner. It went very well, and we were glad to be able to salute our members who have that special honor.

In closing, I look forward to our club continuing to grow in good fellowship and good times. Stay cool this month.

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

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

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 pm in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



Current tennis courts have cracks and stains.

East side tennis courts set for replacement

The east side tennis courts will be closed on July 9 for a complete demolition and rebuild. We expect the courts to be out of service until September.

The courts will be reconstructed using a patented PlexiCushion system with shock-absorbing properties of EPDM rubber cushioning. The result is a tennis surface that dynamically responds to body impact and reduces fatigue on legs, knees, ankles and feet. We will also be installing lights for night play.

We know that 6-8 weeks is a long time to be without your tennis courts, but we believe the results will be well worth the wait!

Looking for performers and non-actors for spring show

By John Kannaly
President

The Jesters creative team has been working really hard this summer to develop a great show.

We will feature singing, dancing, comedy, and some unusual variety acts that will tickle your fancy and surprise you with their creativity.

The costumes will dazzle and delight you, and in the Jesters' tradition of excellence, this show will live up to our motto "Jest for Fun."

Many of you have expressed an interest in joining the Jesters. We will be delighted to welcome you. Our first monthly meeting will be in September in the East Activity Center. We are asking all residents to make a commitment to come on out, make friends and have a great time.

If you can sing, dance, tell a joke or simply want to participate, we want you. Or, if you have limited time available, you can sew or work behind the scenes, sell tickets, usher, help out backstage, etc.. We will find a job for you.

We promise not to work you to the bone, only hard enough to hone your performance to a fine edge.

Remember, see you later, Jest for Fun.



Jesters

Do you recognize this OTOW couple?



Guess Who

By Lill Cervinka

This beautiful couple is well known at On Top of the World as they do a lot of volunteer work.

They have been living here for about 26 years and have been happily married for 67 years. They are originally from Lansing, Mich.

He was in the Navy during World War II and was drafted right out of high school. When the war ended, the town celebrated and all the liquor was sold out, only to find out it was a false alarm (the war ended the next day, anyway). Residents celebrated with a parade, and they carried this fellow around in a snake dance because he was in full uniform.

He was involved with Boy Scouts for 70 years and is still active with the Scouts. He holds, or has held, practically every "volunteer" job possible.

Both he and his wife are active volunteers here at OTOW. They both do "Meals on Wheels" and were both involved with "Good Neighbors."

I'm sure you will know Carl and Betty Leiby. They have two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and one great-grandson, and are expecting another great-grand.

We thank them for all their volunteer work!

Learn more about our trips by attending meetings

By Pat Zorland

Our June 1 meeting was attended by 30-plus members and guests.

For information on our meetings please call Shirley @726-4619 or Roxie @474-5040.

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room at 2 p.m.

We have been in contact with several tour companies and are work-



Travel Club

ing on putting together a few day trips and overnight trips to carry us through

the summer months. We have planned a few longer trips. Come and check us out.

The trip to see the Mummies at the Mosi was changed from June 20 to Aug. 30. You can now purchase your tickets at the Entertainment Desk in the East Activity Center on Monday mornings.

Audery Jones is still running the trip to New Orleans from September 19 to 24. Come to the July meeting and book this trip.

Roxie Maggio suggested an overnight trip to Atlanta. She will present more information at the July meeting.

By the time you read this article we will have gone to the Dali Museum and the Chihuly Glass Works followed by a nice lunch. I will have more to say about this trip in next month's edition of the newspaper.

Happy traveling until I see you again.

Check out books in July so you will have reading material in August

It's July and that means it is time to talk about our August shut down.

For those of you new to the On Top of the World library, we close every August to give our volunteers a well deserved rest, to give us a chance to go through the shelves and do a little reorganizing before the fall when our Snowbirds return.

This does not mean we forget all of you faithful readers who keep us busy year round.

For you we make it easy to have lots of reading material for the month of August.

First of all, you may check out six books on each of the following three days: July 24, 27, 31.

Books checked out on the 24th will be due on Sept. 4. Those checked



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out on the 27th will be due on Sept. 7. Those checked out on the 31st will be due on Sept. 11.

This will give you 18 books for the month of August. If you happen to finish any books you checked out on the 24th or the 27th, please feel

free to return those on the 31st and check out some more. We want to be sure you have plenty of reading material for the month of August.

Just in case you feel you will be needing more books during the month, remember to browse our sale shelves when you are checking out books. Our price on sale books is the same as always: 50 cents for hardbacks and 25 cents for paperbacks.

If you are traveling this summer, our sale books are a good buy - the best you will find any place. You will be surprised at our sale books. They are in great shape - some even look as though they have not been read.

You don't have to worry about returning or losing sale books.

And remember we always accept

donations of any books you have read. We always appreciate the donations so many people make. We do need to ask again that you try to leave your donations when we are open. Unfortunately we do not have a secure place for people to leave donations and we have found that books left on the desk when the library is closed tend to disappear.

Many of you have asked for a book return box. We would like very much to provide one, but unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about getting one as long as the library is in an open area.

So, please, when you have books to donate, bring them to the library on Tuesday or Friday between noon and 2 p.m. and we will take care of them.

Give Theater Workshop a try this winter season

By Brad Day

Theater Workshop is gathering material for our new show next March.

We are getting commitments from many old and new members to appear in the show. Of course, we will be counting on the players from our last show to form the nucleus of the performers for the next production.

We have looked at skits and ideas from the last 14 years, and may incorporate some of that into the show. We are also welcoming written proposals from other folks, too.

The more the merrier.

Don't be shy. If you have never been in a show, or want to see if you can help us in any way, please contact



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Brad Day at bradday3@yahoo.com

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You can make a difference helping out students at a local school this fall

It's July and school will begin next month.

The Always Educators group has adopted Skycrest Elementary School this year and they are gearing up to help the school with the opening days.

We need lots of help, however, in order to volunteer at the school. You must fill out a volunteer form and show a copy of your driver's license. This is a state requirement for anyone who works with children.

We recommend you get your paper work processed before school begins so you are ready to help when



Always Educators

you would like. You may come to our July meeting to receive a form or go directly to the school to fill out a form.

The first days of school are very hectic for children. They need help finding their classrooms or help as they

are using a cafeteria for the first time. The school will be giving us a list of things that can be done by volunteers and we hope to have enough OTOW neighbors to meet those needs.

We are also collecting Box Tops for Education that can be found on General Mills products, such as Cheerios, and also on Campbell Soup cans.

If you are not able to cut them out, we have a member who has volunteered to do this for you. Save the whole label if necessary. Each box top is worth 10 cents and they can be used by a school to purchase items such as

art supplies, physical education equipment, and items for technology labs. Collect them from your friends and neighbors. When you have 100 labels or box tops, bring them to our meeting or call Jane, her number is below, and we will arrange for someone to pick them up from you.

Come to our next meeting on July 17 at 11 a.m. in the West Activity Center Rainbow Room and learn more about the opportunities that you have to make a difference in our community.

If you have any questions, call Jane Lee at 266-4380.

Club making preparations for upcoming elections

By Rosemarie Totaro

Newspapers have been reporting on the Florida search for voters who are not legal.

I was contacted by the Pinellas Board of Election about the form that was received verifying my status. After our conversation, I can only assume that the State of Florida was initiating the inquiry.

The On Top of the World Democratic Club will be making campaign contributions this month to the candidates who will be representing our complex.

Ben Farrell lives at OTOW and is running for a State seat. Both Janet Long and Charlie Justice are running for the County Commission on a county-wide basis. Jack Killingsworth, candidate for clerk, is striving to change the Board of Election by providing everyone who wants to vote an opportunity.

There is a need to schedule more open time at the polls. There will be voter registration by the Democratic Party. If you are a new resident and have not registered, please contact Hal Leichhardt at 238-4980.



Democratic Club

Jessica Ehrlich and Nina Hayden will meet for a primary fight to attempt to unseat the incumbent Congressman. There is a technical question on the filing of Nina Hayden's documents. If she is disqualified, a primary will not transpire for the Democratic Congressional seat.

Charlie Justice was our speaker at the June meeting. His prior elected experience and plans for Pinellas County were enlightening. We are in an unincorporated area. Therefore, it is the County Commission that makes decisions.

Our next meeting will be on July 26 at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room. As usual, there will be light refreshments, and one of our candidates will give us an update. Bumper stickers will be available.



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We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

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Above, Kathy Ahrens sings a tune while boyfriend, Lenny, runs the karaoke equipment. At right, Dottie Michael takes over the microphone. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Karaoke is also a contribution to the community

Who's the Karaoke Kouple and how are they contributing to On Top of the World?

Kathy Ahrens and Lenny met years ago singing karaoke. It started out as a friendship and grew to be a very strong love for one another.

Both are northerners. He is from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and she is originally from Yonkers, N.Y., and the Catskill Mountains.

Both decided to make On Top of the World their home, and not only do they love living here, they decided to give back to their community by hosting karaoke, free of charge, on select Sunday evenings.

Karaoke takes place in the East Activity Center Starlite Room, Sundays, 6-9 p.m. Check out Channel 96 and the monthly bulletin for the latest in scheduled dates.

Besides karaoke, there are always plenty of doughnuts, snacks and



Karaoke

drinks.

Many first-time singers are performing now, as well as professional and group singers!

We always start the evening with the "Top of the World" song, so even if you don't want to perform in front of an audience, you can still sing along with the opening tune.

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Watch the fireworks with us!

Not surprising, one of the Baby Boomers' favorite places to visit is the beach

By Katarina Tepesh

Clearwater Beach is the place our Baby Boomers enjoy the most, be it during the glorious sunsets or earlier in the day swimming, sunning or taking long walks.

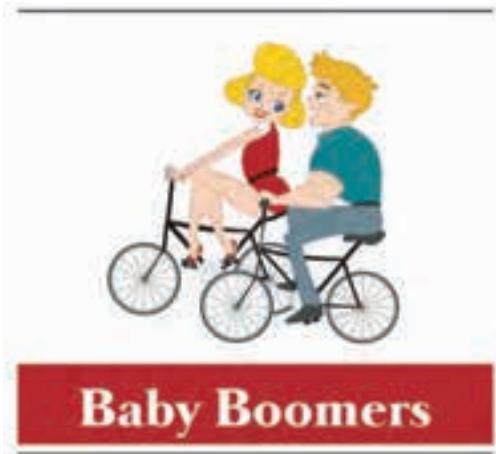
Thanks to Claudia and Dan Burnstein for entertaining our group with a delicious barbeque during the Memorial Day weekend.

We enjoyed the annual Parrot Head Street Music Festival in Palm Harbor.

As for new movies, we especially enjoyed a comedy, "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," where a bunch of British retirees move – sight unseen – to an offbeat residential hotel in crowded and colorful Jaipur, India.

Our group also favors dancing, karaoke and kayaking.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for us On Top of the World owners to meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within the



Tampa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channel 96.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on July 4 to see the fireworks and July 19 at 6 p.m. in East Activity Center Veranda room, followed by



Sitting from left are Katarina Tepesh, Dulce Boyce and Bob Charpentier. Standing are Bill Higgins, Lorraine Newton-John and Cheryl Reese.

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OTOW veteran honored in Washington service in Marines nearly 70 years

By Thomas Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world
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This month I would like to thank all the heroes who stood up in the line of fire to protect our nation during World War II.

One such veteran is none other than John Velchoff, who came to On Top of the World with his wife Florence in 1993.

I asked John how they met, and he replied, "My high school was having a Saturday night dance which I didn't have a date for, so a friend of mine set me up with a blind date, Flo Akers, who later became my wife."

This all happened on the Mississippi River, in the town of Vicksburg, Miss.

In 1943, during the second World War, John graduated from high school at age 17. He and a group of graduates went to enlist in the U.S. Marines. John was 5-feet, 6-inches tall and to his dismay the minimum height requirement to be a Marine was 5-feet, 8-inches tall. John spoke to the officer in charge and was told that if he passed the physical and made it through "boot camp" he would be a Marine.

John told the officer, "I'm only 66 inches tall," but the officer answered, "If the Marines say you're 68 inches tall, you're 68 inches tall."

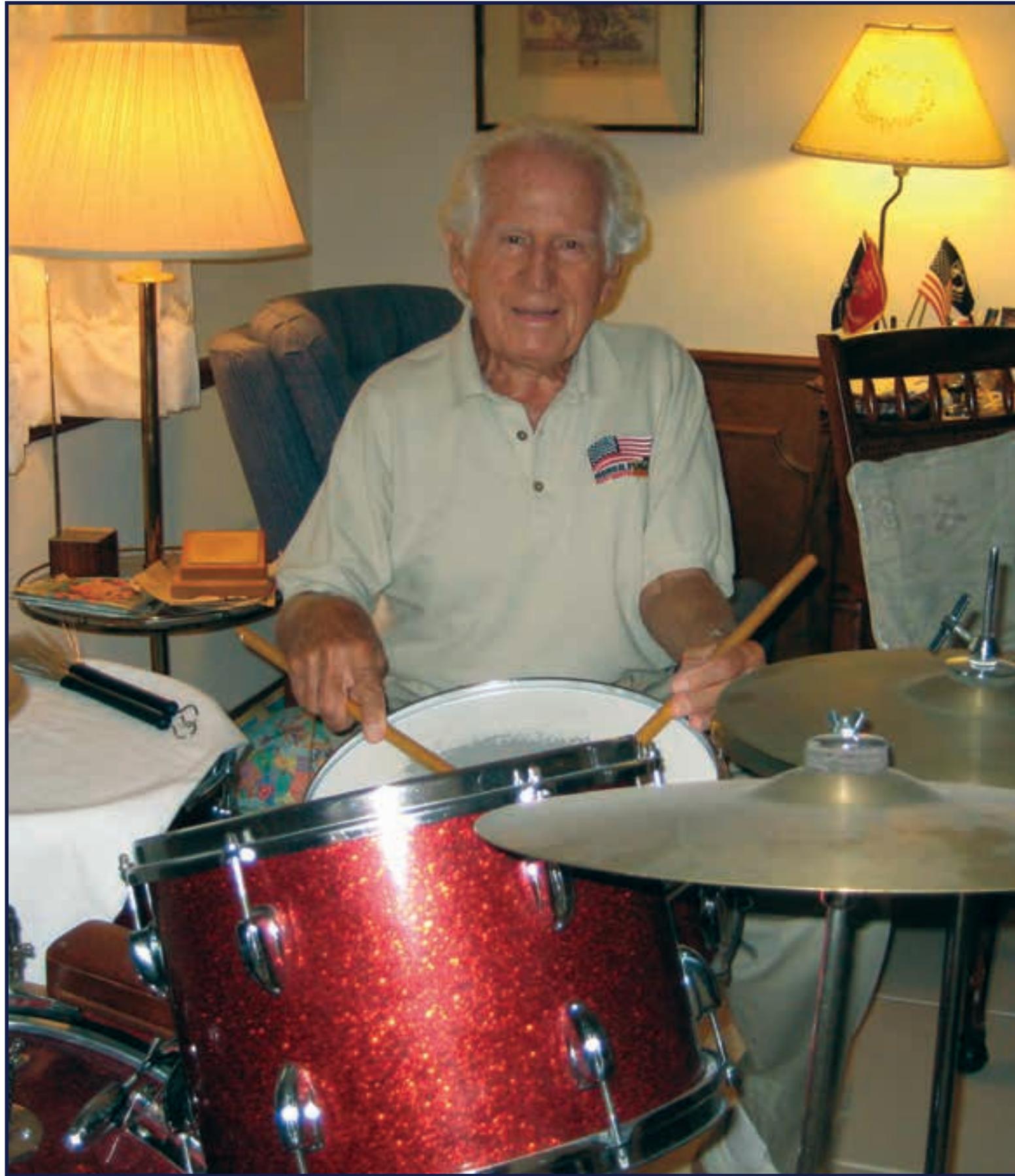
John survived 12 weeks of training at Camp Lejeune, Paris Island, S.C. He became a member of the Marines Marching Band in September 1943. He had played a snare drum at high school dances and in parades with the Sons of the American Legion, so he was right at home with the Marine Marching Band.

In 1944, after a 10-day furlough, he was shipped overseas.

The Marines' presence in the Pacific theater consisted of the 4th Marine Battalion, six Marine divisions, and two related units and moved from one division to another.

John drove an amphibious vehicle, loaded with troops, off a large landing barge to the beaches of Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima. He was seated in a small cockpit closed in on both sides, and he could only see straight ahead.

John recalls the troops waiting as



John Velchoff shows off his drum set. He was a member of the Marines Marching Band in 1943.
(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

battleships shelled the islands for days, getting them ready for an invasion. In between these bloody battles, John got "R and R" at the Marines home base on Maui Island, Hawaii.

Flo married her Marine on April 18, 1948, and John was discharged on March 31, 1951. They have one son, who is also named John, and he lives

in Lakeland.

When John was a civilian again, he went to work at a chemical plant in his hometown. The plant operated 24/7 with three eight-hour shifts. John worked on each of these shifts.

John also discovered he had enough time for another venture. His father was a wholesale oyster mer-

chant, and that inspired him to go into the retail oyster business.

John and Flo opened their first oyster bar in a 24-unit motel. It went so well that they opened a second one in the middle of town, next to a pool hall. After 10 years of working at the chemical plant and operating three oyster bars, John decided to leave the plant

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and devote his time to the oyster bars.

Flo did all the hiring and managing of the personnel. They continued this venture happily for 30 years. An interesting fact: Their third oyster bar is alongside the building where the very first Coca-Cola was bottled, in 1894.

Recently, John was invited to take part in "Honor Flight," bringing WWII veterans from west central Florida to Washington, D.C. for recognition.

His day started at 4 a.m. at Tampa International Airport. He received breakfast at the Marriott Hotel before boarding an American Airlines charter flight to Washington's Ronald Reagan Airport.

Along with fellow veterans, John was honored at the Iwo Jima Memorial, where they gathered for a group photo. His tour also included the changing of the guard at the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier" at Arlington National Cemetery and a stop at the WWII Memorial, which John says is the jewel in the crown of all memorials.

John was impressed that everywhere they went, they were met by large crowds of complete strangers showing their admiration and sincere gratitude for their service in the war. He said the shouting, waving of flags, and the tears made his head spin.

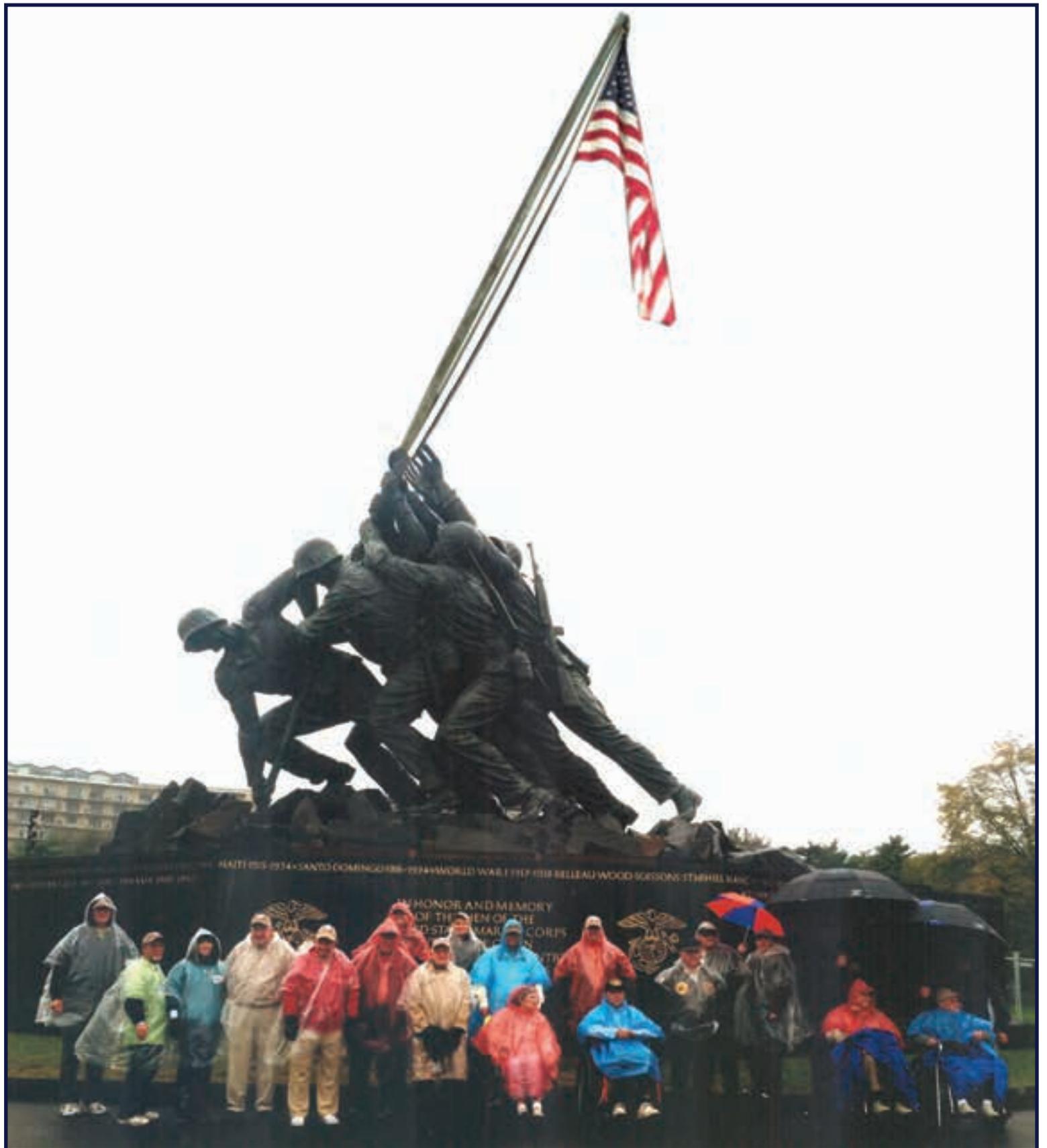
At the request of the Honorable Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young, an American flag, which flew over the White House (on Oct. 29, 2011), was presented to John, in grateful appreciation for his service to our nation during WWII.

Today, John can be found any Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at the West Activity Center gym, where he leads the men's exercise class from 10-10:45 a.m. He plays golf three times a week, weather permitting, and he goes dancing three nights a week at the American Legion Hall.

John says he enjoys three-day trips to Biloxi, Miss., to see how his money is doing. He keeps young by keeping busy.

His final comment during this interview was, "Now you know why they call me Mississippi John."

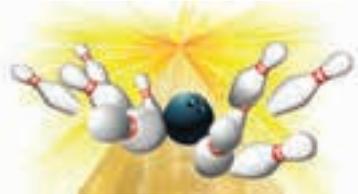
A salute to you, John, for giving your love, courage and strength while protecting our country's freedom.



John Velchoff and other veterans were honored recently in Washington D.C. and had this group photo taken in front of the Iwo Jima Memorial. Below, at left, John holds a certificate which proves he was presented a flag that originally flew over the White House in 2011. Below, at right, is John's welcoming committee that greeted him at the Washington D.C. airport.



Donation from Good Neighbors Association helps purchase a second 'bowling alley' for activity center



Wii Bowling

By Terry Mikulski

Wii bowling has been growing since the first Sunday we started, and thanks to the Good Neighbors Association, we now have two TV sets.

We were using one 32-inch TV, which allowed four people to bowl one game at a time, but now we can accommodate eight bowlers at a time.

With 12 to 14 people now participating in Wii Bowling, we were only able to bowl one game in our time slot. With the extra TV, we can now bowl more games.

Thank you Good Neighbors!

If you want to try Wii Bowling, we play 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.



Ann Reed gets ready to roll her ball down the alley during an afternoon of Wii Bowling in the East Activity Center. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

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(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Bring your friends to our casual dance party on July 14

Our summer dances are casual, but put your shorts and sneakers in the closet.

On Saturday, July 14, the Entertainment Committee will be hosting a dance party at 8 p.m.

Bring your best after-5 p.m. dancing shoes, plus your best after-5 p.m. casual wear and join us.

We'll be featuring the music of Ray Curtiss. We'll provide the coffee and ice, and you bring your friends for an evening of fun, dancing, and good music.

Our July 15 Sunday-In-the-Park will feature a movie. Remember, our Sunday events are free to residents and start at 2 p.m. The movie has not yet been selected, so let us know what you'd like to see.

On Top of the World baseball fans asked for another trip to The Trop so we're set to go to see the Rays vs. Kansas City, on Wednesday, August 22 at 11 a.m. It's the third annual Senior Prom Day and will cost only \$39. It'll be even more fun than the first two, so stop by and see Brad Day to reserve your place on the Jol-



**Rich
Hayes**

Chairman

ly Trolley. He'll be there in the East Activity Center on Mondays between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

We are also pleased to announce that our new chair-elect is Audrey Jones. She originally hails from New York, but has lived in Florida for more than 40 years, as well as in Hawaii, Germany, Turkey and England.

She has traveled to more than 55 countries. Many of you know her as the woman who has run some great trips for the Entertainment Committee. True to form, the first thing she asked was if she could run a trip to see the Mummies of the World at MOSI.

Of course you can!



Chair-Elect Audrey Jones makes an announcement during a recent meeting.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, we will leave at 9 a.m. from the East Activity Center. Audrey has it all planned, including the reservation cutoff date of Aug. 15. Audrey said transportation, mummies, box lunch, I-Max movie, and fun, are all included for only \$47. I had to say yes, and hope you will, too.

Since the new by-laws were passed at our last Sunday-In-The-

Park, we are looking for volunteers for the 2013 Board. Don't be shy about stopping by to say "hi" and find out how you can volunteer. Names of the Nominating Committee members are posted, and with your vote approving our new by-laws, we have added two new positions to the Board.

We look forward to seeing you at our summer events.



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At left, Pat Dalziel cutting her birthday cake. Above, 2011-2012 President Linda Rice serving the new 2012-2013 President Dottie Meissner.

18-hole Ladies League

President's last duty was a piece of cake

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held its final tournament of the season on May 29.

Golfers started play under threatening skies from tropical storm Beryl. Luckily, the storm blew over and the tournament was completed.

After the tournament, pizza and salad were served by President Linda Rice who completed her last official duty. Thanks, Linda for a great year performing all your duties in your usual pleasant manner.

After lunch, dessert was a birthday cake for Pat Dalziel. The league helped her celebrate her 82nd birthday. Pat plays 18 holes, three times a

week, and is in Flight A -- not bad for 82 going on 83. Also Pat frequently shoots her age or lower.

Happy Belated Mother's Day Eileen McKowan. On Mother's Day, Eileen had a hole-in-one on the ninth hole using an 11 wood, witnessed by Sue Morse and Pat Cassidy. This was Eileen's second hole-in-one.

Three players were very hot in May. Terri Mikszenas and Pat Eastman won first place all four weeks. Katie Quelch won three out of four.

Results May 29

Flight A: Low Gross: Pat East-

man. Low Net: Kim Norried. Flight B: Low Gross: Sherry Ivey. Low Net: Katie Quelch. Flight C: Low Gross: Terri Mikszenas. Flight D: Low Gross: Cindy Schell. Low Net: Ellen Fier.

May 22

Flight A: Low Gross: Pat Eastman. Low Net: Terry Kuplen. Flight B: Low Gross: Sherry Ivey. Low Net: Katie Quelch. Flight C: Low Gross: Terri Mikszenas. Low Net: Boots Stanton. Flight D: Low Gross: Sue Morse. Low Net: Ellen Fier.

May 15

Flight A: Low Gross: Pat East-

man. Low Net: Terry Kuplen. Flight B: Low Gross: Diane Moxley, Eileen McKowan, Dee Wisslead. Low Net: Kay Satterlee. Flight C: Low Gross: Betty McKay. Low Net: Terri Mikszenas. Flight D: Low Gross: Sue Morse. Low Net: Fusayo Kado.

May 8

Flight A: Low Gross: Pat Eastman Low Net: Dale McMinn Flight B: Low Gross: Katie Quelch Low Net: Linda Rice Flight C: Low Gross: Terri Mikszenas Low Net: Maria Im Flight D: Low Gross: Cindy Schell Low Net: Sheila Meneilly

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Florida heat doesn't stop aces from appearing on the course

By Pete Milner

Two more of our members have scored a hole-in-one recently.

Congratulations to Dick Smedley for his hole-in-one on the 130-yard ninth hole. He aced it with his hybrid 3-iron. Ron Parham was the lucky witness.

Mike Crittendon shot a hole-in-one on the 255-yard 10th hole using his driver. Besides two birds on one of the tall corner trees, Duane Hinrichs and Allen Pier were the fortunate witnesses.

Two good golfers, two incredible shots. Reminds me about the story of why the chicken crossed the road ... to prove to the turtle that it could be done.

Most of our northern members have departed to cooler climates and

Men's Golf

more rain. Our numbers are dwindling down for the summer. We have started our 8 a.m. shotgun starts with the hopes of finishing before the heat of the day sets in.

In April we had our three-clubs-and-a-putter tournament, and some great scores with those limited clubs were recorded. For some of us, those three clubs are the ones we use most of the time anyways.

Our June tournament on the 20th was regular tournament play with food and beverages after. Vice President Jay Schwallie has been serving us some tasty refreshments following our tournaments, and George Shenkel has been right on the stick helping out.

I was reading a great book last month entitled Fathers, Sons and Golf - lessons in honor and integrity. It was a good read. It's about a father who was trying to teach his sons about integrity and decided he would teach them how to play golf. He knew that if they learned the proper way to play golf that the underlying lessons they learned about integrity would last them through their entire lives.

How true!

Our golf course is starting to really play well. The greens are softening up and holding high approach shots, and the tee boxes are coming around too.

Drew and his crew continue to work hard to keep our course in tip-top shape. Please remember to keep plenty of room between the greens

and your golf cart. This means pushcarts, too. Please don't walk across the tee boxes with your pushcarts.

Also remember to keep hydrated when you play golf. Take a bottle of water with you on those hot days. Keep your head down and remember to check our scoreboard for upcoming events. Please know what hole you are starting on when you come to the window to check in.

Please pay attention to the new signage on the windows so you are signing in at the correct line. We have adopted a new check-in/sign-in procedure.

On July 18, our tournament will be regular play again. Please observe the new prize award procedures on our scoreboard for all regular golf league days.

Summer does not stop Thursday league from playing

The Thursday Golf League continues to play unofficially during the summer months.

Weekly prizes are still awarded. For any On Top of the World residents interested in giving the league a try, now is a good time because membership is not required.

The course remains in great shape and our greens are excellent thanks to Drew and his staff.

One thing you will notice is the summer rough. Venture into it and the golf course plays a few strokes more difficult.

Our week 24 winners were Ron Parham, first place, Paul Meyers second place and Kim Norried third. Ron had the hot putter and won four skins. Don Baker, Kim Norried and Dave Combs each had one skin.

Week 25 saw Paul Meyers take first place. Pete Cosgrove came in second and John Maloof was third. Don Baker, Gary Bronson, John Maloof and Pete Cosgrove each had one skin.

The Week 26 winner was Bruce

Thursday Golf

MacPherson, Paul Meyers was second and Dennis Smith took third place. Don Baker won two skins. Gary Bronson, John Maloof and Paul Meyers each had one skin.

Week 27 was a rainout, so on to Week 28 where Don Baker was the champion, Kim Norried placed second and Gary Bronson came in third. Kim, Gary and Don all won two skins and Bruce MacPherson captured one.

Play begins each Thursday at 11 a.m. Players are asked to arrive by 10:45.

The league plays by USGA rules. Men play from the extended blues and both men and women play to a par of 67.

The Thursday League is open to all OTOW residents, male and female. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining can contact: Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com

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Debby left a reminder

Tropical Storm Debby blew through Pinellas County on June 24 and left behind moderate damage to On Top of the World.

A lawn bowling awning was damaged by a tree, an elevator shaft and storage room were flooded, tree limbs were down, and at least one tree had fallen.

Residents reported some areas were flooded at the height of the storm and some streets were not driveable, but Parkway crews had most of the mess cleaned up by Monday morning.

Debby left behind downed sticks, limbs and other debris as a reminder we are in storm season and residents need to be prepped. As of press time, there was a chance Debby was going to return for a second visit.



Attention OTOW Men

As part of your independence, you are allowed to line dance

By Julie Narancich

The Fourth of July, or Independence Day, brings American people together in a way that not many other holidays can.

As we prepare for the biggest birthday celebration in the United States, we also want to celebrate the men who are a part of our line dancing group.

Frank Lee and his wife, Dorothy, are owners of a unit in the Melbourne building. Frank and Dorothy moved to On Top of the World in April of 1982 from Michigan. They immediately started line dancing in 1982 and came to OTOW as established ballroom dancers.



Line Dancing

Frank proudly states he and Dorothy have taken 70 cruises in 25 years. Frank retired from General Motors and also served in the Air Corp in World War II.

Bob Mayer and his wife, Bethyl, came to On Top of the World from Albany, N.Y. They spent 10 years as

“Snowbirds” and have been permanent residents at the Royal Chateau Building for three years.

Bob has been line dancing for two years now and enthusiastically volunteers as a demonstrator on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Bob worked for the State of New York and also taught English as a second language to adults. Bob was drafted into the Army and served during the Korean War.

Alex G. Miller and his wife, Julie, came to On Top of the World in October of 2011 and reside in the Modernage Building.

Alex and Julie’s dog, Belle, made the trip with them from Warren, Ohio.

Alex and Julie have been loyal line dancers since May of 2012. Alex retired as a steelworker in Ohio.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your skills and your love of line dancing.

We welcome all of you to join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium. The beginner lessons the first half hour are very helpful. Please join us and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!

We're going to Biloxi on Aug. 26 - sign up now cause our last trip sold out

By Lillian Ginn

Even though most members of the Snowbirds Club fled north to escape our Florida summer, many of us stayed put to sweat it out and have some fun!

Our trip to Biloxi was really a fun time. We had a full bus, so we didn't have to stop and pick up other passengers, which saved us time.



Snowbirds Club

The trip was a really good time had by all.

In June we visited Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater to see "Nobody's Perfect," and, as usual, we had an excellent meal and great show.

A day-cruise on July 3 aboard the Yacht Starship is already sold out.

Aug. 26 is the date of our next Biloxi trip. Don't wait too long to book this adventure. Remember, our May trip was sold out.

We are planning our first meet-

ing on Monday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. Our Oct. 26 trip is to Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater. If you want front row seats, be sure to book early.

Sales hours in July are Monday, July 2; Thursday, July 5; Monday, July 9 and Thursday, July 12, from 8:30-10 a.m.

For any further information, you may call Sandy Sanborn at 216-7922.

Greyhounds bring smiles and leave behind smiles

By Bill Sharpsteen

As the summer continues, so do greyhound visits to local assisted living facilities.

You should see how excited the greyhounds get when the second Monday and fourth Friday of each month rolls around!

For almost four years, club members have been making these road trips.

During past trips, greyhounds Sparky and Sassie Young, and Beauty Hanley all loved their times at the ALFs!

Why?

Because they knew they were going to get a ride in my van, attention from residents, and welcomed treats for good behavior.

Always remember every third Friday we are in Safety Harbor. We set



Greyhound Club

up at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off the greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 today to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

June Photo Search Answers

1. Screen door switched
2. American flag added
3. Color of car changed
4. Tee marker moved
5. Direction of hole flag
6. Building color to red
7. Shorts to long pants
8. Bird added
9. Red jeep missing
10. Two porch chairs

Morning walk



Henry LeMieux takes his dogs Zeva and Bandit for their morning exercise. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Starting in November, this page will only contain notices from services offered free to residents.



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Bonesavers

Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

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

Tai Chi

According to experts, Tai Chi and Chi Kung are the best exercises overall to add years to your life and life to your years.

The catch is, to get results it requires commitment and practice. Therefore, it is not for everyone. But if you are willing to make the commitment and do the practice, the rest of your life can be your best years. Oh, another thing, it is not as easy as it looks.

The deep breathing and beautiful movements are the best exercise to quiet and calm your body, mind and emotions.

Come and give us a try on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 1:30 for beginners in the EAC exercise room near the library. Questions, call Ruth at 727-726-0336 or cell 727-709-0841.

Yoga

Yoga with Ann meets 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

Wear something comfortable. Bring a mat. Cost is \$5.

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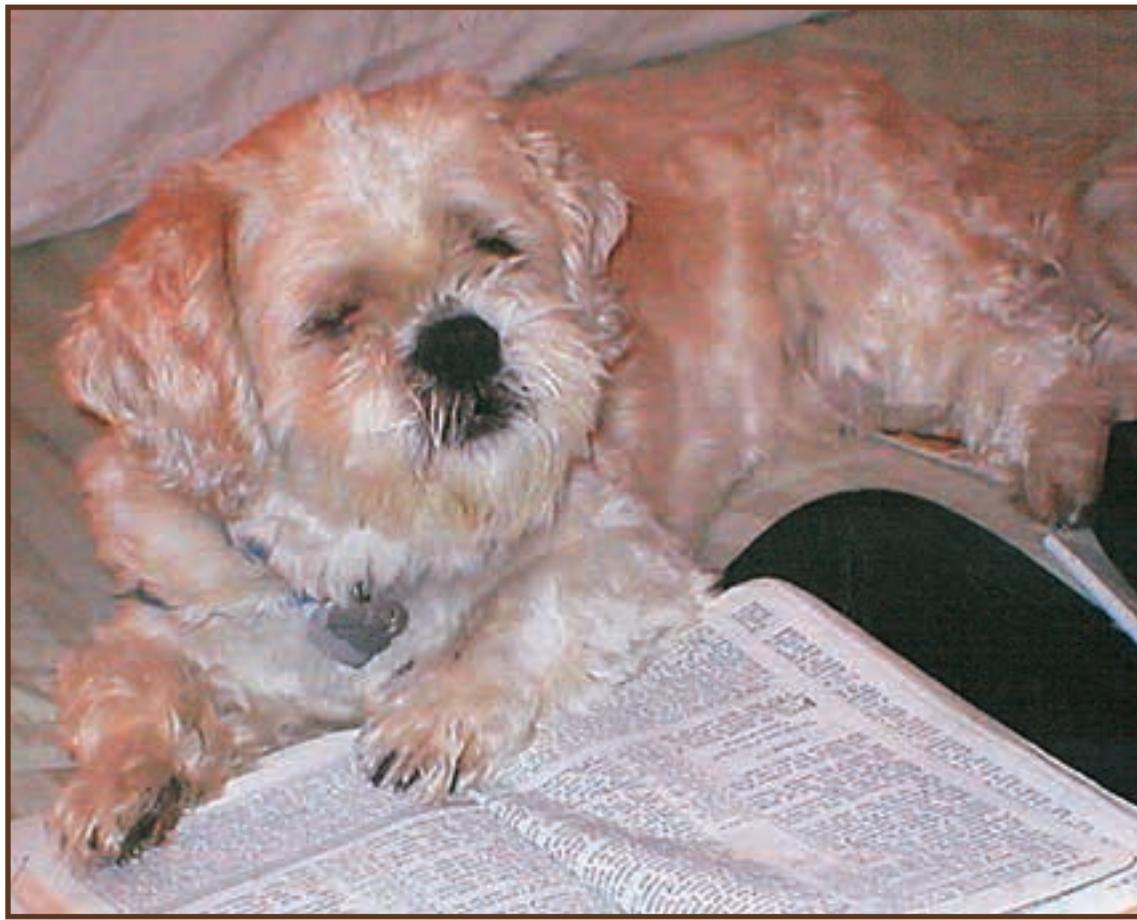
8 a.m. exercise class continues through summer

Ladies, come join us at 8 a.m. all summer in the East Activity Center lower gym.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, a cardio workout, and building balance and coordination.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

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



Beethoven

My name is Beethoven and I'm a 10-year-old Shitzu.

I was living at the SPCA and was 1 year old when a woman walked in and said, "I want that one."

Now I live at Austrian Alpine with my parents, George and Norita Evans.

I am very happy to be here. As you can see in my picture, I like to read the Bible. I really like camping, smelling fresh grass and meeting new animals and people.

My mommy takes me for long walks in the morning, and sometimes when we walk by the tennis courts players throw me a tennis ball.

I would really like to be a Pet of the Month and get my picture in the newspaper.

Each month OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are going to feature a "Pet of the Month." Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter. One pet will be featured each month. To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads, and one \$10 gift certificate from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Bridge Plaza on McMullin Booth Road. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop into the newsroom to claim your Pet Supplies Plus gift certificate. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: boots@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!

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China/Singapore trip was an enlightening experience, even for these seasoned travelers

What would you do? A year ago, you had booked a cruise to China and Singapore for this year, and then you got an e-mail from the cruise company saying they were overbooked and would you be willing to change your plans.

Some people would have said “no,” but experienced world travelers Katie and George Zeller said “Yes!” They were offered a 24-day cruise or cruise/land tour in a mini-suite to anywhere Princess Cruise Lines goes, plus the cash equivalent for the cruise portion of the land tour, and \$600 towards rescheduling air reservations.

George says he thought about 30 seconds, and “with the speed of light” said “Fine.” Their new trip: Six days in Singapore and 26 days in China.

After a 27-hour flight from Newark, George and Katie landed in Singapore. They spent six days there before heading to China for 26 days.

The Zellers say they came in contact with numerous everyday hard-working Chinese people and found them to be like all the nice people they have met in so many countries.

“Just smile, and the language barrier begins to melt away,” says George.

Experiencing the daily masses in the subways and airports of Shanghai, Beijing and Chongqing produced an awareness of the enormous population in China, with 30 million, 20 million, and 32 million respectively in those cities.

The Zellers saw first-hand that housing in China is primarily in thousands of high-rise condominiums, not individual homes as in the United States.

Daily they were encountering a total difference in culture — a culture dating back 5,000 years — as they enjoyed tasting new foods like Dim Sum in Singapore, noodles and



Common form of water transportation seen here in the Old Street district of Shanghai. (Photos by George and Katie Zeller)



steamed dumplings in Shanghai, and Peking duck in Beijing.

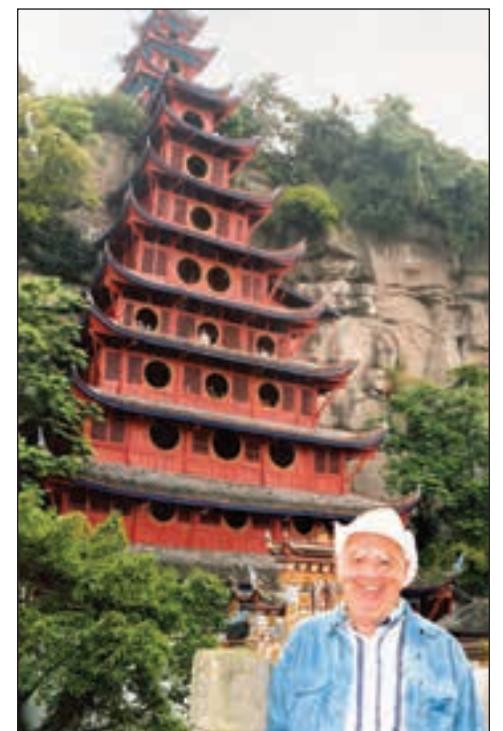
Katie and George say they always will remember the people and the street foods of “Old Street” in Shanghai. During their visit they gained first-hand knowledge of the history and customs of China, with a new perspective and respect for the hard-working daily life of the Chinese people.

Katie and George Zeller are in complete agreement that they enjoyed their time in Singapore and China. “We’re totally aware of the masses of individuals struggling to gain the personal freedoms that we enjoy and take for granted in the United States.

“It was a wonderful trip, ever so enlightening, and once again we are totally aware of how wonderful it is to be a citizen and live in the United States of America.”



Clarke Quay, Singapore



George Zeller stands in front of the 12-story Shibaozhai Pagoda, on the banks of the Yangtze River.

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This 99-year-old featured resident is still 'young at heart'

What a wonderful experience I had meeting a special mom of two of On Top of the Worlds' residents. Her name is Concetta Aiello (aka Babe), who is 99 years young.

She is the most delightful woman, who has a sharp mind and sees life very positively. Babe was raised in the Bronx, N.Y. She was married 74 years ago to Joseph (aka Joe), an upholsterer.

Babe has three daughters, two grandsons and two great-grandsons. They are all a delight in her life. During her 40's she went to work as a data entry clerk at the Cambridge University Press.

One of her earlier memories was when President Coolidge was running for office. She recalls sitting on the stoop of her home as the black cars and red flares passed by during his celebration of election. It was a very exciting event.

An interesting story she told me happened during the 1930's. As Babe explained, "I would meet my cousin, who was a fitter at a dress house in the



city every Thursday night. One night she told me about a new young model, Lucille who was hired. She said she was very nice and they could have lots of fun together, would I like to meet her. I of course said yes!

"Then one day my cousin asked me to go to Macy's for lunch instead to meet the person she discussed with me. We all began going to lunch on Thursdays. Then one day this young woman asked me to go out to dinner.

"During our discussions, she told me about her dreams to hit it big in

show business. As our friendship grew, I learned more about this funny, nice person. At one of our last meetings, she told me she had auditioned for Eddie Cantor and got the part. She would be leaving for Hollywood. I was very excited for her and wished her well. I have a letter from her she sent to me many years ago."

As it turns out, this interesting, funny woman was Lucille Ball, and her great success is history.

Babe's secret to her longevity is "living one day at a time." She loves plays, operas, beaches, bingo and casino. When I asked where she would like to celebrate her 100th birthday, she said, "I would love to go to Las Vegas!"

While visiting here in May at OTOW, a group of us from our building took her to play bingo, which she thoroughly enjoyed. No winnings, but a good time was had by all. She loves being around people and enjoying good times and good food.

I hope to see this "young-at-heart" 99-year-old again before she turns 100.



Concetta "Babe" Aiello, 99, shares memories with building reporter.

I also would love to see Babe's picture on the Smucker's jelly jar and hear Willard Scott introduce her as one of the centenarians of 2012. What a gift that would be!

A hurricane tip you may not know about

Now that hurricane season is here, I thought it was worth telling you about an e-mail that I got from a friend in Massachusetts.

She said that when her electricity is off during a hurricane or thunderstorm, she brings her solar lights inside at night. She sticks them in a jar or bottle and said they gave off plenty of "free light." She puts one in each room, puts them back outside in the daytime and brings them in at night as long as the current is off. They are safe to use and cheaper than batteries.

She sticks the solar light pipes into plastic drink bottle containers. Depending on the size of the solar light pipes they will fit into the small (20-oz.) water bottles. They also fit into most of the larger liter-size bottles.

She said if you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, you can put a few of the pretty, colorful "flat marbles" (you find them in aquariums, vases, etc.) into the bottle. You can also use sand, aquarium gravel, etc. whatever you have available to weigh the bottle down.

The next day, you just take your solar lights back outside where they will instantly recharge and be ready for you to use again any time you need them.

As to residents on the second and third floors, when we are told that a hurricane or storm is on the way, you can put the solar lights on a window sill or any place where the sun comes into your condo so that that they can charge. I never thought of using solar lights for



safe indoor lighting but, thanks to my friend, I can pass this on.

Lil and Herb Cervinka have returned from a visit to Wisconsin and they have lots of news. They attended a wedding in Chicago of their daughter-in-law's nephew, Mike. Their grandson, David, is back from Afghanistan and stood up for Mike.

Mike and David grew up together. Lil and Herb now have two great-grandchildren, Ava and Silas. Their grandson, Richard, is an actor in Hollywood and just got engaged. I teased Lil and told her that the Cervinka's next big trip will probably be to Hollywood!

Marilyn and Ley Browder have had a busy May and June. In May they attended Ley's 55th class reunion at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., and also visited relatives.

They also celebrated Ley's birthday at the Cloister at Sea Island, Ga. Marilyn and Ley have just returned from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich., where they

spent a week attending classes and studying the U.S. Constitution.

Marilyn told me that Hillsdale recently opened the Kirby Center on Capitol Hill in Wash. D.C., where Congress members can learn about the Constitution and citizenship.

She said the attendance at the Kirby Center has grown. Because the Center, like the college, operates independently of government funding, it is not in Washington to seek taxpayer dollars. Rather, the Kirby Center exists to advance the principles and ideas that have made America free and prosperous.

Occasionally Hillsdale has on-line classes. Check it out. We may be senior citizens but we can always learn. I personally think this is great.

In a few days we will all celebrate the 4th of July. That is the day that makes the U.S. different from almost all other countries.

If you want to see a great fireworks display, come to the cul-de-sac by the lake at the end of Philippine Drive. I don't know who it is, but some organization in Dunedin sponsors this fantastic display every year.

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Meet some of the new folks

Say hello and welcome to your new building neighbors!

Judy Sherman is a retired nurse who lives on the World Parkway side of our building.

Many years ago, Judy was with her in-laws, who lived in Pasco County, when they all came to visit with friends at On Top of the World.

She recently decided to relocate to OTOW with her dog, Dean, as she remembered how much she liked the complex. She has a daughter who lives in Illinois; her son lives in California.

The following ladies live on the Ecuadorian side of our building:

Lois Rockwell likes to sew, but her passion is quilting. Her son works for Homeland Security and lives in California. Her granddaughter is a star athlete and in a few weeks will be in Orlando playing in a volleyball tournament. Lois's daughter lives in St. Petersburg. Lois was familiar with OTOW, as her sister is a resident.

Betty Kemink volunteers at the thrift shop of St. John's Episcopal Church. She has five children. One son lives in Dunedin and her daughter lives in Clearwater. The rest of her children live in California, Minnesota and Louisiana.

Years ago Betty owned a basket shop. She not only sold baskets, but the supplies for making them. She recently started a new hobby, which is quilting. Betty and Lois need to meet and discuss their quilting abilities! Betty's constant companion is her cat, Artemis.

Happy Fourth of July!
"Till We Meet Again"



Right time for this 'lass' to become a citizen

Back in Janesville, Wis., there were parties – surprise parties – flowers, cards, cake and lots of celebrations from friends and family when Sandra Heibel became a U.S. citizen early this year.

"What's the big deal?" thought Sandra. "After all, I've lived in the U.S. practically all my life, and now it's just a formality that I gain my citizenship."

"I started the process a couple of times, but got frustrated with the test's possible questions such as 'how many stripes are on the flag?' or 'what do they represent?'"

"I only knew life in the USA, got my education here, grew up here – so why am I taking the same test as people who had just entered the USA? It just didn't seem reasonable."

But, this time was different. Sandra said, "It just seemed like the right time. The passport was running out, the alien card was about to expire and the country was about to enter into another presidential election."

A new owner at the Englander, but not a stranger to On Top of the World, Sandy was just 8 months old when her parents brought her to the United States



from Kilmarnock, a large burgh in East Ayrshire, Scotland.

The family settled in Janesville, Wis., near Sandra's mother's two sisters, Nan Truesdale and Etta Clark. In fact, Aunt Nan and her husband, Uncle Gibbi, sponsored their trip from Scotland to the U.S.

When Sandy's mother passed away at the age of 59, her two aunts adopted Sandy as their own. Sandy visited her aunts many times throughout the years at their seasonal home here at OTOW, and is now the proud owner of their condo at the Englander.

Congratulations, Sandy, and



Sandra Heibel, wearing Scottish plaid, enjoys the celebration as she becomes a United States citizen.

welcome to the Englander – may you have many wonderful years here while making rich memories!

Why not let me know what you are doing this summer so we can fill up the August and September news columns?

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity and I just can't put it down....

Hope you all stay cool during the summer months!

New Entertainment Committee chair-elect is also a brand new great-grandmother

Early one Sunday morning, there was a knock on my door and when I opened it, there was great-grandma Audrey Jones with her eight-week-old great-granddaughter Isobel in the baby carriage. It was exciting to see such a beautiful baby and her proud great-grandma who was babysitting. The parents had gone to a wedding, and Audrey was in charge. Come again, Audrey. What a way to start the day!

Incidentally, Audrey has just become the chair-elect for the Entertainment Committee. It's a huge job with many responsibilities, and we wish Audrey good luck in this new position.

Did you watch Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and the marvelous extravaganza and colorful pageantry? The Brits really put on a good show. My sister-in-law is English, and several years ago I went back with her to England to visit her relatives. We enjoyed a tour of Buckingham Palace,



visited Kensington Palace, where Diana lived, and watched the Changing of the Guards. We then went on a bus tour of England, Scotland and Wales. The heather (purplish, pink flowers) was in bloom everywhere.

We do miss our Snowbirds, but several of us have been frequenting the local restaurants, including Villa Maria, Johnny's, Acropol, Checkers, and of course, meeting about half of our On Top of the World residents

at Cody's annual Anniversary Party (we all know a good deal). We also had a wonderful turnout for the building luncheon at Red Lobster. See you again next month.

We saw Dave Mathewson at the Budget Meeting, which was very interesting. Audrey Decker and I stayed till the end – two hours and ten minutes. Happy Birthday, Dave!

They (the maintenance department) removed our fan in the laundry room and installed two new lights. We'll have to vote on buying a new fan.

Many thanks to the Capistrano Building for hosting the Memorial Day get-together. We need more residents to join us next year.

See you in July for our Sunday-in-the-Park movie. Bring dollars for the 50/50.

Fly the Flag on Independence Day and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Happy Fourth of July!

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New building neighbors are no strangers to OTOW

I wrote in my last article that I would start introducing some of our new neighbors. This month, we welcome Van Bradley and Leora Hamm (see photo at right).

Van and Leora are both from Colorado. They met and fell in love six years ago. Van and Leora are Snowbirds. Leora came first to Florida to visit her son who moved to the Tampa area.

She liked the area so much that she bought a place in On Top of the World. Van also had a place in OTOW. Between the both, they have been Snowbirds for eight years. Van and Leora have made many friends here.

Van and Leora both enjoy playing golf. They wanted to live near the golf course in a first floor condo. They were very happy to find exactly what they wanted in Rila Renaissance.

Van is retired from a global manufacturing company after 30 years of service. Leora retired after many years in the banking world. Van has one son and one daughter. Both children live in Colorado. He also has two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Leora has two sons. One son lives in Florida and the other in Colorado. Leora has one grandson and one granddaughter.



Van and Leora have a 4-year-old male Yorkie named Chipshot. Recently, they adopted a 2-year-old male Yorkie named Gizmo. Gizmo was featured as one of the "Pets of the Month" in our OTOW News. Van and Leora's friend owned Gizmo and could no longer care for the pet. He asked if they would adopt Gizmo.

Chipshot has played with Gizmo since he was a puppy and the dogs got along well together. The two dogs are best buddies, so Van and Leora could not refuse their friend's request. Many of the neighbors enjoy watching the two dogs romping around in the grass.

I asked Van and Leora why they like OTOW so much. "OTOW offers so much; you could be busy every day."



From left to right is Van Bradley holding Chipshot and Leora Hamm holding Gizmo.

We welcome them to our building and wish them much luck in their new home!

I hope all our neighbors have a wonderful July Fourth celebration.

Please remember to periodically check the bulletin boards in the lobby. There is usually important news from our building captain and the OTOW Association.

I would like to have an article from our building every month. If you have any news for our column, please leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board. News could be about a birth, a new pet, a fascinating and interesting story or a great recipe.

Many of our neighbors have interesting stories to tell.

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Some food for thought for a hot July day

Do you know what the best form of birth control is after age 50? Nudity! I only mention this because Nude Recreation Week is celebrated in July.

July is also National Anti-Boredom Month. Proudly, we're going to celebrate the 4th, but what about the rest of the month? How about building a scarecrow for the front of our building?

Since the heat and humidity are an integral part of our lives throughout this month, a creative ice cream sundae contest might be the perfect antidote (and excuse) to temporarily forget our diets.

There's always the sidewalk egg-frying competition for those without a cholesterol problem. Or how about setting aside an entire day to celebrate chocolate? Or lasagna? Or cheesecake?

For those sports enthusiasts with a TV addiction, the London Olympics will prove a perfect companion.

Too often I've seen the flashing lights of rescue vehicles in the front of our building. Today I mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.



He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; life isn't always fair; and, maybe it *was* my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn), and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when parents attacked teachers (and got them fired), for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer an aspirin to a

student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

And when a woman failed to realize a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled some in her lap, and was subsequently awarded a multi-million dollar settlement for her own negligence, Common Sense shook his head and died.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his four stepbrothers, I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is to Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few of us realized he was gone.

With the start of July, we enter the second half of 2012. Make every day a celebration of life.

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Potpourri of diverse items makes for an eclectic column

If you take your laptop for a run you could jog your memory!

Memorial Day was very memorable. My sister came to see her kids in Tampa. Biggest news is our 6-day-old great-grandson and 3-year-old Lylia who is a comedian in her own right, my great-nieces and now new nephew.

What joy children bring into our lives, especially when they are little. Pat, my sister stayed for around eight days and left on Memorial Day. Mainly she played Grandma and as her granddaughter had just given birth to an 8-lb., 2-ounce baby boy, I am sure her help was much welcomed.

Maureen and Jim Bjorn have the ongoing project of landscaping in front of the building and it is really looking great. More to come – stay tuned and I will have pictures of all their hard work.

Check out the Happy Hour poem and photo at right. Among those pictured are Malcom and Elizabeth Warren, your reporter and an unidentified building resident.



The Meet Up and Go Group went down to Cleveland Street before Memorial Day and had a great time. There was lots of food of all sorts, music to listen to. There is always something to do if you keep a sharp eye out. Join the group as we are always looking for new members. If you are looking for something to do, get a hold of us, we do have fun.

Did you ever just sit around and think about all the great things that have been invented in our lifetime? Pick out

5 p.m. was the hour
Our building held a Happy Hour
25 or more of us, brought enough snacks
to feed a bus.
Cookies, Salads, crackers, cheese
There was enough variety to please.
We have not had a party in such a long time
And everyone seem to find it fine.
Jim and Maureen Bjorn arranged it all
And with your help we can do it again this fall.
We really should do this more often as the
people were smiling and being very sweet,
OMG this is was such a treat!



one and the rest will follow. How about cell phones, caller ID, call waiting... gosh, when I was a kid we had a two-party-line phone and you had to wait to make a call if the neighbor was on the phone.

Oops, I am dating myself! But it was annoying to have to wait to make a call. Imagine putting up with that now.

I especially like the convection oven. It is small and cooks things quickly — no heating up the entire

kitchen. Computers, fax machines, printers, scanners. The list goes on and on. It is fun to think about.

The Savings Tips this month are:
Alaska Airlines: 10% off (65+)
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(for AARP Members)
Burger King: 10% off (60 +).

New C.V. residents exhibit a variety of backgrounds, interests and hobbies

Let's meet Casa Verde's new neighbors. Casa Verde is a very stable community and there are rarely vacancies in the building so I don't have much opportunity to write about those new to the building.

In the past few months, Casa Verde has had the opportunity to say welcome to some new neighbors so I felt that it was time to introduce them.

Paul Meyers has been in Ocala for the past 10 years, but now he has moved closer to his son. Paul was an accountant for General Electric for 38 years, mainly in New York State, and for a brief time in Louisiana. He used to call Schenectady, N.Y., his home, although he did travel a bit to other cities in the state.

He has one son here in Clearwater and two daughters in New York State. He has a grandson who is studying to be a doctor with hopes of working in radiology. I could tell this makes him very proud.

After retirement from GE, Paul taught computer skills to others. I asked him if he might help the neighbors with his expertise and he said that he would gladly do that.



Paul also plays golf and likes to travel. He likes to read about history (David Baldacci is one of his favorite authors).

Another new neighbor is Charlotte Kay. Charlotte is a native of Illinois; however, she has lived in Florida since 1954.

She worked with her husband who was a contractor. Their company was Bob Kay's Homes, Inc.

She has a daughter who is a P-E teacher in Glen Cove Springs, 35 miles southwest of Jacksonville. She has a granddaughter who has blessed her with five great-grandchildren. She likes to go on cruises, read, and play bridge.

I'm excited to meet another bridge player in the building!

Margie Meyer also joined our community. She has lived at On Top of the World on two different occasions before, but the lure of a nice place to live has lured her for the third time!

Originally, Margie was from Illinois, but she moved to Pinellas County in 1963 with her parents and her children.

She worked for Economy TV as a dispatcher for 17 years. She told me that most people were more upset to lose TV service than they were if their refrigerator went out!

Margie's son-in-law was a firefighter in Clearwater, but has now retired to Sun City, N.C., with her daughter.

Her son is the current fire chief for the city of Dunedin.

Two granddaughters and one grandson are her pride and joy. Margie used to do crafts, but now she spends her time planning meals to keep healthy.

If you find one of our new neighbors by the mail boxes or taking a walk, be sure to introduce yourself and greet him or her!

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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

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

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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News (Part 38: July, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- A *Delta Queen* riverboat tour up the Mississippi River as far as Vicksburg was being planned for November.
- Sparkling Village Restaurant and Lounge on U.S. 19 just south of Gulf-To-Bay formally opened on May 31. It included — in addition to seven entrees — a buffet, salad bar and an orchestra to entertain the patrons from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- During the past season the lawn bowlers, working with Mr. Colen, were responsible for some nice improvements including a new aluminum storage building, a new roller for the greens and construction of three shade shelters.
- In the fall, Good Neighbors planned to begin a blood pressure program. It was felt this would be of real value to the OTOW community.

See you in August with more “old news.”

Building captain throws steak cookout for residents

On May 29, about 20 of our residents gathered for a party hosted by our building captain, Hugh Quirk. Thanks, Hugh. The steaks were done just right, and everyone had a good time.

This was a very welcome gesture as our building becomes pretty quiet while the Snowbirds are away. It's always nice to get together and catch up with everything that is going on in the building.

On two occasions recently I saw a turtle crossing a street on the west side of On Top of the World. One was about the size of a pie, and the other was the size of a hubcap. (Do they still make hubcaps?) This is the first time I have seen turtles here and was just wondering if they are migratory this time of year.

Speaking of wildlife, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is advising hikers, hunters, fishers and golfers to take extra precautions and stay alert for alligators while in Pinellas and surrounding counties.

They advise people to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on



their clothing to alert, but not startle, the alligators unexpectedly.

They also advise the carrying of pepper spray in case of an encounter with an alligator. It is also a good idea to watch for fresh signs of alligator activity.

People should recognize the difference between small young alligator and large adult alligator droppings. Young alligator droppings are smaller and contain fish bones and possibly bird feathers. Adult alligators' droppings have little bells in them and smell like pepper spray. Gotcha!

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World-famous landmarks seen during Europe trip

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We have plenty of people in our building who seem to be. You just step outside and you can see many going to the pool, taking a walk, sitting and talking, or just hurrying to get where they want to go.

Bill and Donna Hunter have really been enjoying their summer. They just returned home from a trip that lasted 31 days.

Their adventure was all over Europe visiting the Canary Islands, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Venice and Liechtenstein.

They enjoyed seeing the famous Neuswanstein Castle, Linderhof Castle, and Glockenspiel of Munich, Germany.

The Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe in Paris were some other unforgettable places.

When they were not sightseeing, they were relaxing and enjoying



themselves in beautiful hotels in the Alps.

The Hunters are our building's adventurers and travelers. I always enjoy writing about their trips.

Anyone who would like to share a story for the paper, just write it up and put it in the mailbox under the bulletin board. Remember, only happy news.

Keep an eye on the bulletin boards for happenings in the building and at OTOW.



Kaya at four showing her cousin Anna the tree. At right: Anna this year with the tree. Have they ever both grown!



OTOW tree, Ohio grandchild both growing at rapid pace

July is here and summer is clipping right along...

Every spring, Connie and Jerry McDonald get excited for the arrival of their granddaughter Kaya, who lives in Ohio and makes the trip to Florida with her other grandparents who vacation on Treasure Island.

She has made this visit since she was 3 and a half. That year they planted an orange tree out back, gave it plant food and water. Grandma took a picture, and said at the time, that we would take pictures of the tree and Kaya to see who gets taller.

We plan day trips when our grandchildren visit. This year the outing was an hour north at Weeki Wachee Springs to see the mermaids. The river boat ride was pleasant and informative, but the underwater mermaid shows were the best.

There are several other attractions at Weeki Wachee for children, including a beach area where anyone in the park can swim in the beautiful springs.

Jerry and Connie said they also enjoyed themselves, and had never been to a park with so many friendly and helpful employees. Kaya went home,



but Connie and Jerry talk to their "sweet pea" every Sunday.

Steve Mazurek and Orrin Fanter recently entertained guests and friends from Georgia with three college sons who stayed at their cousins' for a week. Then it was a quick trip to Orlando.

Mary Jo and John Newman are back from having toured some national parks out West including Arches in Utah, the Rio Grande River in New Mexico and the Continental Divide in Montana. They very much enjoy the beauty and color the Southwest has to offer. Can't wait to see their pictures!

Until August... hope everyone enjoys a safe and Happy 4th of July.



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Featured couple hails from beautiful, exotic Ecuador

By Tom Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world R-U? Let's meet Rafael and Dila De La Paz, originally from Ecuador. They came to On Top of the World last December from College Point, Queens, N.Y.

Rafael and Dila were born, raised, and married in Ecuador. They tell me that their country has endless beaches, mysterious rain forests and snow-capped mountains.

The equator runs through the country, and that's where it gets its name. Ecuador is one of the smallest countries in South America. It is bound by Columbia to the north, Peru to the south and east, and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

In the highlands, Mount Chimborazo's peak is the point on earth closest to the sun. 1,000 miles to the west of the mainland are the exotic and famous Galapagos Islands, belonging to Ecuador.

Spanish is the language spoken by some 13 million people. I was surprised to learn that their currency is the U.S. dollar.

Quito is the capitol city and its first port. Guayaquil exports bananas and coffee to the rest of the world. Since the country is right on the equator, there are 12 hours of sunshine every day, which attracts many Americans and Europeans to vacation there.

Rafael and Dila were married in 1958. Her maiden name was Regato,

which she points out to me, is Italian. Rafael was into city politics and Dila was a grammar school teacher. In 1959 their first son, Giovanni, was born.

Rafael came to the U.S. in 1960 after his political party lost favor in his home town. Two years later he was able to bring Dila and Giovanni to join him in New York.

Their second son, Michael Angelo, was born in Astoria, Queens, where they lived for the next 42 years.

Rafael worked in a restaurant at Rockefeller Center, worked for Silverman Sons Furniture in Harlem, and then opened his own business, Gio Mike Furniture in Jackson Heights, in Queens.

He continued to be in politics here in America and is a friend of the former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani. He also served as president of the Lion's Club there for 16 years.

Dila worked for an insurance company and spent 25 years with the National Sculpture Society on Park Avenue, where she maintained the NSS archival library, among other duties.

She also was chosen "Mother of the Year" by the Lion's Club, in 1993. They are the proud grandparents, of three granddaughters and one grandson.

This couple fascinated me because they don't own a car. I asked how they managed to "get around."

Dila answered, "When we have to visit the doctor, Humana picks us



Featured residents Rafael and Dila De LaPaz are shown at the OTOW New Year's Eve Party that took place Dec. 31 at the East Activity Center.

up. When it's time to go shopping, we ride the OTOW bus. Tuesdays, the Dunedin Senior Center sends the 'Neighborhood Bus' to take us for a day of fellowship and games. On Sunday a church member gives us a ride to Bethel Lutheran Church for religious services, so we have all the bases covered."

When Rafael is not being chauffeured around, he plays some golf, takes walks and spends time in the pool.

Dila says they came to Florida looking to retire in Gulfport, but her son suggested they check out OTOW.

"We are very happy we did. All our neighbors are friendly. We made the right choice. Who knows, one of these days I may volunteer to work in the Gift Shoppe."

Thank you, folks, for a very educational interview. As I left this charming couple I couldn't help but think that they should be living on "Ecuadorian Way!"

Answer to the April issue: A 40-year-old man wants to wake up successful. How about a 50-year-old man?

Twins run in resident's family

Opal Bowin flew to Simpsonville, S.C., to attend the high school graduation of her niece's twins. She enjoyed her visit tremendously.

Twins seem to run in her family. She has twin sisters. They were born 13 days before Opal's first birthday. All three went to school together and even graduated from high school on the same day. When she got married, it was to a twin!

Are you all ready for the influx of many visitors this August when the Republicans will be everywhere? It will not only involve Tampa, but at times some will be in our area acting like tourists.

If you come across them, be sure to show them that we Floridians can be friendly and helpful.

Be careful when celebrating



on the Fourth of July. If you blow yourself up, you won't be able to give me some good news for the August paper!

Have you read my poem on the bulletin board? With all the problems, we are still blessed to live in the best country in the world.

Summer activities include July 4 blast, Wii bowling

Three cheers for the red, white and blue! Once again we will be celebrating the nation's birthday with a second floor core Independence Day blast.

There will be hot dogs and buns grilled by chef Merle on the George Foreman. There will be patriotic music on the boom box, lots of goodies to share and, we hope, lots of you in attendance.

At least, we hope that this will be the case. Due to deadline dates, we have not had enough time to determine the extent of interest. By the time you read this column it will either be a go, a cancellation or possibly a small get-together. You will have to keep an eye on the bulletin board to know for sure. Lucy and I may have to open a hot dog stand!

Some of us are keeping active this summer. We have taken up Wii bowling. In case this is foreign to you, Wii bowling is a computer-generated sports game played using a hand held remote-style device instead of a ball. You aim at the pins on a simulated alley



and all the scoring, etc., is like the real game. The remote, thankfully, is much lighter than a real bowling ball!

Norma Cohen, one of American Gothic's few original owners, is turning out to be an ace. Not far behind her is Elaine McDonald, and then there's me.

Oh well, we can't excel at everything...Wii bowling meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center large card room.

Hope we can all celebrate our independence together on the Fourth.

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Tradition continues: 'Memorial Day at the Races'

"Memorial Day at the Races" sponsored by Capistrano Building #82 was held in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. Opening ceremonies included an a-cappella rendition of "God Bless America" sung by Donna Bittner. Jackie Kailimai offered a short Memorial Day prayer.

The event was well-attended by Capistrano residents as well as residents of many other buildings of On Top of the World. The event is in its fifth year and has become a tradition at the complex.

The OTOW Invitational Race was of great interest to the bettors as was the Capistrano Derby. The races were a chance of a lifetime (these horses will never be seen at Tampa Bay Downs, the Kentucky Derby or listed in any racing form); names like Danny Boy, Fire Bolt, Dare Devil, Dark Secret and Benedict.

Although a little faded and some bowed legs, the horses put on a good race and a great time was had by all. Lynn Mandolesi made sure the crowd enjoyed the fried chicken and salads. Race caller Tony Sinopoli did a great job calling the races; luckily there were no photo finishes!

For those who missed the announcement in the June edition of the paper, Julia Contella, our multitalented Capistrano resident, has been elected President of the On Top of the World chorus. Congratulations Julia.

Although the news is a little late, Capistrano resident Jackie Kailimai was a team member of a group that traveled to Liberia on a missionary trip that included Monrovia, the capital.



The group conducted Bible studies and a vacation Bible school for the children.

On the way home Jackie had an opportunity to visit her granddaughter in Houston, where she was treated to her first crawfish boil.

I don't have any minutes of the Capistrano board meeting that was scheduled for June 6, so I have nothing to report on that yet. I will provide the information when I get it.

Summer is rolling by; it's almost the Fourth of July: picnics, beer, hot dogs, hamburgers, parades and fireworks in the sky. Wow! Won't be long and the Snowbirds will be back.

I found an interesting article on the internet site What Really Happened. com. When I typed in Declaration of Independence: the signers, the article described what happened to the not-so-popular men who signed the declaration. Many of the men suffered brutal hardships as a result of their brave deed. If you get an opportunity read the article. Very interesting.



Memorial Day at the Races betting window "bookies." Left to right seated at table: Ed Gresham, Jackie Kailimai, Jim Thomas, Isis Ashworth and Julia Contella. Race caller: Tony Sinopoli. Standing: Bennie Gresham, event organizer.



The jockeys and their "mounts" are shown at the "starting gate" at the Memorial Day at the Races event, which was held recently at the West Activity Center.

To those of us who served their country in the days past, we'll stand tall when our flag goes by and offer a little thought of our brothers and sisters serving their country today.

Family visits and trips to visit family help make 'good life'

July Fourth is a tradition in this country. In 1776 our leaders signed the Declaration of Independence, rang the Liberty Bell, and since then we have had ding-a-lings in the government.

It is July again, and I want to ...

*Sing a song of picnics
Bread and butter spread,
Greenery all around about,
And cherries overhead.
Enjoy your picnic!*

Carol Futij was in Orlando to see her granddaughter compete in the world cheerleaders' competition. Her team did well even if they did not come in first. Carol enjoyed the time there.

We are glad to have Anita Mazzella back with us. She has had a round of visits and care from her children. They came one at a time as they were able to leave their jobs.

Daughters Rose Ann was here one week and Sal two weeks; son John one month. Son Frank, who lives in



Orlando, comes for three or four days at a time. He works from home on his computer and is able to arrange his time. Daughter Mary teaches school in Oregon plus a college class on Saturdays. Anita is looking forward to her visit July 15 through Aug. 14. I think Anita is blessed with caring children.

Patty Glover spent three and a half weeks in Wisconsin celebrating her 90th birthday. Her two daughters

orchestrated an event with 75 to 80 people honoring Patty. They had it at a church hall that is only a block and a half from where Patty used to live.

The big surprise was when her son and a friend came out wearing motorcycle helmets and carrying a big cupcake on a board. The cupcake was made into a piñata, and when Patty broke it, out came 90 suckers with a dollar bill attached to each one.

I think the helmets were so she wouldn't hit them if she missed the piñata! Patty said it was a wonderful time with too much to eat. To top it off, her oldest daughter came back with her, staying 12 days and cleaning her house and helping her get rid of extra stuff.

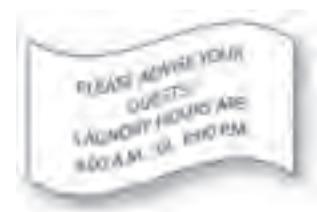
Patty was hoping that Kathy and Dennis Dobeck, her former next-door neighbors in the Melbourne building who now live in Wisconsin, would make the party, but illness kept them away. They have promised they will come

down here soon to visit. We all hope to see them.

I'm so happy with my new next-door neighbor, Bonnie White. Her former landlady is moving down to her place. Bonnie was able to rent Ralph De Cristofaro's unit as he is now living at Stratford of Palm Harbor.

She only had to move her furniture and belongings down the veranda three doors. If you have to move, don't go too far — it's easier! I know everyone is delighted that Bonnie is staying at Melbourne.

May you have a blast on the Fourth of July and a lazy, "dazy" rest of the month.



Reporter receives surprise family reunion

Hi, I'm back. I'd like to start with a big "Welcome to Rural French" to Paul and Joan Missenger.

This couple did a lot of moving, starting in Largo's Village On the Green from 1991-94, then from 1994 to 2005 in Palm Harbor and Belleair Bluffs before finding and settling at On Top of the World.

Paul worked for G.E. for 32 years while Joan taught, also for 32 years, all the while in Pinellas County.

They enjoy living in Florida and have gotten to know it quite well. They are looking forward to meeting their new neighbors.

On May 24, the Singles Club took the Jolly Trolley ride to the Don Cesar Resort for a lovely lunch. There were 33 on hand for the outing. We ended up with a glorious sheet cake for Ann Pollock's 95th birthday.

Speaking of birthdays, don't you have one? Let me know so I can publicize it.



I call our building "Sleepy Hollow." That doesn't include the early risers, (e.g., Allen Turner the walker, his wife, Doris, and some others I see walking). What I refer to is the lack of news, birthdays, trips, visitors, and monthly restaurant meetings for getting acquainted with new residents. Call me.

Happy Father's Day! Did you know the first Father's Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, by the Ministerial

Association of Spokane, Wash., and the YMCA there? The most important thing a father can do for his children is to "love their mother." Remember, "A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be." (Author unknown).

I was asked where to purchase canned fruits for my recipes. Usually I get them at the dollar stores.

My daughter and son-in-law took me on a surprise trip to Anna Maria Island recently. To my surprise, relatives from my past greeted me. Haven't seen many of them for years. From the Bronx, Jamaica, N.Y., and St. Louis. Newly-engaged, new marriages, family news, etc. Ended up after lunch wading in the Gulf of Mexico.

It was all definitely a trip to remember and behold. Thank you, daughter!

Take care. "Bee good" to one another. God bless.

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Reporter's husband, Jim Sundberg, celebrates his birthday during a trip to St. Augustine.

Delightful motor journey to St. Augustine is recounted

Despite living in paradise, last month we celebrated Jim's birthday in St. Augustine, Fla. It's just a 3½ hour drive over to the east coast.

We stayed at a bed and breakfast where we enjoyed waking each morning to the smell of freshly brewed coffee, sizzling bacon, eggs, French toast and pancakes, fresh fruits and juices, as well as home baked bread and rolls, which we enjoyed out in the courtyard among the flowering tropical plants, meeting fellow travelers, and comparing notes on our day's tours.

We learned that Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain in 1513. Spain's Queen Regent Mariana realized that St. Augustine was the keystone in the defense of the Florida coast, so she ordered the construction of a new fort. In 1672, the Castillo de San Marcos was begun and took 23 years to complete.

The fort was built of coquina, a locally quarried soft shell rock. Coquina was easily shaped by artisans and did not become brittle and crumble under cannon fire. The fort, the city gate and many homes in St. Augustine were made of coquina, which is still evident today.

Our first day was spent touring the grandeur of the former Hotel Ponce de Leon, built in 1887 by Henry Flagler, and now home of Flagler College (which is a National Historic Landmark) and houses an extensive collection of Tiffany glass.

We also took a walking tour of the oldest wooden school house in the U.S.



and its historic museum and gardens.

There are 219 steps to the top of the St. Augustine Lighthouse, which we climbed for a breathtaking view of downtown and the beaches.

After climbing down, we explored the maritime museum, which reminded me of all the pictures my parents (who were marines in the Pacific during World War II) showed us as kids.

We saved the best for last, with a tour of the Fountain of Youth Archeological Park, where St. Augustine began in 1565, with its 15 waterfront acres of old Florida charm and a view of the stars in their planetarium.

We explored the Timucua Indian Village and took a drink from the legendary fountain.

By the way, Jim is now 39!... (See photo above.)

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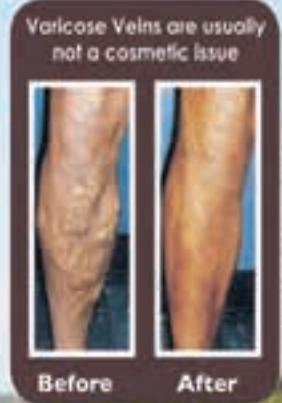
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The second flag was then raised at the other side of the core with the same pledge and song sung. We must have worked up an appetite because we all carpoled and went to Perkin's on U.S. 19 for breakfast and fellowship. If you snooze, you lose...

Our Juneladies and men's luncheons ran late. The ladies went to the Olive Garden on U.S. 19 on June 21, and the men went to Cheddar's on Roosevelt.

I hope all the fathers had a wonderful Father's Day.



Mark your calendars. On July 5, we will all meet for lunch at Hellas in Tarpon Springs at the sponge dock. See the bulletin board.

We need a few more volunteers to either raise or lower our country's flag on a daily basis, weather permitting. Please contact Fritz Kocka at 724-5922 for details.



(Left photo) Norm Smith (foreground) and Fritz Kocka take time out following the Flag Day flag-raising ceremony at the Valencia Building. A number of residents were on hand.

We have a few new neighbors. Do not let anyone walk by you without saying hello and introducing yourself. We are a huge friendly family.

Please welcome our new neighbors: Gloria Hoffman, Joe and Tonya Martinez, Beverly Muhlich, Arthur and Jean Bischoff, Mary Garrett,

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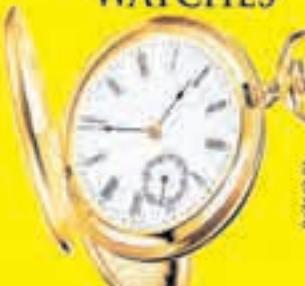
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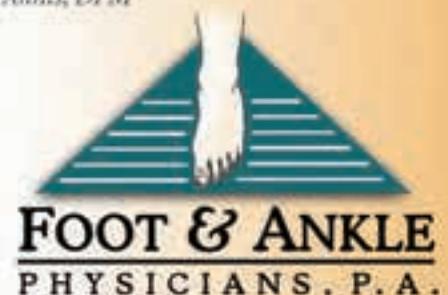
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Reporter travels to South Texas to see great-niece graduate

Summer is truly upon us, and little news is forthcoming from our Snowbirds and travelers. However, a few more new residents are moving in, and we are slowly getting acquainted.

Ray and Diana Murphy have moved in from Dunedin, where they lived for some time before deciding to downsize. Ray is a retired policeman, and Diana retired from teaching preschool in Staten Island, N.Y. She also enjoyed other important clerical jobs before moving to Florida.

Their son remained in Dunedin. Their daughter makes her home in Houston. Her husband, once in the Blue Jays, is now an engineer. Her married granddaughter lives in Illinois with her 2½-year-old boy and is expecting a baby girl this month.

A granddaughter lives in Amarillo, Texas, and a grandson just graduated from Dunedin High School. The Murphys have a precious Shih-Tzu named "Cookie." We began our acquaintance on their front patio despite the heat.

Mary Ellis has returned from her week's visit to Refugio, Texas, to attend the graduation of her great-niece from high school (see photo at right).

Alicia was one of 51 and received the honor of Cum Laude with a good scholarship. She plans to attend Sam Houston University.

Her older brother Tomas, who graduated in '09 with a full track



Sculpture seen at Rockport, Texas

scholarship to McNeese State University, is studying mechanical engineering.

Mary was also entertained to lunch at the Victoria Country Club with her niece and great-niece and two other graduates.

Another day she was toured around the art colony Rockport where they shopped and took photos.



Reporter Mary Ellis (second from right) with her niece, Robin and family, including great-niece Alicia (the grad), Alicia's brother Tomas and her father, Thomas.

While family members attended other school year-end events, Mary celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in London via TV.

On another evening, they drove to Beeville to hear the Bishop of West Texas speak and answer questions. This was given in the Dog and Bee Pub, a very British pub with a large room well-filled with listeners and waiters. Other speakers were slated for the month.

The following weekend, back home, Mary drove to Tarpon Springs to attend the annual recital of the Patricia Ann Dance Studio of Dunedin, which was very lengthy but a joy to see.

Saratoga will hold its annual July 4 picnic, inviting friends to join them, at 5 p.m. in the green area beneath the large tree between our wings on the east side. This is the same area where we enjoyed our spring picnic with Laurie and Pat Wookey.

Gary Bronson is providing his gas grill for us so that we can cook the hot dogs, sausages, or other meat we bring. Please read the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Mary would like to be informed when a new resident moves into our building. If you meet one, please let her know.

Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

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Regina Dietrich

May 2 (PM)

Jane Child.....	3400
Kathy Schamel.....	2260

May 3

Kathy Schamel.....	2660
Nancy Savelle.....	2600

May 4

Julie Solfronk.....	2820
Verna Olson.....	2690

May 4 (PM)

Gin Alpton.....	2010
Jane Child.....	1940

May 7

Julie Solfronk.....	3200
Regina Dietrich.....	3070

May 7 (PM)

Kathy Schamel.....	2510
Jane Child.....	2290

May 9 (PM)

Gin Alpton.....	4410
Chet Czczot.....	2620

May 10

Van Jones.....	4860
Beni Sturcken.....	3600

May 14

Nancy Savelle.....	4000
Marilyn Miller.....	3400

May 14 (PM)

Jane Child.....	4190
Kathy Schamel.....	3360

May 16 (PM)

Chet Czczot.....	3020
Gin Alpton.....	2210

May 17

Shannecy Starkey.....	3650
Nancy Savelle.....	3600

May 21

Julie Solfronk.....	3080
Regina Dietrich.....	2870

May 21 (PM)

Chet Czczot.....	2500
Lois Posen.....	2480

May 23

Mary Spearman.....	4930
Regina Dietrich.....	3380

May 24

Ella Van Dorn.....	3760
Verna Olson.....	3160

May 25

Verna Olson.....	4060
Nancy Savelle.....	3810

May 28

Verna Olson.....	3670
Julie Solfronk.....	3490

May 31

Julie Solfronk.....	3020
Nancy Savelle.....	2960



**EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec**

May 10

6150 (1st Place).....	Jeanne Sanders
5120 (2nd Place).....	Joan Wolf
Double Pinochle.....	Gene Karlin
Took All Tricks	Joan Wolf/June Sweeney

May 15

6870 (1st Place).....	Charles Christ
6190 (2nd Place).....	Madelyn Thome

May 17

6500 (1st Place).....	Al Lecher
6020 (2nd Place).....	Helen Gonzalez
Double Pinochle.....	Helen Gonzalez, Jeanne Sanders
Round House.....	Fran Milanec, Jeanne Sanders

May 22

6620 (1st Place).....	Bertie Lewis
6490 (2nd Place).....	Theresa Blake
Took All Tricks	Bertie Lewis/Clayton Hancock, Clayton Hancock/Chet Czczot

May 24

6570 (1st Place).....	June Sweeney
6350 (2nd Place).....	Marge Garvey

May 29

6700 (1st Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
6250 (2nd Place).....	Charles Christ
Double Pinochle.....	Bill Jacobson
Took All Tricks	Maxine Murray/June Sweeney, Maxine Murray/Madelyn Thome

May 31

7370 (1st Place).....	Chet Czczot
6590 (2nd Place).....	Clayton Hancock
Double Pinochle.....	Chet Czczot

June 5

6330 (1st Place).....	Paul McCormick
6210 (2nd Place).....	Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle.....	Julie Hofmaster

June 7

5800 (1st Place).....	Chet Czczot
5470 (2nd Place).....	Fran Milanec



**Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays
Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)**

Wednesday, May 23

N/S:	Harriet Sanner, Julienne Workman Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
E/W:	Betty Sagun, Karen Russell Bob Zeman, Jana Packer

Saturday, May 26

N/S:	Charlie McKee, Beverly Gibbo Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W:	Orletha Van Etten, Betty Sagun Kathy Caithness, Walter Balderson

Monday, May 28

N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W:	Tom McKee, Beverly Gibbo Betty Sagun, Evelyn Reece

Wednesday, May 30

N/S:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W:	Evelyn Reece, Walter Balderson Kay Ralston, Orletha Van Etten

Saturday, June 2

N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W:	Betty Sagun, Karen Russell Kay Ralston, Thelma Wishnek

Monday, June 4

N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W:	Karen Russell, Bob Zeman Liz Bohl, Nita Akers

Wednesday, June 6

N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Harriet Sanner, Orletha Van Etten
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine Betty Sagun, Karen Russell

Saturday, June 9

N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

Monday, June 11

N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walther Caithness Beverly Gibbo, Betty Sagun
E/W:	Kay Ralston, Jean Rhame Liz Bohl, Nita Akers

Wednesday, June 13

1.	Karen Russell, Betty Sagun
2.	Dorothy Ehlers, Evelyn Reece
3.	Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman

Saturday, June 16

N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
E/W:	Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

(Continued in next column)

*(Duplicate Bridge continued
from previous column)*

Monday, June 18

N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Jane Child, Anne Morreale
E/W:	Karen Russell, Bob Zeman Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore

Wednesday, June 20

1.	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
2.	Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
3.	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer

Saturday, June 23

N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W:	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann



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**PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE
EAST SIDE – Thursdays
Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec**

May 17

1.....	Marvin Bruning
2.....	Maxine Murray
3.....	Joyce Engelbert/Arnie Engelbert (Tie)
4.....	Ron Murray

May 24

1.....	June Sweeney/Joyce Engelbert (Tie)
2.....	Arnie Engelbert

May 31

1.....	Ron Murray/Marvin Bruning (Tie)
2.....	Norma Neiland
3.....	Maxine Murray

June 7

1.....	Maxine Murray/Fran Milanec (Tie)
2.....	Ron Murray
3.....	June Sweeney

June 14

1.....	Fran Milanec
2.....	Maxine Murray
3.....	Ron Murray
4.....	Joyce Engelbert

EUCHRE PLAYERS

We play at the East Activity Center in the small card room Thursdays from 1–4 p.m. Those interested in Euchre can call 726-5945. Leave a message with your phone number.



An enjoyable holiday picnic

Once again we enjoyed a fun-filled picnic on Memorial Day, and once again thanks are given to Jan Guyton and Bob Saylor for organizing this get-together and cooking. Isn't it amazing how extra good a simple hot dog or hamburger can taste when eaten with a gathering of neighbors and friends?

The highlight of this gathering was the presence of our eldest owner, Julie Werkheiser, who was brought here from the care facility in which she is now staying.

Our own new resident, Maureen Davis, who has made friends with Julie through Julie's best friend, was kind enough to see to it that Julie could meet with old neighbors and new friends for good conversation and much laughter.

Writing about laughter, have you ever thought about how happy we are when something we see or read about is so funny that it causes us to laugh aloud? When we are with a group who are congenial, it is even more so.

This was definitely the case when Judy Boley hosted a "Happy 39th (?) Birthday" pizza party for Ralph Wells. Gin Upton was gracious enough to assist Judy in serving the 15 "tree people" attending. The laughter was long and loud as Ralph read the many greeting cards that he received.

Jan Guyton returned from her 60th class reunion held in Michigan



with no new ring on her fourth finger, left hand. She said that she had a very good time and that her "first boyfriend," who had invited her to attend this function, promised to visit her here in the near future. Of course, she did visit her son Kevin and family who also live in Michigan.

Earlier in the month Gin flew to Virginia Beach to visit with her son, who shortly after was deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

Connie and Bob Saylor spent a great weekend at Sebring. They were accompanied by Jim and Terry Hugh. Several rounds of golf were enjoyed. Both couples were especially happy that the time there was rain free.

One must admit that the rain we did get was much needed and the grass is once again green.

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Luncheon turns into shopping opportunity for attendees

This is the month when we remember our Independence Day. Fly your flag if you can, and let everyone know that you are proud of your country.

July 1 was Canada Day for our Canadian residents and visitors. Everyone should show their colors.

July seems to be a very important month for birthdays. Among the July celebrants are the following: Ray Howell, Pearl Lowry, Helen Sutkowi, John Van Dyke, Joe and Burdell Kashinski. Happy birthday to all! I take this opportunity to mention that I have a granddaughter and a grandson celebrating birthdays this month.

I recently heard a country-western song that said something I have thought for a long time. The words included, "I'm not as good as I want to be but I'm better than I used to be."

OTOW recently sent me a letter advising of our new neighbors, Leslie and Luz Neely, who have purchased a unit in our building. Welcome from all of your neighbors and we hope to see you becoming involved in our building activities.

Last month's luncheon was held at Cracker Barrel and hosted by Linda



Ledesma. Everything was great until we tried to get the ladies out of the gift shop! They had to shop and buy something. I guess that is why they have a gift shop.

The monthly luncheon hosted by Ann Spell was held at Ivory and everyone enjoyed it and stuffed themselves, but were hungry an hour later.

I recently received an e-mail telling about two men entering a bar in Las Vegas and seeing a sign that said "All drinks are 10 cents."

The men ordered drinks and asked the bartender how he could afford the cheap drinks.

He replied that he had won the



Attendees at a recent building luncheon at Cracker Barrel. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

lottery and was giving back to his customers. After a couple of drinks the men still hadn't spent a dollar.

They called the bartender and asked him about the four men sitting at the end of the bar.

"They have been there since we

came in but have not ordered anything. What gives?"

The bartender said, "They are from Florida and are waiting for Happy Hour when all drinks are half price!"

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

"Summerize" Checklist

Make sure these items are accomplished before departing.

- Update your contact information with the Association and include the name and phone number of an emergency key holder you designated for your unit. If you are leaving your vehicle in your assigned space, please leave a note in the dashboard or with the Association as to an emergency key holder in the event the vehicle must be moved for resurfacing or an emergency.
- Complete a mail forward request and submit to the Association, as well as to your local postal service.
- Have your HVAC professionally serviced before you depart. Set your air conditioning thermostat at 80 degrees. (Remember, your HVAC unit's main function in your absence is to remove moisture from the air). If you have a humidistat, set at 55. Change the AC filter.
- Turn off inside water valves: under sinks, behind toilet and washing machine and hot water heater. Drain water from pipes (open spigots). Schedule for water turn off by calling 727-799-3417 option 6, visiting the Service Dept. at the East Activity Center or by submitting an email at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.
- Wrap toilet bowls with Cling Wrap or similar wrap to help keep water from evaporating in the toilet bowl. A dry toilet bowl encourages pests.
- Empty refrigerator, turn off ice maker and ice maker valve, turn off refrigerator and prop open doors.
- Unplug appliances including washing machine.
- Remove food to discourage pests, or store staples in glass, metal or thick plastic containers.
- Lock windows.
- Turn off breaker to hot water heater.
- Have someone check your unit every one to two weeks. (Remember, unchecked items can cost you thousands of dollars).
- Secure and store patio items. Patio furniture that can become airborne during a storm should be stored inside your unit.
- Hurricane shutters and awnings should be lowered and secure.

Building highlights: Resident earns U.S. citizenship; couple explores Gulf Coast

Ask Karen Bay how it feels to become a U.S. citizen, and she will smile when she tells you about herself.

She's been a regular Florida visitor for 14 years as a Canadian Snowbird. But due to estate planning, better insurance benefits through her husband Ted's employment, and because she is able to get dual citizenship, she figured it was the right time.

So one fine memorable day Karen visited the Jewish Center and enrolled in facilitator classes. There she learned about U.S. history, government structures in the U.S., the American Constitution, and studied materials which helped her get through it all in an interesting way.

There were teachers and even lawyers there who helped others through language barriers throughout the course. Karen witnessed how many people were helped to overcome obstacles and saw how thrilled they were to have the honor of becoming American citizens.



Following the passing of an oral exam, being fingerprinted, and receiving a U.S. passport, Karen is now a proud citizen of the U.S.A. We say congratulations to Karen and welcome to all the benefits of being an American!

Ever since Phil and Carol Fisher got their camper, they planned a trip to New Orleans. Carol had never been and had always longed to go. Finally the opportunity came, so they took off at the end of May. First stop was Panama

City, where they found a spot close to the beach and enjoyed the beautiful crystal clear waters of the Gulf for three days.

Then it was off to New Orleans to see the sights. They toured the beautiful Garden District and saw the historic French Quarter. Finally, after visiting Bourbon Street, they strolled through one of New Orleans' original cemeteries.

After leaving New Orleans, it was on to Biloxi for a final night before heading home.

Both Carol and Phil report that this trip is definitely worth taking!

OTOW Press Association

There will be no Press Association meetings in July. The next Press Association meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, in the East Activity Center card room.

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Don't forget to use the 'sharing' bins by the mailboxes

Another month gone by and I'm still waiting to find some stories from my neighbors to put in this column. Please help me out here folks, and put your contributions in the envelope on the bulletin board. In the meantime, I'll share a few tidbits of my own.

The newly-painted outgoing mailboxes and package boxes look so nice and fresh. Thanks to Linda Myers for her hard work putting the new labels on all the boxes.

Our black bins by the mailboxes and garbage room are a great place for sharing books and all kinds of odds and ends. I've found many good books there, and then I put them back when I'm done so someone else can enjoy them. I even found an "ab roller" in great condition; now I just need to start using it!

As you all must know by now, my mother, Miriam Braun, lives right above my next-door neighbors. Memorial Day weekend we enjoyed a visit from family who live in Columbus, Ga. Of course, we had to make a trip to the beach for dinner at Frenchy's and a sunset. Then in June, more family — this time from Athens, Ga.

Have a Happy and safe Fourth of July, and remember, it's not just about the picnics and fireworks. Let's all give thanks that we live in this wonderful country!



Here's another Abbott and Costello routine I hope you'll enjoy.

Abbott & Costello: Turn Off Your Computer!

Costello: Hey, Abbott!

Abbott: Yes, Lou?

Costello: I just got my first computer.

Abbott: That's great Lou. What did you get?

Costello: A Pentium II-266, with 40 Megs of RAM, a 2.1 Gig hard drive, and a 24X CD-ROM.

Abbott: That's terrific, Lou.

Costello: But I don't know what any of it means!

Abbott: You will in time.

Costello: That's exactly why I am here to see you.

Abbott: Oh?

Costello: I heard that you are a real computer expert.

Abbott: Well, I don't know...

Costello: Yes-sir-ee. You know your stuff. And you're going to train me.

Abbott: Really?

Costello: Uh huh. And I am here for my first lesson.

Abbott: O.K. Lou. What do you want to know?

Costello: I am having no problem turning it on, but I heard that you should be very careful how you turn it off.

Abbott: That's true

Costello: So, here I am working on my new computer and I want to turn it off. What do I do?

Abbott: Well, first you press the Start button, and then...

Costello: No, I told you, I want to turn it off.

Abbott: I know, you press the Start button...

Costello: Wait a second. I want to turn it off. Off! I know how to start it. So tell me what to do.

Abbott: I did.

Costello: When?

Abbott: When I told you to press the Start button.

Costello: Why should I press the Start button?

Abbott: To shut off the computer.

Costello: I press Start to stop?

Abbott: Well, Start doesn't actually stop the computer.

Costello: I knew it! So what do I press?

Abbott: Start.

Costello: Start what?

Abbott: Start button.

Costello: Start button to do what?

Abbott: Shut down.

Costello: You don't have to get rude!

Abbott: No, no, no! That's not what I meant.

Costello: Then say what you mean.

Abbott: To shut down the computer, press...

Costello: Don't say, "Start!"

Abbott: Then what do you want me to say?

Costello: Look, if I want to turn off the computer, I am willing to press the Stop button, the End button and the Cease and Desist button, but no one in his right mind presses the Start to Stop.

Abbott: But that's what you do.

Costello: And you probably Go at Stop signs, and Stop at green lights.

Abbott: Don't be ridiculous.

Costello: I am being ridiculous? Well. I think it's about time we started this conversation.

Abbott: What are you talking about?

Costello: I am starting this conversation right now. Good-bye!

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Wedding bells ring for couple

Victor and Carmel Tomich really got it on with the whirlwind arrival of family from New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Idaho. Children and grandchildren gathered and then it was off to Stuart, Fla., to attend their granddaughter's wedding — Dawn Elizabeth and John. I'm sure John was impressed with the loving family he married into.

Vic and Carmel got to meet their latest great-granddaughter, Charlotte Justine, only 2 months old. Charlotte's big sister, Tegan, was also there. The reunion was complete with eight children, 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A lot of work but a lot of joy — a family reunion and a wedding. What a blessing to experience such a fantastic family celebration.

Sy Mackey visited her son Dennis and his wife Laura in Manchester, New Hampshire. A quick trip, but one filled with love. Sy reports that it is still cold up there.

The Azores ladies had lunch at the Wildflower Cafe June 21. I haven't heard what the Azores ROMEOS did that day, but I'm sure they went someplace good and had a great time.

While searching my envelope for news items, I met Barbra Huntley and her guard dog, Henry. Barbra had a birthday in early June and her son John, an industrial designer from Philly,



took time out from his busy schedule and international travels to help her celebrate — a thoughtful son.

Barbra also shared that Henry was having a birthday. Henry is a snow-white Maltese and is now 9 years old. Barbra pointed out that nine dog years is 63 in people years, making him a true senior citizen!

Henry received birthday cards and many treats from his friends and admirers. Happy birthday to you both!

Haven't heard much from the whack-a-ballers, but I'm sure they are braving the heat and meeting at 2 p.m. on Sundays for a quick round, and then off to the 19th hole to recover.

Please drop your news items in my envelope on the bulletin board. Gotta' keep me informed of the building's goings-on. Thanks!

Reporter caps off spring with nostalgic trip to Europe

Renovations and repairs: Our parking lot has been re-surfaced about an inch or so and parking numbers re-painted. Now we need to replace the building clock in our lobby. Thanks to our former treasurer for replacing the popular wagon, which broke down after much use by residents.

Welcome to Linda and Donald Rice, new owners of the condo where their daughter resides.

A new canopy has been installed for Aggie Matthews to offer even more shade than the high and lush oak tree in the back of her condo.

The daughter of the late Patrick Montgomery just started a complete condo renovation. A renovation in another condo has been completed and everything cleaned up.

We wish a happy birthday to Helen Morris, who is 92 years young on July 5th!

Judy and Larry Ishida visited their original home in Ohio to celebrate a family wedding.

I travelled to Europe for a month and visited Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. I enjoyed meeting



new friends from my Facebook page along with my family and old-time friends.

We hiked in the Alps and admired the glorious views, as well as strolled in the beautiful parks, visited spas, rode bicycles and snapped pictures everywhere.

In addition to picnics, we took children to a chocolate factory and to a petting farm where kids feed deer. We especially enjoyed visiting a high-caliber winery producing an award-winning champagne in Gornja Radgona, Slovenia.

Happy Independence Day!

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

JULY 1 - 31

1 Sun	2:00 PM	C	Wii Bowling (every Sunday)
4 Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
4 Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
6 Fri	2:00 PM	S	Travel Club Meeting
7 Sat	6:00 PM	S	Lambda Club Pool Party
9 Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
9 Mon	10:30 AM	Starlite	Entertainment Committee Meeting
12 Thur	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Aquainted Coffee
13 Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
13 Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
14 Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
15 Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
15 Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
16 Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
17 Tue	5:00 PM	CR & K	Bible Study Potluck
17 Tue	11:00 AM	R	Retired Educators Group
19 Thur	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
26 Thur	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
28 Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night
29 Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke

CALENDAR KEY

A Auditorium	CL Classroom	R Rainbow Room (W)
C Card Room	K Kitchen	S Sunrise Room (W)
CR Craft Room	L Lecture Room	V Veranda



*Canada Day
Sunday, July 1*



*Happy Independence Day!
Wednesday, July 4*

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!



DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 7:30 Women's Tennis
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 Contract Bridge
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:00 Jim R's Poker
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 12:30 PM...Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 Library
 12:00 PM Ceramics
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00 Line Dancing
 5:30 Dominos
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00 Bible Study Club

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 PM 9-Ball Tournament
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 7:30 Women's Tennis
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 PM 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:00 Painting Pals
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 5:30 Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:00 Baby Boomers Movie Night

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM Mahjong
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 PM Bob B.'s Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 1:00 Drawing Class

1:30 Shuffleboard
 5:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 12:30 PM ..Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 7:30 Women's Tennis
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 12:00 PM Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00 Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 AM Men's Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 PM Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

2:00 PM Wii Bowling

Golfer has a reason to play – no matter how hot or humid



In mid-June, Rich Raley was golfing the On Top of the World nine-hole course during the hottest time of the day, but he was scheduled to have knee surgery later in the week and knew he would be unable to golf for a long time. After this chip shot on No. 7, Rich said he didn't care how hot it was outside — he just wanted to play. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



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Wednesday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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