



Recycling gets a tryout starting Aug. 1



Above, a Waste Management tour guide (left) shows Sharon Licata, Dessa Barabba and Shawn Tobias the Ybor City plant. Below, OTOW Chairman Kenneth Colen announces the upcoming recycling program during the annual Association meeting in June.



By Doug Kates

Imagine standing at the edge of a landfill, watching a truck add more than 600 containers worth of new garbage in just one day.

Then repeat this cycle for six straight days until you see more than 3,600 cans of new trash added in just under a week.

Now, can you imagine how much new trash would be added in just one month? How about in one year?

Believe it or not, those 600 containers of trash are being picked up and hauled away from On Top of the World six days a week.

As General Manager Sharon Licata put it, we are creating a large footprint in that landfill every time our garbage is dumped there and it is time to reduce the size of that footprint.

The answer?

Recycling ... and OTOW is ready to see if its residents are willing to make a difference.

“If our residents embrace recycling, this will work,” Sharon said. “But it takes each person doing their part. Because of the size of our community, we are a great contributor to the landfill. We need to do our part towards environmental conservation.”

OTOW is set to begin a recycling trial run starting Aug. 1. There is no guarantee recycling will stay - it will depend on the results.

Residents will have their regular garbage picked up by Waste Management on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, but recycling pickup will replace the daily trash pickup on Wednesdays.

This means, OTOW crews will take blue garbage cans to the road five days a week, but on Wednesdays they will take only green recy-

cling containers.

Residents will be asked to study the recycling chart on page 2 and place only appropriate recycled materials in their green containers, located in their trash rooms.

Residents don't have to sort accepted recyclables on their own - sorters at the recycling plant will do so - but it is very important every resident understands that only recycled materials be placed in those green containers. If a non-recyclable product gets past sorters, it could contaminate an entire batch of materials.

Why did it take so long for OTOW to experiment with recycling?

OTOW management has been considering recycling for several years, but recycling pick up is not free. The closest recycling plant was in Orlando and the cost of transferring the recycling products 100 miles was a major factor with budget considerations.

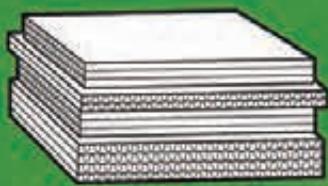
The opening of a plant in nearby Ybor City made a more attractive proposition. Early last year, representatives from OTOW management visited the recycling plant in Ybor City to get a first-hand look at the whole process and worked diligently towards bringing recycling to the community.

Did you know a soda can dropped off at a recycling station will be back on a store shelf in about 30 days?

Want to know more about recycling? There is a YouTube video on the Internet featuring a story by Fox 13 TV. The title is “Tampa Bay Recycling Facility.”

If you watch the video, you will learn, employees at the Ybor City plant call this “Reverse Manufacturing.” Nothing in the recycling plant is called “garbage” and about 97 percent of all materials dropped off at the plant are actually recycled.

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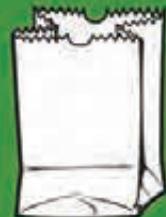
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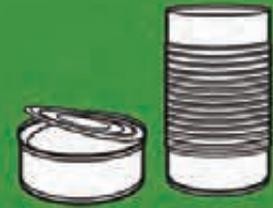
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**Do not include food waste, films, plastic bags, plastic wrap,
or foam cups and containers.**

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**STARTING
AUGUST 1**



**USE GREEN
CONTAINERS**

Before you try out one of our renovated pools, please review the rules for residents and guests

As we work diligently to get both the West and the East Activity Center pools open after extensive renovations, please remember to read and observe the posted pool rules.

The pools are for the exclusive use of On Top of the World residents and their guest. All guests must be accompanied by a resident with a valid recreation card and residents should be prepared to present the card upon request.

As a reminder, chaise loungers and chairs are available on a first come first serve basis. Please do not "reserve" chairs for future use.

Personal lounge chairs are not permitted on the pool deck.

Let's remember to be courteous to those residents who come to enjoy the pool.

The West Activity Center Billiards Room will soon be closed for renovations.



Please watch for our "Pardon our Dust" signs. Notices will be posted at the Billiards Room, as well as both activity centers, and the Community Service Office.

Please check your Recreation Card as most cards will expire on July 1 and need to be punched again to be valid. The Community Service Office will be

punching cards beginning July 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We ask that all cards be punched by July 15, 2014.

COMING SOON!

The Good Karma Café will soon begin selling new items such as half gallons of milk, butter, bread, eggs, and toilet paper.

We will also be offering prepaid cash card accounts. Please watch for notices to be posted at the café and in the Community Service Office.

The Florida Licensing on Wheels, or FLOW bus, will be at the East Activity Center North parking lot on Friday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you need to renew your license or change your address, this is an easy, quick way to do it without leaving the community.

Also, the next AAA Senior De-

fensive Driver Course will be held at the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 19. The cost is \$15 and is payable the first day of class.

Additional classes may be offered in the future, but will be based on need. Those dates will be announced.

Registration forms can be found on page 52 and need to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than Sept. 11.

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

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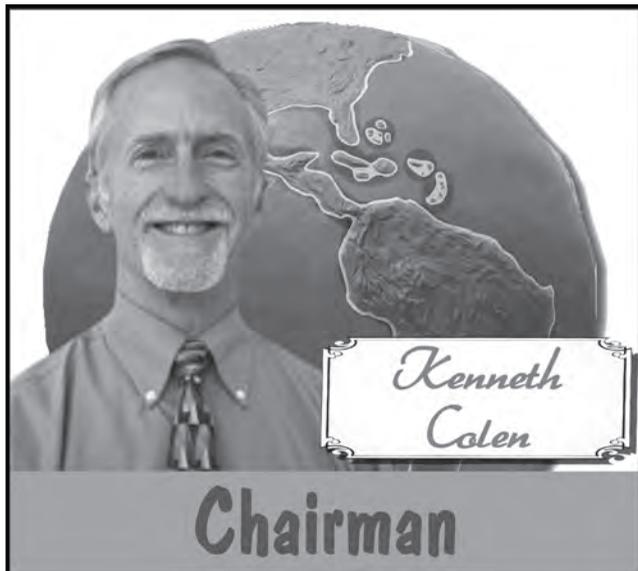
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General Meeting

The General Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was held at 10 a.m. on June 12, 2014, at 2069 World Parkway Blvd.

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

Leslee Colen gave a report on construction and the largest projects for the past 12 months. Quite a bit happened in a relatively short time:

- Inspection and Enforcement Services have been ongoing;
- The hub of communication and interest for residents is regularly updated at OTOWClearwater-info.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 28 parking lots;
- Roofing projects included seven complete re-roofs and two mansard replacements;
- Replaced railings on six buildings;
- Completed four elevator upgrades;
- Completion of the replacement of water mains from Columbia Drive and south, affecting approximately 2000 units;
- West Activity Center pool and deck renovation completed;
- Purchased new pool furniture;
- Addition of the Good Karma Café;
- Library moved and updated; Kitchen updated;
- Landscape alternations, tree removal and replacements.

The Association's restructured inspection service enforces rules, standards, awareness and compliance in this community. Inspections assist in keeping your community beautiful and safe. Inspections also provide a way to maintain architectural control to enhance and protect the values of this community.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted in person or by proxy to waive reserves. Under Florida statutes, in order to hold a meeting and conduct business, the Association needs a quo-



Leslee Colen highlights some of the recent improvements at the East Activity Center.
(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

rum of voting interests. So every vote counted regardless of how you voted!

By a majority vote of ballots and proxies, you once again affirmed that you wish to waive the establishment of reserves for replacement of roads, roofs and painting. Your Board believes 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, especially with respect to painting, paving and roofs.

Every building budget includes an estimate of the remaining useful life for painting, roofing and paving. This estimate is updated annually. As a com-

ponent 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

At the annual meeting, Guy Woolbright provided

Association's fiscal year

a detailed report to the Association on property coverage. He noted that 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 bind full limits of coverage this year. Premiums were at a 5.7 percent decrease over last year.

The deductible continues the same as in the prior year's policy: \$10,000 per non-wind storm occurrence, however, the wind storm deductible was reduced from 5 percent down to 3 percent of the stated value subject to \$250,000 minimum for named wind storm. This 240 percent reduction in deductible could save the Association many thousands of dollars if a catastrophic storm were to impact the community. Hopefully, we never find out just how much!

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 even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired. The HO-6 should have personal liability - Loss of Use and Loss Assessment coverage bundled in with it.

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 from 2012-present should have an updated wind mitigation form on the Website by August. They are all accessible at: <http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/wind-mitigation-forms.aspx>

Community Update

CORRECTION: Last month's update showed that the front façade of Building 87 would be repainted in June. This was a typo and should have read Building 85. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Building 2 and Building 15 are scheduled to have their front façades repainted in July. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect

scheduling.

Flooring replacements scheduled for the month of July include the first and third floors of Building 74. Please remember that this work is affected in the overnight hours to minimize any inconvenience to the community. Please exercise caution if you find yourself in proximity to these posted work areas.

Construction, Roofing, and Large Scale Projects

The roofing department will begin performing preventative maintenance work on various building stairwell towers throughout the community in the month of July. Most of this work is performed from the roof level so many residents will not be affected. Management Company will leave door hangars in advance of the work if for some reason you are required to temporarily relocate your vehicle. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around the work area while these maintenance activities are underway.

Construction teams will continue to replace sidewalk panels throughout the community as the year progresses. Many residents will also see hi-reach equipment operating around the rear of buildings as maintenance crews focus on repairs as the rainy summer weather permits.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management's construction and roofing departments that affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be an ongoing process throughout this and future years. As building's age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Construction crews continue to patch and paint areas in center core and walkway areas from years of unapproved brackets, hangars, and attachments. The management company is once again asking residents to not drill penetrations into the structures as this becomes a costly item to continually repair.

A licensed underground contractor will be affecting repairs to a small stretch of drainage pipe on the corner of World Parkway Boulevard and Brazilia Drive in late June/early July. The project is anticipated to last one week and drivers may see temporary alterations in traffic patterns during this time. Please slow down and observe any detour markers that may be in place. The workers thank you and their safety depends upon your cooperation!

Inspection Services will see an emphasis on addressing parking violations, as well as vehicle registration compliance, during summer and fall of 2014. The management company asks that all of our residents make sure that they keep their vehicle registrations up to date to avoid any issues.

Inspection Services is also working in tandem with community residents to get building storage and bike rooms in compliance. Many times residents move and leave unwanted items, use more than their allotted space causing an inconvenience for other

residents, or store prohibited items in these areas. Residents may request a storage room inspection through the Community Service Office if they believe they have an issue.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times, decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas. Remember, much of the material placed there was unapproved by your association and may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services Division of the management company. The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clamshell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure. The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points. As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Landscaping enhancements will continue to take place now that the rainy season has arrived in west central Florida and the grass/plants can easily take root. The crews working on these projects may need to temporarily cordon off parking spots or sidewalks while green supplies are delivered and installed. Please excuse our dust while we work on these beautification projects.

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 restenciling and water meter box number restenciling 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.



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The newsroom will be closed on

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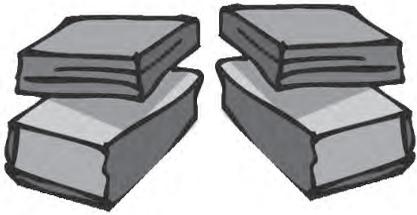
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Library News

By Katy Gerritt

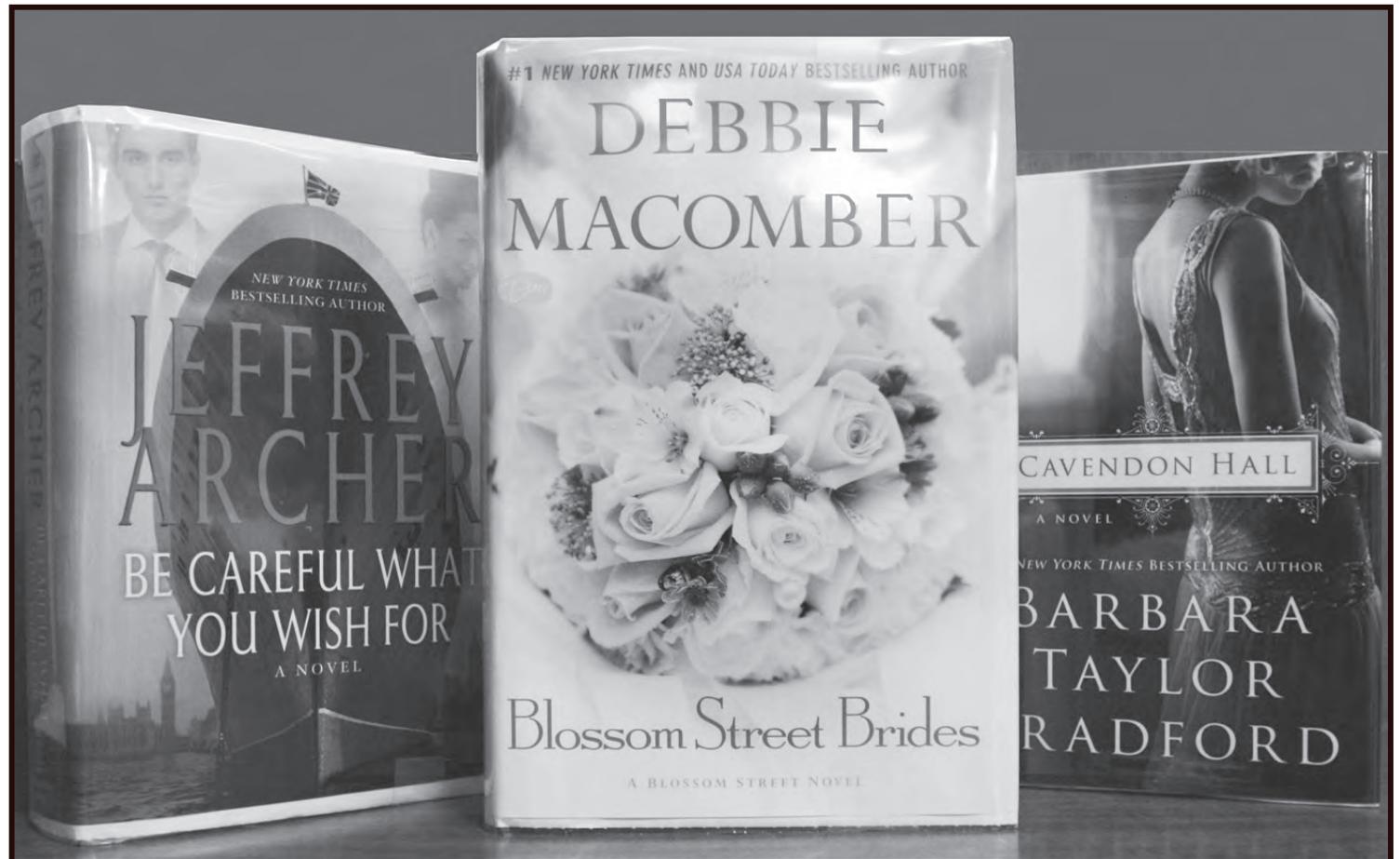
Summer has arrived in the library.

There is nothing like a good book and a cold beverage to make the hot Florida summers tolerable.

We have added several new books to the shelves, including "Killer" by Jonathan Kellerman, "The Chase" by Janet Evanovich, "Concealed in Death" by J.D. Robb, "Moving Target" by J.A. Jance, "NYPD Red 2" by James Patterson and "Fear Nothing" by Lisa Gardner.

Also, "The Bootlegger" by Clive Cussler, "Missing You" by Harlan Coben, "Shadow Spell" by Nora Roberts and "Power Play" by Danielle Steele.

We have received "Cavendon Hall" by Barbara Taylor-Bradford, "Blossom Street Brides" by Debbie Macomber, "Be Careful What You Wish For" by Jeffrey Archer and "Keep Quiet" by



New books at the OTOW Library

Lisa Scottoline.

There are several more books on the way, so keep your eyes on the Box Office Website for the latest updates. We will be listing new books there so you can be one of the first to read the most recent releases.

Also, we will be posting special sales, changes in hours of operation, and hopefully, some photos of our library customers!

During the summer we will continue our First Friday Book Sales, but in July the sale will be held on the 11th as the 4th is a holiday.

We have also received a donation of large print books that are now on our sale shelf, in addition to biographies, true crime, novels and suspense.

You will find free books on the shelf inside the door to the left or on

the bookcases in the puzzle room. Please help yourselves and recycle these on to others.

Our current summer hours are Mondays 10 a.m.-noon and Wednesdays and Fridays noon-2 p.m. We may be closed in August to allow our volunteers to escape the heat. This will be noted on the Box Office Website.

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NEVER, NEVER, NEVER click on any link even if you think you know who it is from, and by the way, the IRS will never contact you by email any way.

And speaking of links OR attachments, I have a policy of not ever opening an attachment until I have verified that I actually know the person who sent it to me.

Example: I get an email from one of my children and there's an attachment which is supposed to be a photo of my grandchildren. Without hitting reply in that specific email, I send a separate email to that child to ask if



he/she really did send me an attachment. Yeah, I know, we all want to open attachments from people we know or love. That's no longer a valid reason. You must verify every attachment and link BEFORE you open it.

Once again: the IRS NEVER sends you emails that require you to

click on a link or open an attachment. NEVER.

And while I'm at it, the same applies to jury calls. A court will never send you an email saying that you missed a jury call. Nor, for that matter, will anyone call you saying that you missed a jury call. You must NEVER speak with anyone who claims to be from a court or court house. You must simply and immediately hang up the phone!

Q. I received a phone call from someone at the I.R.S., telling me that I under paid my taxes, and as a result, I am facing a fine and possible imprisonment if I don't pay what is owed.

I was given an I.R.S. reference number, and a return phone call, and when I called that number, it really was the I.R.S.

I checked with my attorney (You) and learned this was a scam. I hope you will print this to warn others.

A. Here it is. Look. Of course, you would get an IRS reference number and an IRS call back number. The scammer will be waiting for your call. As I wrote, above, you must just hang up the phone.

Q. Thanks very much for explaining how inheriting an apartment at OTOW works when the beneficiary is under 55, although this is an over-55 community.

A. I really have no idea at all as to how the rumor — the FALSE RUMOR — got started about someone not being able to inherit a unit at OTOW when the beneficiary of the Will or Trust is under 55 years of age.

I repeat what I've said before on more than one occasion. (1) OTOW is an over-55 community. That means that 80 percent of the units must be occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older. (2) At OTOW the 20 percent difference is reserved for persons who inherit a unit. Thus, if a unit owner at OTOW leaves his/her unit to a child who is under 55 years of age, that beneficiary can own the unit AND CAN OCCUPY IT.

This is the very same whether the unit is what is known as fee simple, or is what is known as leasehold. This is not something that just happened at OTOW. This has ALWAYS been the case — from the get-go.

Q. What is the average time it takes to probate an estate in Florida?

A. There really is no such thing

as an average time. There are various factors that may speed or slow the administration of an estate.

Some, but not all of those factors, are how long it takes to find all estate assets, the cooperation from folks who have information about estate assets, (and for whatever the reason are not forthcoming), issues with some of the beneficiaries or persons who were left out of any inheritance or who don't like that they didn't get everything, plus more reasons.

For me, I try to get an estate administration completed within six months of when the initial papers have been filed with the Court.

Although folks who love living trusts don't like to admit, it takes just about the same time to complete the administration of a Trust.

Q. My daughter (in her 40s) claims that my boyfriend (in his late 60s) got her pregnant. What are my obligations here, if any? We do not live in OTOW. (NOTE to my readers: I have verified that the person asking the question believed the claim is true.)

A. Assuming your daughter's claim is true, I think you have to decide what obligation, if any, you have to her. As for your boyfriend, assuming, also that the allegation is true, you might want to consider dumping him.

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NOTICE

Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

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

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 POLY URETHANE 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 Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Box Office now rewards groups that are providing activity updates to On Top of the World residents

By Doug Kates

Changes are coming along nicely to the On Top of the World Box Office Website.

What viewers will notice the most is now each club, group or sport has a much easier way to display messages about future activities. These messages can be written as lengthy sentences, instead of one-word descriptions.

Clubs, groups and sports can also promote more than one event, and in some cases, up to five events.

The key is group status.

When the original Box Office was created two years ago, the intent was to provide each club, group or sport with a way to promote activities online, without having to go out and pay for a Website.

Box Office was intended to be that Website, and each club, group and sport got its own Web page on the site.

For viewers, the Box Office was intended to provide convenience. Every club, group, sport, exercise program and hobby has its own page right on the same site. Multiple group pages can be viewed within minutes.

Unfortunately, few groups updated their pages and this did not provide viewers with a lot of new information. But now, on the new and improved Box Office Website, updating comes with rewards.

The Box Office is now divided into seven club categories. Basic exercise and education programs are listed alone.

Each club, group or sport is listed as Gold, Silver, Bronze, Copper, Tin or Cotton based on contributions to the Website over the past two years. Regardless of where a group is first assigned, the status is only temporary. As groups update their Web pages, their status levels go up.

Basic perks include freedom to promote numerous upcoming group activities, uploading photos to a picture page, displaying other Web links, and getting bigger buttons for viewers to see. Plus, there will be more pride to see your group in the Gold Club or Silver Club, than the Cotton Club.



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No bingo in July

A notice to On Top of the World residents and their guests, there will be no bingo in July so volunteers can take a brief break.

Bingo will return Monday, Aug. 4 and continue the rest of the summer and into the fall season.

A reminder, no cards will be sold after 6:15 p.m.

June Photo Search Answers

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| 1. Extra red flower | 4. Yellow moon missing | 8. Extra ring around egg holder |
| 2. Extra hinge in first group | 5. Extra bunny | 9. Slot in wood missing |
| 3. One less hinge in second group | 6. Bird switched direction | 10. Top frame pattern different |
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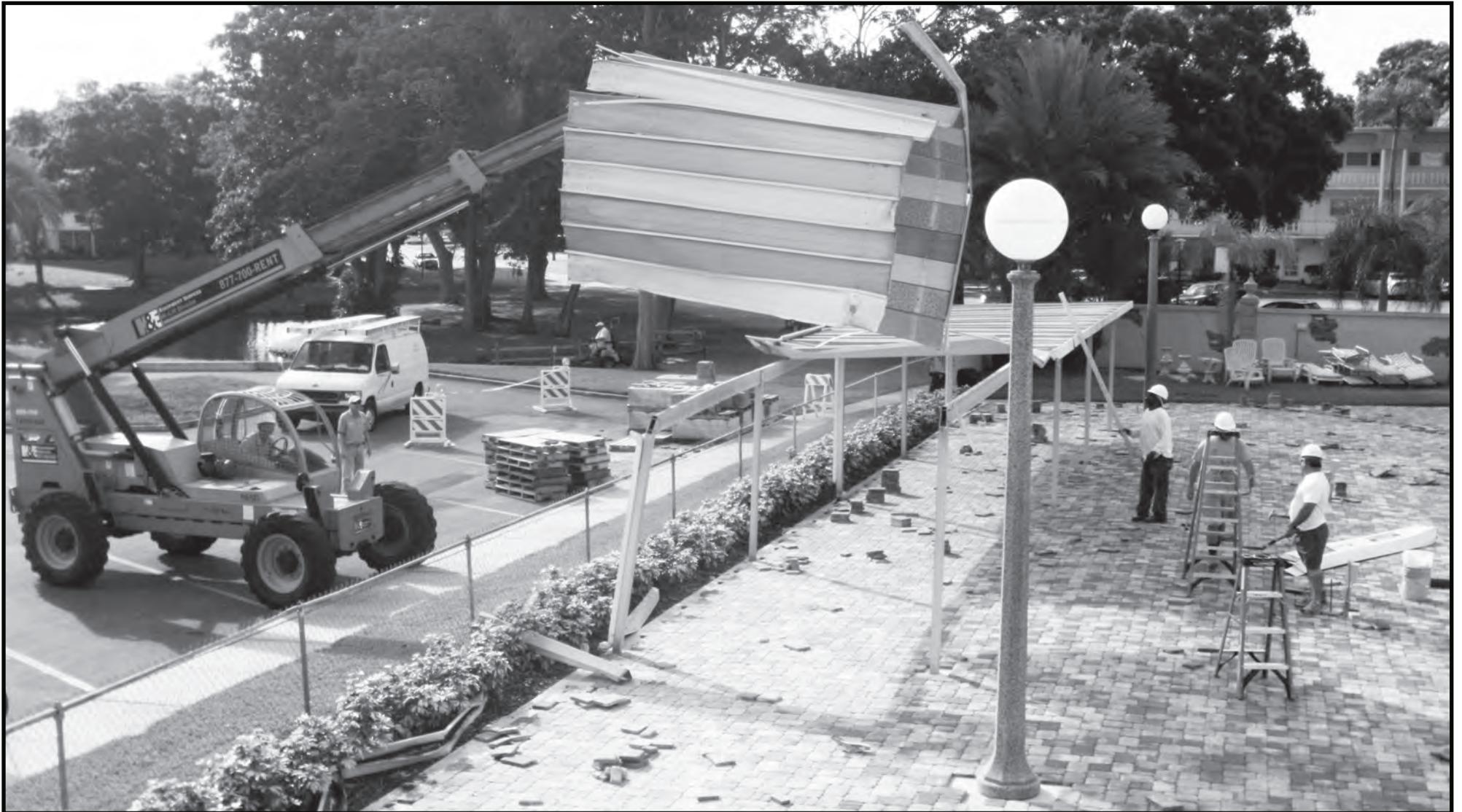
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Crews remove the old canopy at the East Activity Center swimming pool. Renovations to the pool are expected to wrap up this month. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

** For timely service, please schedule a request a day in advance.*

Basic Ontario health insurance coverage discussed

By Rick McLaughlan

July is already here, and to all our Canadian readers, we wish you a very happy and proud Canada Day.

To our American members and friends, we hope that your Independence Day celebrations will be outstanding. God bless our two great nations.

For our readers who attended the Canadian Snowbirds Association presentation in March, it will be recalled that one of the discussions centered on the number of days we may be absent from our home province and still retain our health insurance coverage. This month we look at the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

In Ontario, to maintain your health insurance coverage, you must have an OHIP – eligible citizenship / immigration status, be physically present in Ontario for 153 days in any 12-month period, be physically present in Ontario for at least 153 days of the first 183 days immediately after establishing residency in the province, and make your primary place of residence in Ontario.

There are provisions for absences for over 212 days in any 12 month period, but remember, U.S. law limits our stay in United States to 182 days.

The information given here is basic and we suggest that for further information that you refer to the Website www.health.gov.on.ca and/or Service Ontario at 1-888-376-5197 to get advice on



particular situations.

Our On Top of the World Canadian Club Registration Night is Saturday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card. Renters wishing to join the club, or share in the other clubs and activities of OTOW, are reminded they must be in possession of an OTOW Recreation Card, too.

Our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance is Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium.



Please look for future announcements in the November newspaper article or on the OTOW Box Office Website. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the Box Office link. Then, click "Club Pages" and find our page. I hear we now have a picture page there, too!

If a greyhound took the time to rescue a butterfly, imagine the love it would give back to an owner

A galgo is a Spanish greyhound, slightly smaller than the more familiar English greyhounds, and generally not used for racing.

Galgos are valued as excellent hunters in Spain.

Like greyhounds, galgos come in a variety of colors, including brindle, golden, toasted and cinnamon.

Paco (pronounced like taco) is a beautiful coal black galgo with a white tuxedo shirt.

Paco was rescued by the Galgo Rescue International Network (GRIN) in Spain and arrived in Miami in early December. There, he was welcomed into the arms of kindhearted people who helped him recover.

Paco's story was first reported on Facebook at Christmas time. There was little doubt he would be a permanent member of our family and in our hearts.

Paco loves everyone, and has no enemies, not even a cat!

In fact, we have pictures of him in his foster home in Spain where he is lovingly bathing and caring for a kit-



Greyhound Club

ten. He is a special fellow.

Shortly after he arrived in our home, Paco was in the back yard playing as usual.

My husband, Stan, was inside and heard him intently barking, barking, barking – non-stop. This was an unusual thing because Paco hadn't barked up to this point. Stan went outside to see what the mysterious barking was about. There was Paco leaning over the edge of the pool, staring at a big, beautiful, yellow butterfly struggling to get out of the water. Paco knew the butterfly was in danger and was trying to alert someone to "come and help!"

Stan got the pool net and scooped the butterfly out of the pool. It flew



Paco the galgo

away into the sunshine. Paco wagged his tail and went galloping off to continue his play.

Paco saved a butterfly from drowning in the pool ... we think he is one special little galgo!



Cele Radeloff, center in striped shirt, poses with other line dancers prior to knocking out some candles.

Line Dancers celebrate Cele's 90th birthday

By Julie Narancich

There was no way 90 candles were going to fit on one birthday cake, but no one from Line Dancing complained.

On Tuesday, June 24, about 30 club members enjoyed singing "Happy Birthday" to Cele Radeloff, who not only continues to line dance today, but attended her first class in 1986.

In fact, when Cele attended her first Line Dancing Halloween party, she dressed as Darth Vader. She was the only person to dress in costume that day and spoke to no one. She still looks back and smiles, because on that day 28 years ago, no one knew it was her behind the dark mask.

Today, everyone dresses in costume or they face the dark side.

Cele, originally from Long Island, has made a difference in seven different clubs while here at On Top of the World. For the newspaper, she is a former vice president and club reporter. Today, she still writes for the Siboney Building and proof reads.

Cele has also been involved in Singles Club, Jesters, Good Neighbors, Snowbirds and Irish Club. She is a ticket taker for Jesters, Theater Workshop and Chorus. During each St. Patrick's Day parade, she is in charge of music so the Line Dancers can perform.

"Happy Birthday" Cele - from the Press Association and Line Dancing!
Surprise!



Line Dancers set ice cream social for July 8

By Julie Narancich

Not only are the On Top of the World line dancers learning new steps this summer, they will also be celebrating summer with an Ice Cream Social.

The Ice Cream Social will be held on July 8 and will be free to members.

OTOW line dancers also want to wish all of you a very happy Fourth of July as we all prepare to celebrate the biggest birthday celebration in the United States.



Line Dancing

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5. Please present your On Top of the World

Recreation Card along with \$5 to Mary.

Remember, those of you who are full-time residents here at OTOW, the Line Dance Club keeps dancing through the summer months, therefore, please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing.

We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and moral support, so please 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.

Beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful.

We welcome everyone and invite you to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

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

Thirsty? How about a cruise to Ireland for a beer?

By Pat Zorland

The meeting on June 6 was attended by more than 45 club members and the agenda for 2014 year was thoroughly explained.

The first change to the calendar was the date for the July meeting. Instead of July 4, which is a holiday, the date was changed to 2 p.m., Friday, July 11 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The next change will be room location for our Aug. 1 meeting. President Audrey Jones will be giving a special presentation on a trip that she had taken on a Freighter Ship. This meeting and presentation now will be held in the East Activity Center Large Card Room because the Computer Club has offered to help with this special program.



Travel Club

On May 21, a large group of our members went on the Starlit Princess out of Clearwater for a luncheon and narrated description of the waterway.

The weather was perfect with lots of sunshine and warm breezes.

In June, Pat Zorland went on a transatlantic cruise out of Tampa, stopping first in Boston and then on to Ireland, where we visited Cobb,

Kinsale and Cork with a full-day touring. After lunch, passengers visited a few pubs.

Then there was a surprise. A large group of Irish dancers were waiting for us upon our return. They performed many Irish dances and then, it seemed, the whole town of Cobb turned out to say farewell to us with music and dance as the ship left the harbor.

Our next stop was Cherbourg, France, where we were taken to the Normandy Beaches and a cemetery where so many soldiers from World War II are buried.

On this trip, we had some veterans, most in their 90s, who had come back for the first time since they landed on Omaha Beach 50 years ago.

As for me, this was in many ways

very sad because I had an uncle and cousin who served in the Army in Europe.

Next on the trip was Zeebrugge (Bruges), Belgium.

Bruges is noted for its lace, chocolates and beer. From there it was on to London and our flight back home to Florida.

Remember, when booking trips with the Travel Club, please do not wait until the last minute to sign up and put deposits down.

You can talk to club representatives on Monday mornings in the East Activity Center from 9-10:30 a.m. and we are now on OTOW-TV, Channels 96 and 732.

Also, check us out on the On Top of the World Box Office Website.

See someone brainstorming? They are probably a Jester

By Donna Ryan

As we enter the doldrums of summer at On Top of the World, the New Jesters creative team is laboring furiously to produce the newest, greatest show ever!

Pat Sprouse is working diligently with an ever changing cast of club members to put together our next spectacular.

A special Jesters shout out to Mary Lou Wall, who has graciously agreed to fill the vacancy and serve on our Board, as our assistant secretary for the coming season.

Mike Kaplan, our treasurer, has once again agreed to be available to one and all every Monday, at the East Activity Center, 9-10:30 a.m. to sign up new members and keep old mem-



JESTERS

bers informed of our progress.

Any OTOW community resident who has ever entertained the idea of becoming involved in the performing arts, but never had the opportunity, should call Jesters President, Chief Operating Officer and Commander-In-Chief, Donna Ryan, at The Oval Office, (727) 797-5341.

We also welcome former Oscar or Tony winners to our club!



The next AAA Driver Safety Course is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 18-19, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Cost is \$15. There is a form on page 51 you may fill out to register.

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This Boomer knows how to make movies and schedule cruises at the right price



Boomers' Mike Albano recently finished a movie.

By Rita Kress

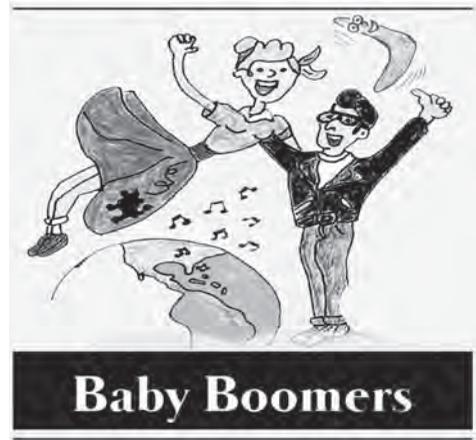
One of our members, Mike Albano, has been in the entertainment industry since he was 8 years old.

He was known back in Pennsylvania as "Little Johnny Ray," a very young singer.

Mike would sing on the radio every other Saturday on a morning show in his hometown.

He later belonged to an all-accordion band, was very active in theater plays at his high school, and is a lifetime member of the National Thespians Society.

After graduation, Bill moved to Atlantic City and did dinner theater and makeup work. Quite recently, Mike and a friend got together to make their first motion picture on a \$1 million budget. He was producer on this production and starred as an actor, portraying a Mafia/Godfather type character.



The film, "Real Premonition" was on location both in Clearwater and Morocco.

When released, the film won all of Florida's Independent film awards.

If anyone is interested in seeing a trailer of this production, go to realpremonition.com.

Mike has kept himself busy, writing five screen plays and looking for investors for upcoming projects.

He knows a lot of Hollywood actor friends and plans on hiring them in future productions.

Mike still plays his accordion, entertains the Boomers with humor and singing at many of our activities, and he is our "Cruise/Travel Guru," coming up with many cruises within our price budget.

The Boomers just came back from a cruise to the Caribbean and another one is planned for November. An Atlantic City Casino tour is in the works for September.

If you are interested in future planned tours or cruises with the Boomers, or any of Mike's upcoming productions, feel free to see him at any of our meetings.

Our planned events for July will be a picnic on the Fourth of July, viewing fireworks, an ice cream social, and nightly pool gatherings at the West Activity Center pool from 4 p.m. until closing.

Speaker believes in providing our presidents with proper tools

By Charlie Christ

Our last meeting was an indoor picnic in May.

We enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, along with dishes brought by members.

Then we heard from Bill Tallchief, our speaker, who has been involved in politics since the civil rights movement. He is an author of three books about crime, justice and passion. He retired as a banker and now resides at On Top of the World.

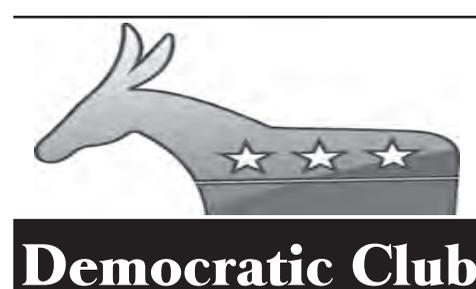
Bill was active in the NAACP and believes the famous March on Washington was the highlight of his life.

"How can we help our presidents and other political leaders achieve those lofty goals we all believe in?" he said. "By espousing their ideals, by



Bill Tallchief

organizing, selecting qualified people who represent our values, and encouraging others to vote for those candidates who will do the best job to rep-



resent us.

"If we really care about women's rights, then increasing the minimum wage and equal pay is necessary.

"Select candidates who have the same ideals and make sure people get out to vote for them. You do this by propaganda, which is the same as advertising. Propaganda is selling your product to whomever you come in contact with. Tell the truth about voting, a fair tax system, a fair chance for

a decent education, a good job with a decent salary.

"This mid-term election is the most important mid-term election in my lifetime. Let's make sure our president has the tools to improve our future with leaders in Congress who are like-minded. I hope to work with you for a better tomorrow."

His e-mail is eaglechiefspeaks@aol.com.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. See you there.

Watch OTOW channels 96 or 732 for further announcements. Also check us out on the Box Office.

For questions or additional information, call 754-6749.

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OTOW resident Carl Hebinck has a dream

By John Koning

Carl Hebinck is an educator, inventor and entrepreneur. Most notably though, this 80-year-old Florentine Way resident is a tireless humanitarian with a very big dream.

Carl's big dream, ironically, is taking shape in the tiny impoverished nation of Haiti, located less than 700 miles south-east of Key West.

Carl and his lovely wife, Julia, have dedicated their lives to helping the roughly 10 million Haitians who are part of "The Bottom Billion," a name coined by author Paul Collier in his book of the same name. It's the name given to the desperately poor of our world who have no realistic hope of betterment. The book is a recommended read for those of us who are so richly blessed.

Carl and Julia met in Manaus, Amazonas, South America, 40 years ago when Carl was a missionary, hospitalized for 40 days with malaria, hepatitis and typhoid.

Julia stumbled onto his room in search of someone else and, in the short time she took to explain her presence, Carl fell head over heels in love.

Julia later mentioned to her parents that she had met a nice American, but she was afraid he wouldn't recover. In a way she was right. Carl beat the malaria, the hepatitis and the typhoid, but he never recovered from Julia's smile.

Carl's big dream is to replace every Haitian slum shanty with a safe, modest, modular home in its original location, each one within a day, and without displacing the home's family.

Sounds crazy, doesn't it?

Well, actually, if you take the time to study it closely, this is a fiscally sound plan that has been engineered and painstakingly researched for long term sustainability.

There is plenty of documentation to back up Carl's dream. After all, this is no flighty idea guy. He is a pragmatic and persistent techno-sleuth who owns two patents for energy efficient construction systems and their affiliated specialty tools. He has built more than 300 modular homes using his ThermoBuilt™ system in this country and others.

After examining the statistical data following the 2010 Haiti's earthquake that claimed the lives of 220,000 men, women and children, Carl discovered that most fatalities and injuries were



Carl Hebinck explains his very big dream. (Photo by John Koning)

caused by crumbling concrete and heavy building materials. He is convinced that most of the deaths and injuries would have been avoided if lightweight, ultra strong building materials had been used.

Carl tells of an older sister who threw her body over that of her baby brother to protect him from the crumbling concrete. She succeeded in saving her brother's life, but she suffered a broken back in so doing.

After hearing her story, Chicago real estate developer and non-profit developer of affordable homes, John Iberle, donated two modular homes to that brave young woman and another needy family, and Carl traveled to Haiti to help construct them.

Carl is no lone wolf stumbling blindly into this dream. He, along with Bruce Goddard and volunteer modular home builder, Chris Kavala, head up an organization called Affordable Housing for Haiti. It is a humanitarian organization working under a non-governmental organization (NGO) already on the ground there. Their mandate is to provide permanent and efficient housing for Haitians.

Even though Carl owns the rights to his own modular housing systems, he recommended to his partners that they use a structural insulated panel, or SIP system, that he sees as better suited to building strong, inexpensive homes in Haiti.

When Carl calls a home strong, he means that it will flex like an aircraft wing and not crumble, even during an earthquake of 8.3 on the Richter Scale. That's 13 times more powerful than the 7.0 Haitian earthquake of 2010. He also means it won't blow away like a beach umbrella during a hurricane packing 190 mph winds. That's because the spikes used to anchor the roof will resist 645 pounds of up-lift each. They are placed every six inches – 120 of them in all.

You can do the math on that one. These figures are not hypothetical. They are tried and tested performance benchmarks.

When Carl calls a home inexpensive, he means it will cost roughly \$15 per square foot. That is 53 percent cheaper than cinder-block, the traditional building material used in Haiti.

Most cinder-blocks used for homes and offices are manufactured and dried in the Haitian sun, using round, unwashed sand instead of sharp aggregate. The resulting structures are



Team to put every Haitian in a safe home

Getting to Know You

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

by John Koning



A demonstration of the strength of a modular home panel.

unreliable and potentially dangerous to their inhabitants. It makes economical and moral sense to use a cheaper, lighter and more sanitary product.

Carl and his partners have conceived a manufacturing facility that will be capable of producing 22 homes per day.

In order for Carl's dream to become reality, he and his partners must fund it, build it, and staff it in Haiti at an estimated expense of a little less than \$1 million. When compared to the cost of shipping the modular sections from elsewhere, it is an absolute bargain. Carl gives us the math on this

one:

The cost to ship a container from the US to Haiti is roughly \$7,500 including tariffs, whether it contains a few dozen finished house panels or several tons of the raw materials required to produce them.

When you consider that the plastic beads used to make the expanded polystyrene panels expand 50 times their original size when steam heated, you begin to see the value of shipping the raw materials and manufacturing on site. One single container of raw materials in the Haitian plant can produce enough homes to save \$1 million in freight and tariffs over the cost of importing manufactured panels. That's the cost of the factory returned, just like that.

There is an even more poignant reason to set up shop in Haiti, and that is what Carl calls the trickle up effect. Every factory, large or small, needs a support system and that system needs people to make it function.

In a mountainous and 98 percent deforested country like Haiti, jobs mean life. The people of Haiti don't need handouts. They need jobs. It's the same idea as giving people fish versus teaching them how to fish for themselves.

The profits realized by the sale of safe and efficient buildings to government agencies, other NGOs and wealthy Haitians will be used to subsidize safe, modest homes for the most vulnerable of Haiti's population.

Carl and his daughter, Lucy, traveled to Haiti to assist survivors of the devastating 2010 earthquake. That is where Carl's dream intersected with that of another dreamer, Passionist Priest, Father Rick Frechette. He is the winner of the 2012 Opus Prize for faith-based social innovation, and he leads an army of volunteers that includes big-hearted Hollywood actor Sean Penn.

Father Rick first ventured to Haiti over 25 years ago to build orphanages. He quickly recognized the need for physicians and medical facilities, so he went to school and became a doctor in his mid-40s. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Haitian lives have been saved through his skills and hospitals.

Now the way is paved for these two dreamers to join forces.

Recently, Carl's sister passed away and left him a Lincoln Towncar in her will. Instead of keeping it, he sold it.

Why?

Because the \$13,500 he got for the car will build 14 SIP houses in Haiti.

"Why do I need another car?" Carl asks.

Fellow dreamer, Walt Disney, has these words for Carl, his humanitarian friends, and any of us who dream of a better world:

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

If Carl's story has inspired you to help desperately needy Haitians, visit www.stlukehaiti.org to learn what you can do.



Carl Hebinck and John Iberle teach Haitians how to construct a modular home.



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Horses won't run but Santa will arrive

By Esta Schwartz

Hello, fellow New York/New Jersey Club members and participants.

The summers are a little slower, but it provides us with time to visit our loved ones and friends near and far. We will continue to bring you information about upcoming events, happenings or changes to the club each month via articles, flyers or the Box Office Website.

President Jack Casey said he had to cancel the horse racing event



NY / NJ Club

planned for August due to the lack of sufficient volunteers to make it successful. Those who have partici-

pated in this before will be disappointed, as I heard it is a fun evening. Perhaps, in the near future, it can be rescheduled.

Upcoming events are "Christmas in July" dinner dance, and a Wine and Cheese party with bingo in September.

In addition, the December Christmas/Holiday get together at the Island Way Grill sounds like a great time as well.

All information will be on the

Box Office Website. Just look for our New York/New Jersey Club page each month.

You may purchase tickets by visiting us at the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day and your summer is going swimmingly.

By the way, have you been to the pool on the West Side. The changes are fabulous.

Favorite cups encouraged to our Singles Club tea party

By Mary Widman

A big thank you to everyone who made our wine and cheese party such a success!

Our hospitality chairperson, Sally Shevlin, and helpers Pat George and Sue Fleming, set up tables for the event.

On Saturday, July 5, at 1 p.m., we will have a club picnic in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Tickets will be \$6. Don't miss this fun event. Food will be catered.

On Saturday, Aug. 2, we will have a high tea event at 4 p.m. in the EAC. Don't forget to bring your best china cup and saucer. Our club president,



Singles Club

Nancy McMullon, suggests everyone wear their favorite hat. Tickets are \$10.

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Snowbirds enjoy charter bus trips and cruises

By Ed Foland

School bus field trips were a real treat for many of us. It was a chance to see and do things that were out of the ordinary - not daily routines.

Now that most of us are retired, the appeal of getting on a bus and going on an exciting trip is still there.

Of course, the bus has to have large comfortable reclining seats, air conditioning, a TV, restroom and a professional driver in uniform!

Most Snowbirds Club charter bus trips include two nights in the destination city, which gives a full day to explore the area without being rushed to get back on the bus and go home.

We have future plans for a two-night stay in Key West to see its famous sunsets. Key West is a city with a very Caribbean Island-feel to it that offers good sight-seeing, delicious food and exciting night-life.



Snowbird Club

Savannah, Ga., is always a popular destination and its biggest attraction is their famous Saint Patrick's Day parade and party. We hope you'll join us for this memorable event!

St Augustine is the oldest city in the United States and we will have an opportunity to look for the Fountain of Youth while we're there. We'll have two nights and a full day to explore.

Three cruises are on our schedule and all three are escorted by Ed and Dolly Foland. Right now is the best time to book cruises while the prices are low and cabin availability is high.

Go to our Website at www.snowbirdsofotow.com. At



A group of Snowbirds Club members board a bus to New Orleans and Biloxi. (Photo by Ed Foland)

the bottom of the home page, click on events list and print out our three-page schedule of events. Then print out a

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Lambda Club is 5 years old and is celebrating with a birthday party

By Dave Beaven

Happy July to all!

This is a significant month for Lambda Club because July is the fifth anniversary of its founding.

Looking back in the archives, I recorded that eight individuals attended the first meeting in July 2009. Since then, we've had a total of 60 monthly meetings, and I have written 60 articles for the On Top of the World News.

During that time, our membership has grown to 35 residents, who actively participate. That's not a total census of the LGBT population at OTOW. There are many more of us living in the community – keeping up our condos, paying our fees, helping out our neighbors, and helping to make OTOW the lively and diverse place that it is.



Lambda

In fact, we have seen an uptick in interest from LGBT seniors elsewhere who are looking for a friendly place to live and have heard of this place.

More people are taking notice of the many advantages of living here at On Top of the World.

Our monthly social for July will fall under the theme: Birthday Party!

Of course, there will be cake and punch. And what's a birthday party without presents?

So there will be a White Elephant gift exchange.

What's that?

Well, we all have items around the house that are usable or we no longer need. Here's a chance to pass them on. If you don't like what you get, you can trade or save it for the next gift exchange.

As usual, our Lambda members will also bring along something yummy to share.

Life is good! But you knew that already.

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

Regular events include monthly

socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors.

There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com. or see our page on the Box Office Website.

You can contact us by e-mail at: lambdaclw@yahoo.com. Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

You can learn a new art skill on Thursdays

By Cheryl J. Reese

The Art Guild is in session from October through April. However, there are enough residents to continue Painting Pals, 1-3 p.m., on Wednesdays, and we still get together to do our favorite art mediums.

On Thursdays, we meet from 1-3 p.m. and we each bring in artwork to work on. Sometimes we experiment with other art mediums.

Occasionally there are special programs on Thursdays.

Our last special program was on Thursday, June 12. Wendy Colquhoun taught the history of Chinese painting and demonstrated a variety of painting strokes and techniques. The people who attended — including one new person — went home with a beautiful Chinese take-home card.

Wendy stated that she would conduct more classes in the future since the group was very interested. The classes will be announced well in advance. If you would like to see Wendy's Chinese artwork, please check out the glass case in the Art Room, between the Gift Shoppe and the Starlite Room, on the second floor of the East Activity Center.

At this time of year you do not need to be a member to join us on either Wednesdays or Thursdays. We invite you to come and see what we are doing, then decide if this is something you would enjoy. Art is a wonderful hobby; and it can fill your life with the joy of learning and making something very unique and special.

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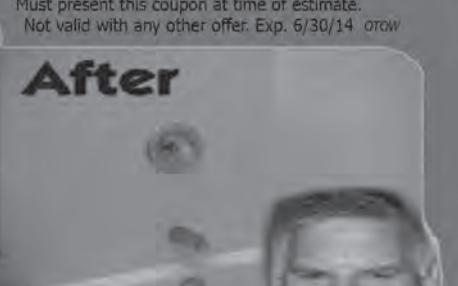
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Hurricane Tip Page

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. With that in mind, this page contains 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.

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Philosophy Club

Express your views

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

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For Teresa Brewer, it was “Music! Music! Music!” while Kaye Starr vocalized “Wheel of Fortune.”

Do you remember Kitty Kallen singing “Little Things Mean a Lot,” or Dinah Shore’s “Lavender Blue?”

I was glued to the radio in those days. I knew the words to every song,



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

like Georgia Gibbs “Dance With Me Henry,” Tennessee Ernie Ford’s “Sixteen Tons,” and Doris Day’s “Que Sera Sera.”

Everyone dreamt of a “White Christmas” with Bing Crosby.

Joni James sang “Your Cheatin’ Heart,” Peggy Lee sang “Fever,” and for Les Paul and Mary Ford, it was “Vaya Con Dios.”

The Mills Brothers harmonized “Glow Worm,” the Four Aces, “Love Is a Many Splendored Thing,” and the Chordettes, “Mr. Sandman.”

For the McGuire Sisters, it was “Sincerely,” while the Ames Brothers sang “Ragmop.”

Guy Mitchell wailed, “My Heart Cries for You,” while June Valli wondered, “Why Don’t You Believe Me?”

Pat Boone sang “April Love,” Connie Francis sang, “Who’s Sorry Now?,” and Gogi Grant sang “The Wayward Wind.”

Everyone loved Bobby Darin’s “Mack the Knife,” and Andy Williams “Canadian Sunset,” but it was Kate Smith’s “God Bless America” that our nation adopted as our default national anthem.

And then Elvis Presley’s “Love Me Tender,” sent Rock and Roll into the stratosphere.

Let’s not forget all those great big band sounds either.

Paul Whiteman, Fred Waring, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Woody Herman, Harry James, Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey, Lionel Hampton, Shep Fields, and Dizzy Gillespie (for openers).

And before TV was popular, we listened to Amos n’ Andy, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, the Bickersons, the Goldbergs, Abbott and Costello, Blondie (and Dagwood), Boston Blackie, Buck Rogers, Burns and Allen, Captain Midnight, Dick Tracy, Duffy’s Tavern, Ellery Queen, Fibber McGee and Molly, Flash Gordon, Gangbusters, the Green Hornet, the

Great Gildersleeve, Groucho Marx, Jack Benny, Henry Aldrich (“Coming, mother”), Fred Allen, the Lone Ranger, the Life of Riley, Lights Out, Lum and Abner, My Friend Irma, Nero Wolfe, Our Miss Brooks, Ozzie and Harriet, Philip Marlowe, Red Ryder, the Saint, Sam Spade, Sergeant Preston of the Yukon, the Shadow, Space Patrol, Superman, Terry and the Pirates, This is Your FBI, The Whistler, My Little Margie, The Fat Man, Inner Sanctum, the Thin Man, Mr. Keen Tracer of Lost Persons, Martin Kane Private Eye, Bulldog Drummond, Dr. Kildare, Topper, Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney, Straight Arrow, Sky King, Joe Palooka, and Jack Armstrong.

And before there were gossip magazines like the Star and the National Enquirer, we would listen to Hedda Hopper, Walter Winchell, and Louella Parsons.

For real news, we listened to Edward R. Murrow, Gabriel Heatter, H.V. Kaltenborn, and Lowell Thomas.

And who can forget Orson Welles adaptation of H. G. Wells’s “The War of the Worlds,” formatted to sound like a live breaking news program.

Like I said, “Once upon a time, radio was magic.”

Top 15 signs it's July in Florida

1. Birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

2. Trees whistle for dogs for a little relief.

3. The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.

4. Hot water comes out of both taps.

5. You can make sun tea instantly.

6. You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.

7. The temperature drops below 95 and it feels a bit chilly.

8. It only takes two fingers to steer your car.

9. You can get sunburned through your car window and burn your hand opening the door.

Marge Mayer



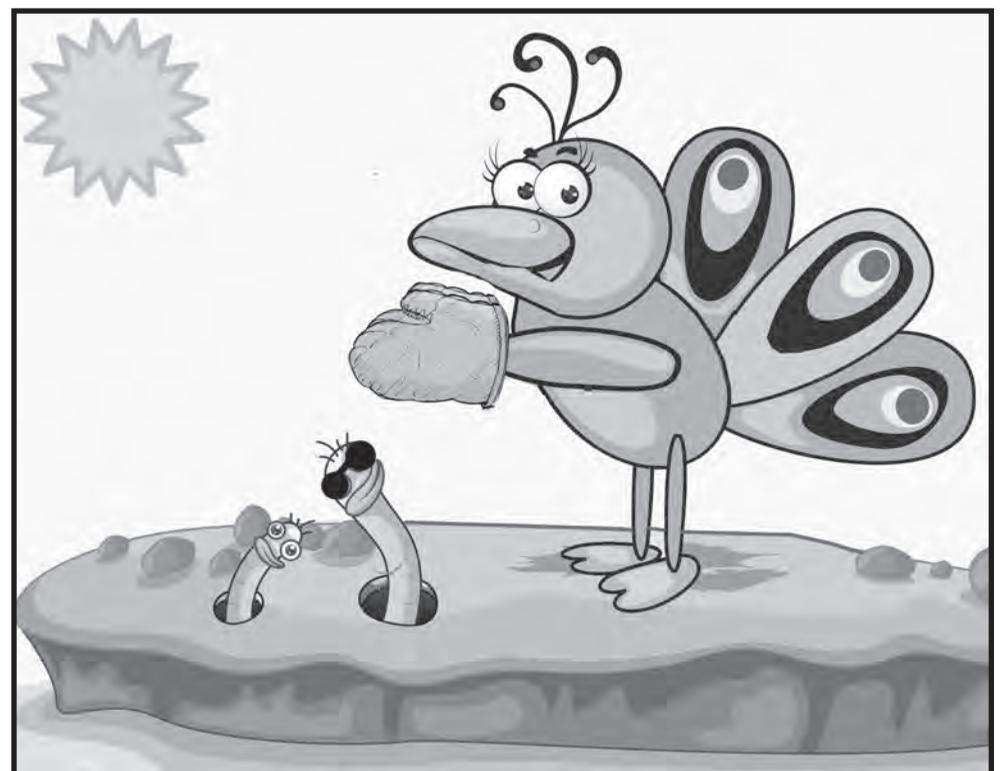
Marge's Humor

10. You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m.

11. You can cook to death if you fall off your bicycle, get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement too long.

12. You realize the asphalt has a liquid state.

13. Cows are producing evaporated milk.



14. Farmers are giving their chickens crushed ice so their eggs don't boil.

15. Potatoes actually cook underground. All you have to do is pull and add butter.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Entertainment Committee's end-of-the-year surplus goes right back to the community

By Marvin Flam

In 1972, the OTOW Press Association published "A True History of On Top of the World" written by Bernice Bohlmann.

At that time, the publisher was Sidney Colen and the editor was Jan Tipton.

This publication noted the following about the Entertainment Committee:

The Entertainment Committee was created to supplement Jan Tipton's work in programming events as the first program director. In July 1970, the Entertainment Committee was formally organized and the first board of officers was elected. With the help of dedicated and enthusiastic

volunteers, the Entertainment Committee has been successful from the outset.

From the beginning, the Entertainment Committee has operated as an independent, volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization.

The Entertainment Committee charges nominal ticket prices for the professional shows and dances that it presents for the community enjoyment and pleasure. All monies collected are used to pay for the entertainment, cover incidental operating expenses, refreshments and maintenance of equipment, etc.

The by-laws mandate that "any surplus funds remaining in the account, in addition to the reserve fund,

shall be disbursed by the Board for projects and improvements for the benefit of OTOW residents.

In 1971, the movie screen and a "powerful sound system" were installed in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Projects and improvements started in 1972, such as the original storage closets installed in the kitchen, the sound and lighting systems in the auditorium, and a refrigerator and freezer to facilitate the serving of refreshments. Tables and chairs have been purchased for both activity centers, the Starlite room has been developed, original pool lounge chairs were purchased and many other improvements have been contributed to enhance our

lives at OTOW.

Follow us next month in OTOW News for more of our 44-year history and please continue to support us so that we can continue to improve the facilities at OTOW for the benefit of all the residents.

For information about the Entertainment Committee, call 727-797-1761, or email entcom2014@gmail.com.

Don't forget to check the bulletin boards and the Box Office Website for up-to-date Entertainment Committee events. Visit us at the EAC auditorium on Mondays, and Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. during the summer.



Even though it is summer, On Top of the World residents had the chance to dance the night away during the June 14 Flag Day Dance in the East Activity Center. The Entertainment Committee does not stop booking musical events just because it's 90 degrees outside.

(OTOW News photo by ??)

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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PREVIEW OF AUGUST EVENTS

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Thursday league plans to hit the road once a month

Off-season play for the Thursday Golf League is in full swing.

The condition of the golf course is excellent, thanks to Drew, Dale and the hard working crew.

The fairways are at a good height and the greens have recovered from the unusual winter conditions.

The summer rough is also showing its teeth and will only get more difficult to manage as the rainy season arrives.

Week three winner was Bruce MacPherson. Pete Dominguez placed second and Clyde Hershberger was third. Bruce also took low gross honors. Don Sorensen collected two skins.

Thursday Mixed Golf

Ada Culbertson, Clyde Hershberger, Patti Cook, John Maloof, Pete Dominguez and Bill Higgins all had one skin each.

The league went on a road trip to the Clearwater Country Club for week four. The staff at the course was very gracious and everyone enjoyed playing a different, albeit tougher, type of tract.

Fast greens and tight lies made scoring difficult.

Clyde Hershberger narrowly edged Gary Bronson for first place. Fred Schick took third. Clyde garnered low gross honors.

Surprisingly, a good number of skins were collected. Gary Ordway, Patti Cook, Gary Bronson, Clyde Hershberger and Don Baker were the recipients of one each.

The league plans to take advantage of the off-season rates and will try to play a new golf course once each month.

Ken Smith turned in a great round and was week five champion back on our home course. A tie-breaker was needed to decide second and third po-

sitions. Ron Parham edged out Patti Cook for second place. Clyde Hershberger and Paul Meyers shared low gross honors. Paul Meyers, Patti Cook, Dutch Michael, Gary Ordway and Gary Bronson all collected one skin each.

The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members and guests at any time, and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join.

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

Don't stop putting just because it's summer

By Pete Milner

When it is time for me to gather information for my monthly article in the On Top of the World newspaper, I usually ask some of our members if they can think of anything I should be communicating to our membership.

Well, this month, I struck out.

Everyone seems to be in a vacation mode and just content to enjoy our great weather as of late.

Most of our Snowbirds have all left for parts unknown or have gone on vacation.

The ones who haven't left yet either have flat tires or don't want to go anywhere.

Men's Golf

Golf goes on and we should take advantage of this good weather before the rainy season starts.

Don't get me wrong. I like the roll I get with a Category 4 hurricane at my back, but it's not so good when you make the turn and suddenly have to face that stiff breeze.

There have been no holes-in-one since the last article, but some great scores have been turned in.

Anyone can play this sport if you

have the correct disposition. I'm still looking for that frame of mind when you can forget the last shot and start thinking ahead. I guess that's the reason most of us aren't on the pro tour.

That and the ability to putt.

I watched some golf on the tube this past weekend and I must say, I hardly recognize any of the names of the young guns that are driving the ball 330 yards. They come from nowhere every week end and amaze me.

Do you think it's too late for us?

Personally, I am looking forward to going up North to play with my life-long buddies and play some of those courses when you have to bump and

run with a wood. There's granite to the left, hemlocks to the right and water right down the middle.

Summer is here and everyone should be thinking about keeping hydrated while playing. Just a sip of water after each hole will stop the loss of water through perspiration and the chance of getting dehydrated or heat exhaustion.

Don't forget to bring a snack, too, so our sugar levels won't drop too low in the heat.

Until next month, keep your head down, your knees slightly bent, your eye on the ball... oh the heck with it ... just go out there and enjoy!

Trying to stretch the season just a little longer

By Bob Rittner

With softball season over, a few remaining players filled the void by playing stickball.

We play the playground version of the game. Our field is the parking lot of an abandoned K-Mart on Gulf to Bay.

The players were Guy Bertuzzi, Tony Caputo, Bill Bennett, Pat Kennedy and Bob Rittner.

Remarkably, Tony, Bill and Pat,

Softball

who had never played the game before, proved quite adept at hitting a tennis ball pitched overhand into a box drawn on the wall.

They also were able to throw strikes from about 45 feet away.

The game is a simplified version of baseball with no bases or run-

ning. Hits (singles, doubles, triples and home runs) are determined by the distance the ball travels, with ground balls being automatic outs.

The equipment is a tennis ball and a stick - about the size of a broom handle. When we were children, our parents often wondered why their brooms sometimes lacked handles.

We managed two games on consecutive Tuesday mornings before

three of our number departed for the north.

Rogers Hornsby, Hall of Famer and arguably the greatest right-handed hitter in baseball history, said:

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

Thankfully, we are more varied in our interests than he, but we do appreciate his sentiment.



SPORTS

Ladies 18-hole tournament finale was a team effort

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held their final tournament of the season on May 27.

It was a step-aside scramble format where everyone tees off and then selects the best drive. The person who's drive is selected does not hit the next shot. This procedure is followed until the ball is on the green. Once the ball is on the green, all four people may putt.

The low score of the tournament was a 57. The winning team was Pat Cassidy, Pat Eastman, Carole Whynot, and Cindy Schell.

Pat Cassidy had a terrific day on the putting green. Most of her putts went right in the hole and her misses were just inches away.

The second place team was Kay Satterlee, Carole Lacy and Dottie Meissner with a score of 62.

There was a tie for third place with 65. The tie was broken by matching cards on hole 12. The third place team

was Judy Garland, Elaine McDonald and Betty McKay.

Following the tournament, the women enjoyed a pizza party with plenty of pizza, salad and cookies. The lunch was served by Elaine Stretavski, Ellen Fier and Joan Yorkery.

It was a very nice ending to a great season.

Tournament Results

May 20

Flight A: Pat Eastman, Sherry Ivey, Ada Bryant.

Flight B: Carole Lacey, Katie Quelch, Linda Rice.

Flight C: Kay Satterlee, Boots Stanton.

Flight D: Dottie Meissner, Gail DuCharme.

May 13

Flight A: Pat Eastman, Sherry Ivey.

Flight B: Linda Rice, Carole Lacey.

Flight C: Arlene Hanson, Terri Mikszenas, Natsue Dawson.

Flight D: Gail DuCharme, Pat Cassidy.



Pictured above is the 'Step-Aside' first place team of Pat Cassidy, Pat Eastman, Carole Whynot and Cindy Schell.

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Dave Williams captures six singles wins



Billiards

New kid on the block, Dave Williams, walked away with four first place wins since last month in 8-Ball, two first place finishes and one second place finish on Thursday evening playing singles, and a second place finish in 9-ball on Tuesday afternoon.

Monday Night 8-Ball

On May 26, in A Flight, Dave Williams captured first place, Dennis Balling took second and there was a tie for third between Tony Baker and Marc Schell. In B Flight, there was a three-way tie between Bill Howarth, Barb Sundberg and Joe Ventimiglia. No playoff was held.

On June 2, in A Flight, Dave Williams took first place. In B Flight, Gene Baranowski walked away with first place, Mario Rodriguez took second place with John Fier claimed third.



Pictured above are the top eight-ball finishers from a tournament on June 9. From left to right are Nick Sapienza (B Flight, second place), Ron Baltrunas (B Flight, third place), Dave Williams (A Flight, first place), Dennis Balling (A Flight, second place) and Andy Suhar (A Flight, third place). Missing was B Flight winner Mario Rodriguez.

On June 9, in A Flight, Dave Williams once again walked away with first place, Dennis Balling captured second and Andy Suhar claimed third. In the B Flight, Mario Rodriguez captured first place, Nick Sapienza took second and Ron Baltrunas settled for third.

On June 16, in A Flight, Dave Williams stole first place away from Ed Ramirez. Dennis Balling took third. In B Flight, Ray Quirion walked away with first place. Terry Wittman and

Howard Wilson tied for second. No playoff was held.

Thursday Evening Scotch Doubles

On May 22, doubles were played.

The team of Maureen Doire and Bill Howarth took first place, Joe Doire and Terry Wittman claimed second, and Joe Gora and Mario Rodriguez settled for third.

On, May 29, the game was singles with Terry Wittman claiming first

place, Dave Williams taking second and Dennis Balling settling for third place.

On June 5, singles was the game again, with Dave Williams walking away with first place, Ed Ramirez claiming second and Joe Ventimiglia taking third.

The following week, Dave Williams captured first place for back-to-back honors, Terry Wittman took second and Joe Gora settled for third.

Tuesday Afternoon 9-Ball

At the May 27 tournament, Bob Eads walked away with first place. Joe Ventimiglia claimed second.

After a playoff on June 3, Ron Blattner stole first place away from Joe Gora. Joe had to settle for second.

On June 10, once again, Ron Blattner claimed first place with Dave Williams taking second.

At the June 17 tournament, Tony Baker walked away with first place, with new player, Don Sorensen, claiming second place.

Nine-ball meets 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoons in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in this heavy competition. We use the round-robin format.

Each month we have three weeks of fun play and a fourth week for a tournament

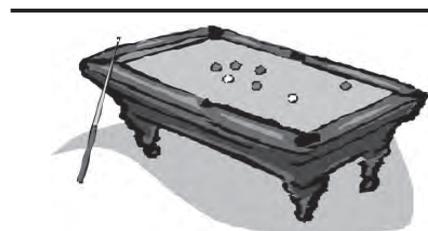
By Reva Heymann

It is summer season now at the Que'T Billiards Club, which means the number of players in each session has dropped, but the enthusiasm is still very high.

We still have enough participants to have some spirited and enjoyable games.

We play against each other in "round robin" fashion the first three meetings in a month and then have a tournament on the fourth week.

The difference is, during round robin competition, our instructors, Ed



Que' T Billiards

Solivan and Denny Balderson, walk around and can comment or make suggestions or answer questions, but, in a tournament, we can't get their advice and are reliant on what we our-

selves have learned.

This is a big deal because Ed and Denny provide wonderful suggestions based on their long experience playing billiards. They are practically magicians in how they know just where and how to hit the cue ball to get the needed results.

One other thing our instructors do is take a lot of time to help new members. Many of us had no prior experience with billiards before joining the club. When we have new people, one of the instructors takes them to a separate table and shows them how

to play, while the other one runs the round robin.

The instructors are patient and encouraging. They even came in on the weekend over the winter season (one on Saturday and one on Sunday) to provide more individual help.

We are eager to suggest that new people join. We have a lot of fun.

Tournament News

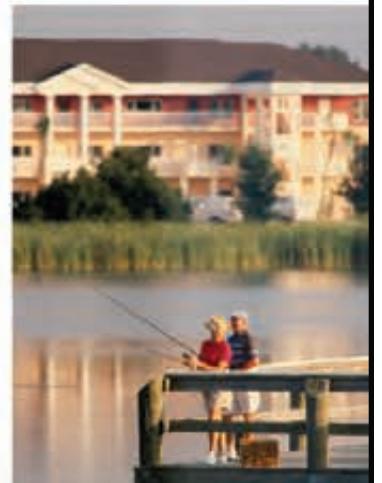
Mary Spearman was the tournament winner for May. Margo Lindsay and Terry Drake tied for second place. Congratulations, Mary!

Next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7 in the EAC Large Card Room

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Hi Everyone, My name is "Sasha Anna Bella" Provenzano. I am a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

My mommy, Carolyn, and I live in the Dorado Building. I have made many new friends since I moved to my new forever home at OTOW because we go to the dog park everyday. I love to give big hugs and kisses to everyone, so when you see me coming, I will spread the love then lay over to get my belly scratched.

I love to share my tasty "frosty paws" ice cream and other dog treats with my buddies. I love to dance, jump, play fetch and watch TV with my mommy. When you come to visit me, I will greet you at the front door and do my round dance for you! My mommy says, I am the ruler of my household - she just pays the bills! Of course, I come from royalty. I am known as a lap dog! I would appreciate your Pet of the Year vote in January!

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Pictured above, residents and friends salute one of two new flags for the first time. At right is part of the ceremony where the flag was raised for the first time. The light on top will keep Old Glory lit at night. (OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)



Siboney raises its new flags

Flag Day marks mission accomplished

By Cele Radeloff

On June 14 the Siboney Building conducted a beautiful ceremony as its new flags were raised on new flag poles for the very first time - and the event took place on Flag Day.

Our hats off to building resident Audrey Jones for her perseverance in having the flag poles and flags installed.

"We needed about \$600 to see the project through," Audrey said. "We took donations and thought it may take a year or two. Much to my amazement, surprise and delight, it only took four months - the money poured in."

Ray Willis highlighted the ceremo-

ny with his bagpipe, Ed Uhl installed the flag on the odd side of Siboney and Bob Stone did the honors on the even side of Siboney.

A special thank you to On Top of the World Inspector Rich Biggs for helping to secure the permit.

From there, licensed contractor Fred Schick was found and materials were purchased within budget.

Solar lights were even purchased for the top of the poles, so our flags can remain waving all night.

As patriotic music played during the ceremony, about 50 people celebrated the moment - some from other buildings.

Residents sang such songs as



This is some of the crowd which watched the Siboney flag get raised for the first time.

"Amazing Grace" and then recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

There was a good turnout and On Top of the World News photographer George Swiderski took many pictures

for the group to help save the memories.

Thank you Audrey and everyone who participated in this wonderful, patriotic ceremony.

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Couple winds up trip with a wedding: their own

Beth Denntine and Jerry Thomas had a good reason to travel to Pittsburgh, Pa. Jerry's seventh grandchild, a little boy, was baptized June first at the local church. Afterwards they had a beautiful family picnic.

And if this is not joy enough, on June 14 they went to Hartford, Conn., and when they come back at the end of June they are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas! Congratulations from all of us at Brittany Farmhouse. We are so happy for you and wish you a long wonderful life together. So glad you have chosen to live here.

Our dear friends from Whitestone, N.Y., Emily Contrada and Robert (Bob) Anderson bought Gene Moore's condo. Another reason to celebrate our good neighborhood.

Coming up is a 4th of July party with BBQ and a lot of fun. Please everybody, come and let's celebrate Independence Day together. For detailed information, see the bulletin board.

Evening dinner for men and women debuts

Our flag, which had become tattered and torn, was replaced in time for Memorial Day, which incidentally was a rather quiet holiday for us here at New World French. Again, thanks go to Maryann Larson, who has been tending our flag for several years now.

There was quite a difference on Friday, June 13, as a group of friends and neighbors gathered to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Ralph's birthday. Because of the heavy rains early in the morning with threats of a repeat in the afternoon, hostess Judy Boley, with the help of Bob and Connie Saylor and Gin Upton, chose to set up for the party on the second floor core rather than our usual place beneath the "oaks."

A variety of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails preceded the full size picnic of hot dogs, beans, potato salad, and of course, birthday cake. Ralph received



many cards which he shared with us. It was rather interesting that most of these had some referral to "Bud Lite." Wonder why? We all had a great time. Indeed, it's good for the soul to laugh and be happy!

The ladies of the building chose Applebee's for their May luncheon. Ten of us were in attendance for a

delicious meal, laughs and a very good time. Good news for the men and those who are working, in that it was decided for men as well as women to have an evening meal out together once a month. This was determined after an outing at Kally K's in May. The place chosen for June will have taken place at Molly Goodhead's.

There should be more news next month as some travelers will have returned from awesome trips with interesting reports to share.

I know that two more condos have been sold, but the new owners are doing renovations before moving in. We all certainly welcome them and hope they join us in our endeavors to have laughs and fun.

Please check the bulletin boards as there could be very important news and/or announcements.

Resident is volunteer at cat adoption agency

June is a prime month for weddings, and graduations, as two proud "Mandalasian" grandmothers will attest.

Miriam McCarty reports the June graduation of her granddaughter from Palm Harbor University, with ceremonies held in Tampa's Sun Dome. Miriam has recently enjoyed family visits to Ft. Meyers and Orlando.

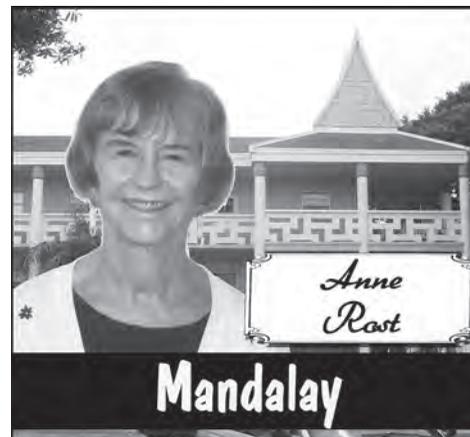
Helen Mullan's granddaughter, who currently works as a band director, is soon to receive her doctorate degree at St Mary's College in Oakland, Calif. Helen expects a visit from her soon.

If an election were held to choose the busiest resident of Mandalay, I would nominate Claire O'Connell. She babysits her 19-month-old granddaughter 12 hours per day, five days per week. She is a home care provider on weekends. Oh, yes, and she gets up extra early three days a week to volunteer with Second Chance for Strays 501-C.

"You ought to ask Bonnie Dupree about that group," said Claire. "She volunteers with them full time."

Bonnie was happy to talk about Second Chance. Energetic and enthusiastic, she's an on-call volunteer 24/7. Second Chance is an all-volunteer group begun by Pat Cihon in 1999 to rescue cats. They are rescued from local animal services when they are scheduled to be put down.

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a volunteer operation, funded by donations and fund-raising activities conducted by the volunteers. It is a designated 501-C, meaning that donations are tax deductible.

The cats must be certified healthy, and neutered if needed. This is an expense, as professional care is required. Bonnie reports that they have been very fortunate in their arrangement with Connechuset Animal Hospital, which treats the rescued animals at cost, so this is helpful.

Dr. J. and Dr. Wood of that hospital are very caring and competent vets, says Bonnie. This is where she takes her own pets. She notes that their fees are reduced for seniors.

After receiving clean bills of health, the cats are taken to Pet Smart at the Clearwater Mall, where, hopefully, they will be adopted. Those interested in adoption, volunteering, or donating



If you want to adopt this cute 5-month-old calico cat (and maybe also her sister with a plumed tail), call Bonnie at 727-669-5915. (Photo provided by Bonnie Duprey)

should call Bonnie at 727-669-5915. She's always happy to help.

Incidentally, Bonnie is currently fostering two 5-month-old sisters. The other, not seen here in the photo above, is a gorgeous Calico cat with one green and one blue eye. They really need a home.

Any resident is welcome to phone her for a visit of these two young sisters that both came out of Animal Control as kittens.

Route 76 Bus Schedule Through On Top of the World Monday-Friday

From downtown Clearwater to Countryside Mall			
East Side Pickups/Drop Offs		West Side Pickups/Drop Offs	
7:40 am	12:42 pm	7:45 am	12:48 pm
8:45 am	1:42 pm	8:50 am	1:48 pm
9:42 am	2:42 pm	9:48 am	2:48 pm
10:42 am	3:45 pm	10:48 am	3:50 pm
11:42 am	4:43 pm	11:48 am	4:48 pm
	5:42 pm		5:47 pm

From Countryside Mall to downtown Clearwater			
East Side Pickups/Drop Offs		West Side Pickups/Drop Offs	
7:14 am	12:09 pm	7:10 am	12:05 pm
8:09 am	1:09 pm	8:05 am	1:05 pm
9:14 am	2:09 pm	9:10 am	2:05 pm
10:09 am	3:09 pm	10:05 am	3:05 pm
11:09 am	4:14 pm	11:05 am	4:10 pm
	5:14 pm		5:10 pm
	6:14 pm		6:10 pm

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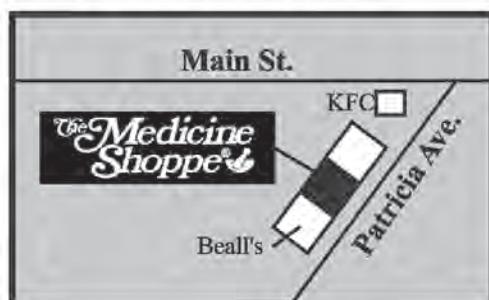
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Rural French resident Lidia Sanchez and her daughters Fay and Monica hosted family members from Argentina recently. They are shown here at John's Pass Village. From L-R: cousin Gisela, Lidia Sanchez, daughter Monica, daughter Fay, and cousin Brenda.

New OTOW couple is from the 'Granite State'

Hi I'm back! Welcome On Top of the World newcomers Deborah Mayo and Michael Gill, who lived in New Hampshire for 25 years. Deborah worked for the State of New Hampshire Environmental Services Department for 22 of those years.

She loves outdoor activities, especially swimming. This is good, since we hope to start exercise class for the "OTOW Mermaids" soon. Deborah said she can't wait to get into all that OTOW has to offer and to meet new people.

Michael worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years. He's a lap swimmer and loves to travel. The couple has been coming to Florida for the past 30 years, and now they are here to stay.

Rural French resident Lidia Sanchez and her daughters Fay and Monica experienced their first visitors from Argentina. Their cousins, Brenda and Gisela, stayed for a week. They live in Buenos Aires (when it's summer here, it is winter there). They work together in a phone company down there.

They came to Clearwater for the beach and spent three of their



days there. Then they took a ride on "The Little Toot" to see the dolphins at sea. Then it was on to the Marine Aquarium to see "Winter," the famous Clearwater dolphin of movie fame.

John's Pass Village was another favorite of Fay's cousins (see photo). Lunch by the water was nice.

The weather was perfect for that week, although it started to rain the day after they left to New York to continue their vacation for another week. They can't wait to come back to OTOW.

Enjoy all our great activities and keep checking the bulletin board for more goings-on.

COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium.



'Old Man River' held fascination for reporter, spouse

As I write this article, the pungent aroma of the giant blooming magnolias fills my senses. Last month, Jim and I drove to New Orleans before boarding the *Queen of the Mississippi* paddlewheeler where we joined 130 guests for a week-long cruise up the Mississippi River. The food could not have been better and the wine flowed freely.

After breakfast out on our balcony on our first day on the river, we walked the plank and took a leisurely tour across the road to the Houmas House, a Southern plantation with 38 lush acres of gardens and ponds.

Our next stop was Baton Rouge, where we toured the Capitol Museum, Governor's Hall and the New State Capitol. We also toured the exterior of Magnolia Mound, a French Creole plantation house built in 1791.

In the afternoon, we boarded the USS *Kidd*, a meticulously restored national historic landmark. She was awarded 12 battle stars during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

The crown jewel of Southwest Mississippi, Natchez is a grand city steeped in rich history. We enjoyed a narrated city tour which included a stop at Longwood, one of the elegant houses



in the historic district of Natchez.

The highlight of our trip was a tour of Vicksburg's National Military Park, where a park ranger guided us through the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg in 1863. The 16-mile tour road included 144 cannons and more than 1,300 sculptures, monuments, markers and tablets commemorating the individuals, units and events during the Civil War siege of Vicksburg.

The park is home to the USS *Cairo* gunboat and museum, the only remaining city-class ironclad gunboat in the world, also the Vicksburg National Cemetery, the country's second largest national cemetery, and two



Yoshimitsu reporter Barbara Sundberg poses with her husband Jim near the paddlewheeler that took them and 130 other passengers on a weeklong Mississippi River cruise.

restored antebellum homes, including Pemberton's Headquarters.

St. Francisville, La., boasts some of the most beautiful plantations in the South: The Rosedown and the Myrtles plantations. Our local guide told us stories of the families who lived here and gave us insight into the culture of the old South.

Our last stop was the Oak Alley Plantation which is called "The Grand

Dame of the Great River Road" with its quarter-mile canopy of 300-year-old live oaks that cooled us as we walked our way to this Greek Revival antebellum home where we tasted fresh shrimp and mint juleps out in the gardens.

Before heading home, we just had to stop at the Cafe Du Monde in New Orleans for a cup of their famous chicory coffee and a plate full of beignets!

Be sure to meet and greet a couple of new residents

As I walk King, I am asked by people if and when the benches by the lake are coming back. Since I was asked so many times, I decided to go to the office to get an answer.

Richard Biggs and Sharon Licata told me that On Top of the World is aware that new benches by the lake are needed. OTOW will replace them as soon as they find benches that will take less work and be acceptable. They also plan to repair some of the existing benches.

We have a new gentleman in our building. He is Ed Beffell. He lived in Bardmore, Fla., for eight years prior to coming to OTOW.

He is a retired Foreign Service Officer, having spent 30 years in the Foreign Service. He also was in the Air Force and the Peace Corps. Ed has two cute parakeets that you can see in his front bedroom window.



We also have another new gentleman. He is Pat McQuinn. The unit he is in belongs to Michelle and Walter Steiner. Michelle is Doris LeBlanc's daughter. Pat is their next door neighbor in Annapolis, Md.

Pat is a retired military Naval Aviator having been the navigator on a P-3 and on a C-130 to the North

and the South Poles, among other interesting missions he flew.

He has his own company, and for 19 years has worked as a computer consultant. Pat has two daughters, one living in Spain and one living in Dubai. You will frequently see Pat walking his beautiful little dog.

Carol Keough and a local friend joined two ladies from the Salvation Army and spent a week touring St. Augustine. One of the ladies had a time share so it worked out perfectly. Carol said that they toured the Fort and many other interesting places, but the Lightner Museum was spectacular and most interesting to them.

Alice and Dave Baxendale have returned from a two-week stay in various states in the Northeast. The first stop was in New York, where they visited a daughter and a high school

friend of Alice's.

Then on to New Jersey, where they attended the wedding of their grandson at a Salvation Army Camp.

Next, a friend agreed to drive them to "Old Orchard Beach" in Maine where they have vacationed for over 40 years.

Their daughter in New Jersey took them to New Hampshire to attend their granddaughter's wedding in a meadow near an ancient farm house.

My son Russell was asked by the Sons of the American Revolution to present their "Good Citizen Award" during the Countryside High School graduation program to a worthy recipient selected by the organization. Russell presented the Good Citizenship Medal, a certificate and a plaque to a Countryside graduate named Kylie.

Hope you all have a fantastic 4th!

Attention OTOW News writers ...

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





Malagueña's Vlasta Seibert wears her 'tiara,' presented to her at her 90th birthday party.

Resident celebrates 90th birthday at surprise fete

Malagueña resident Vlasta Seibert was surprised at a luncheon to honor her 90th birthday at Heilman's Beachcomber on May 28. About 12 women celebrated, presenting the guest of honor with a "tiara." (see photo).

Vlasta was born in Czechoslovakia (now split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia) in 1924. Those of us lucky enough to be born in the U.S. often forget what many immigrants had to go through to get here. Vlasta's story is typical of many who lived in Europe after World War II. The first stop on her long journey to the United States was in Germany in 1958. From there she went to France, and finally to Brazil. But, as Vlasta explained, single women were given the lowest priority for help in relocating, so it was a long wait.

After marrying her husband in Brazil, they finally emigrated to the United States, where they lived first



in Chicago and then in Los Angeles.

Vlasta is one of the original residents of Malagueña; she and her husband bought their condo before the building was even completed and she has lived here ever since. She enjoyed the many activities and decorating the building for Christmas.

A special day for a special lady!

THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News (Part 62, July, 1976)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- July 4th: Happy 200th Birthday America Celebration!
2 p.m. – Parade through the complex
3 p.m. – Free entertainment with a clown/magician
4 p.m. – Fun and games enjoyed by all
5 p.m. – Boxed chicken dinner
8 p.m. – Dance and special birthday celebration \$1.50 per person
- A pottery class began on July 6 at 9 a.m. Seating limited to approximately 8-10 students.
- The bus to Sarasota's Asolo Theatre left at 5 p.m. on July 18 to see "Look Homeward Angel."

See you next time!

New neighbors look forward to life at OTOW

One of the items of encouraging events we learned at the recent Association Meeting on June 12 was that condo sales were up for the year and that sales prices were up also. This is a positive turn of events that should continue to bring us new acquaintances.

On my side, Israeli, we have already had two sales and expect another. And the newcomers are most pleasant and are eager to learn all about On Top of the World and its multiple activities. People are always quick to locate the pools; it's just in time to enjoy the great new West side pool improvements and soon will be time for the East side update and furniture.

Some of our longer-term residents have art work by Lou di Fabbio. Lou and Brennie are no longer with us, but Lou's niece and her husband will be the new occupants of that unit.

I met Patti Branch in Barb Sundburg's exercise group even before I knew who she was, and Barb introduced us. She graciously gave me a brief bio of herself and her husband Ken Gardner. For some time they will be splitting their time between Fairfax, Va., and OTOW.

Ken is retired from a career in



Public Broadcasting and still enjoys teaching communications at Northern Virginia Community College. Patti is taking a break from her work as a hospice nurse to "try out" retirement. Both enjoy golf and tennis.

Ken is originally from Philadelphia and looks forward to attending the Phillies spring training games. Patti, being from West Virginia, grew up rooting for the Pirates.

Having grandchildren in West Virginia, Colorado and Utah, they now look forward to more frequent visitors to their new Florida home.

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Trip allows resident to finally visit ancestral home

It was a trip of a lifetime, a dream come true — no, make that a dream that had never even been dreamed! That's the trip that George Algozzina recently took when he traveled 15 days with a transatlantic cruise on the *Celebrity Silhouette*.

He visited Portugal, the United Kingdom, Sardinia, Sicily, Naples and then to Rome for an additional four days touring the city and the Vatican.

After seven fun-filled days at sea, the journey on land began at Funchal, Madeira, an island of Portugal. The weather was perfect for the tour of the botanical gardens, 100 steps up to "Our Lady of Monte" church and a cable car ride to the village.

After another day at sea, the warm British ways and personalities highlighted their next stop in Gibraltar, United Kingdom. Here is where George is being photographed pointing to the coast of Morocco on his right and to the coast of Spain on his left with the Strait of Gibraltar in between.

The next day at sea included the formal evening, all decked out in a tuxedo and tie. George said there was always something to do



while cruising. "There are lots of activities going on everywhere all over the ship. The shows at night were absolutely terrific and the bands in all of the lounges were great too."

After a one-day stop in Cagliari Sardinia Italy, the next stop in Messina, Sicily, brought special feelings for George as this is the birthplace of George's father's family. A train ride to Taormina offered a picturesque view of the country side where his ancestors might have traveled.

The next day, the ship landed in Naples, which brought more special feelings as this is the birthplace of



Englander resident George Algozzina in Gibraltar points to the coast of Morocco on his right and to the coast of Spain on his left with the Strait of Gibraltar in between.

George's mother's family. Thus the trip of a lifetime... visiting the family homelands of generations!

The final part of the trip was on land in Rome, which offered amazing architecture, churches, a flower festival, and of course, reservations to see the Vatican. George's boutique hotel was in the Trevi district of Rome... just steps from Trevi Fountain. It was

his home base to visit the Coliseum, Spanish Steps, Arch of Titus, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, St. Peter's Square, and Tiber Island.

Still glowing from this fabulous trip, George said, "It was truly the trip of a lifetime for me! One I never dreamed of, but a trip that has encouraged me to do more traveling and more exploring of this beautiful world."

Couple moved to OTOW after deciding to downsize

May 30th was a red-letter Friday for English Tudor and a few more buildings on the East side. We all received asphalt resurfacing and restriping. The weather cooperated and everything went smoothly at our building.

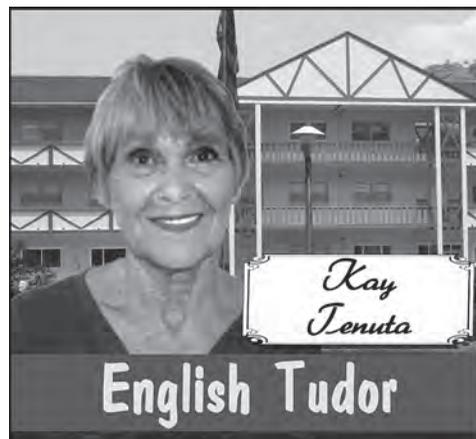
Our June dining event was an early-bird dinner at Acapulco Loco on Drew Street.

English Tudor picked up a new resident this spring. Originally from Maine, Laurie Cavanaugh lived with her parents and two brothers along with one sister.

She attended the University of Connecticut and graduated with a B.S. in Horticulture. Laurie worked for 15 years for Velcro building Web designs.

For a social activity, she ballroom danced for 10 years. She and her children (a son and daughter) moved to Clearwater and bought a home in 2010. After her children moved to New Hampshire, Laurie looked to scale down.

Laurie got interested in On Top of the World after picking up the OTOW News and seeing all the activities offered. She was particularly interested in the ground-floor units so she could enjoy the front and back patios. Building residents were very lucky when Laurie found such a condo in English Tudor.



There was a ground-floor unit with a huge back patio and the standard front patio available in our building and Laurie snapped it up.

Here is where Laurie's talent comes into play: Within weeks Laurie transformed both patios into nice areas to display plants and flowers. Laurie says her talent comes from her mother, still in Maine with her husband. Her husband encourages her mother's own talent by building fences and arches to display her flowers.

Although she doesn't dance so much anymore she has moved into bicycling and gardening. She and her 2-year-old cat named "Fluffernut" are so settled in here at OTOW it looks like she has been around for years. Welcome to our building, Laurie!



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Reporter tries to make every grandchild's graduation

This reporter attended the last two college graduations of my seven grandchildren. I have attended every grammar, middle, high school and college ceremony.

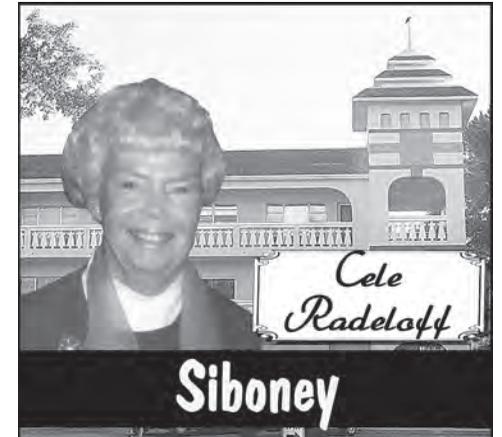
My granddaughter graduated from Shenandoah University in Virginia and will be a music teacher in Richmond. It rained all day, and the poor graduates (and all of us) got drenched! We're so happy for her that she fulfilled her dream.

One week later, the second graduation (of my grandson) took place at the University of Rhode Island. It was a glorious day, and 20 friends and relatives gathered for the happy occasion. He also secured a job, being one of only three young men chosen out of 83 applicants. They came from all over – even China. Poor guy – he'll have to travel to Dubai three times a year now!

Have you been watching our On Top of the World TV Channels 96 or 732? The Friday nights' presentations are great. I enjoyed the Baby Boomers show – short and interesting.

Our thanks go to Linda and Dave Mathewson for the "fishy" decorations in the core. We all love them.

My two daughters and daughter-



in-law treated me and 10 friends to lunch at the Bon Appétit Restaurant in Dunedin for my "biggie" birthday.

It was a glorious occasion and a chance to say thank you to all my great neighbors and friends. My two friends from the Jesters shows, Ednamae Jordt and Mary Allen (who lives at St. Mark's now) were able to join us.

Many thanks to my wonderful family for their thoughtfulness.

After the patriotic flag-raising ceremony on Flag Day, (see page 41) about 20 of us enjoyed lunch at Sea Sea Riders. Many thanks to Barbara Stone for the suggestion and to Rita Tombari for making the reservation.

Happy Fourth of July!

Bible Study Club

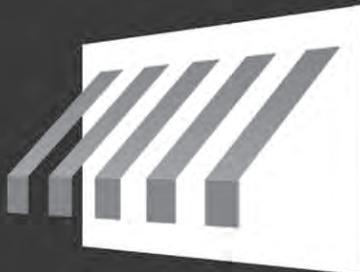
Bob Reis, President

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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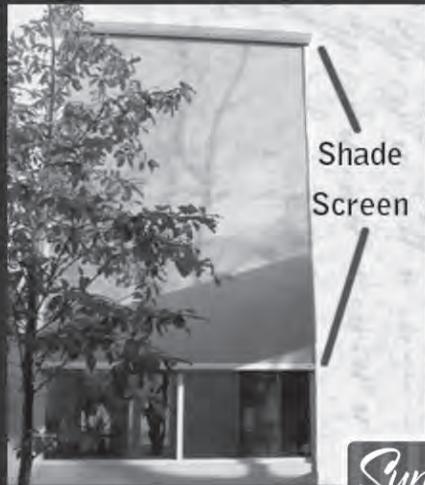


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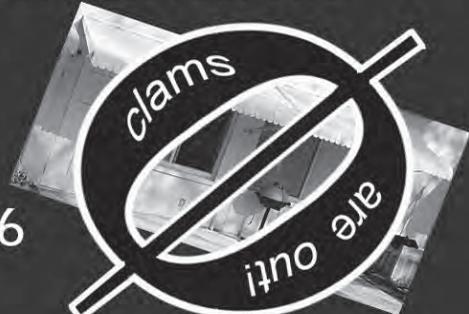
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Residents keeping active at Viennese Villa this summer

(News and photo this month provided thanks to Carol Harris.)

Happy Birthday America and to everyone celebrating their special days as well!

Here is a photo (at right) of Gary Gates with pals Carol, Fred and his better half Theresa on June 13 celebrating the birth of Gary's new hip. His hip was born on June 9. Both Gary and his new hip are doing fine under the watchful eye of Theresa and a visiting granddaughter.



I hear there's a game group going from Viennese Villa at the card room. Ask Chris Tuttle or Connie McDonald about that — it sounds like fun!

The new paved parking lot is quite nice. Snowbirds and travelers relied upon neighbors to move their cars at the last minute. We were away and thanks to Lynn Constanza, our chariot along with Charley's, were cared for. Thanks, Lynn.

Let's tip our sun bonnets to the crew doing the work on our pools. The West side rivals that of any first class resort. Everyone seems pleased with the seating arrangements as well, much to the future dismay of chiropractors in the area...

The East side pool will soon be as enjoyable when it is finished. I understand the large pool side tree was a particular favorite of Mr. Sydney

Colen's, and he positioned the pool to be partially shaded by that tree. Good planning for these hot sunny days.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend kudos to everyone in the newsroom for their work and dedication in putting out our paper every month — this is no easy task. Thanks to all for making us look good.

Enjoy your 4th with picnics and barbeques, flags flying with friends and neighbors but please take a moment or two to remember our men and women in uniform, past and present, who made all the celebrations possible.

Remember to please send me any news fit to print to my e-mail: fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Peppers with three bumps are sweeter and better for salads. Four bumps are good to bake and stuff and cooking.



Gary Gates (front, center) with pals Carol, Fred and his better half Theresa on June 13 celebrating the 'birth' of Gary's new hip. (Photo provided by Carol Harris)

Rio Riviera dinner and first communions highlight news

This reporter enjoyed some family time in Missouri last month. Driving through Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, the scenery was beautiful and the weather was unseasonably cool, although it warmed up a little later.

Twenty-three residents enjoyed the June monthly Rio Riviera early-bird dinner at Cody's Roadhouse. The July dinner is planned for the first Tuesday at Mystic Fish in Palm Harbor at 4:30. There will be a sign-up sheet on the building bulletin board. Thank you to our coordinator Rene Holley.

Derek and Shirley Taylor are proud of their grandson as he celebrated his first communion/confirmation on May 18 (see photo at right). His parents, younger brother and the godparents were in attendance.

Fran and Al Kroll's granddaughter (see photo), took her first communion on May 18. The communion was celebrated locally at Our Lady of



Lourdes in Dunedin. In attendance were her parents, a great uncle and two great aunts. Her godmother treated everyone to a family meal at Longhorn's.

Happy Fourth of July. Many will celebrate with parades, family cookouts and fireworks. However you celebrate this great holiday, keep yourself and your loved ones safe.



Shown here are two OTOW grandchildren who celebrated their first communions recently,

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Family activities included graduations, reunions and more

There were many “Rites of Passage” celebrated in the Matons family. Pat and Joe’s oldest son is getting married in July. Mazel tov. Their oldest grandson graduated high school. Their oldest granddaughter made her first Holy Communion. Their youngest grandson graduated kindergarten.

Their youngest granddaughter graduated pre-school at St. Anne’s. Oy vey! What gives with all these graduations? In our day, from elementary school to high school was just an anticipatory transition. No ceremonies, no parties, no nothing. High school graduation with cap and gown was the first.

The Kawalecs had their share of milestones. Their one and only great-granddaughter turned 4 months old. She loves the arms, and when you put her down, you know she has a good pair of lungs. She makes up for that flaw by being a real cutie pie.

Our grandson in Largo graduated from high school and will be headed to college in the fall. Another grandson in Pinellas Park graduated middle school with a ceremony and a scrumptious banquet. Our grandson in Texas made his Confirmation, and his 8-year-old sister made her first Holy Communion.

Your reporter attended a family reunion in early June (see photos). The lodge we rented for a week was called Scarboro and sleeps 18 and is at 5,200 feet elevation. We totaled 17; three unfortunately couldn’t make it.

We celebrated my birthday and Father’s Day. In fact, every day was a celebration of just being together,



The Mile-High Bridge on Grandfather Mountain, N.C., was visited often during the Kawalec family reunion held in June.

enjoying the Jacuzzi on one of the porches and the pool table and juke box among other things in the Game Room. It was only two miles from Grandfather Mountain, a ski resort in the winter, and lots of fun activity in the summer, with an elevation of 6,100 feet. Such a grand time was enjoyed by all; we hope to return there next year.

Our building now has a publicist, Linda Zayek, who posts building events on the bulletin board. She does a great job. We need a Sunshine person and also a Good Neighbors representative.

Happy Fourth of July!



Kawalec family reunion attendees (top and bottom photos) at Scarboro Lodge on Sugar Mountain, N.C., where all 17 folks stayed. The lodge sits at an altitude of 5,200 feet.



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‘Day at the Races’ gets everyone together

Happy Fourth of July, everyone! Hope you are enjoying the hot summer. To our Canadian friends, Happy Canada Day!

To our farmer friends, give the cows a hug on the 15th — it’s Cow Appreciation Day.

The Capistrano “Day at the Races” event was a great success. More than 50 people came out to the track for an enjoyable day. As usual the track surface was shiny and slick — perfect for the high-speed thoroughbreds entered in the event.

Brown bag lunches were a big hit with the race fans, thanks to the innovative idea of Sue Calinski and her mother, Joyce Rosek. I know if I start naming names I will leave someone out, so I am stopping right now.

The Capistrano folks did a great job. Tony Sinopoli put together a great



committee and did his usual good job as emcee.

I did hear that some the Capistrano horses were not up to par for the race and Tony had to go to the rent-a-horse stable at the Irish Club to round out the pack. Thanks, Irish Club.

Perhaps we can hold a similar event when all the Snowbirds are in town and

able to attend.

I apologize to those of you who were looking for the May article, I just plain forgot to submit it. I think I got wrapped up in doing the article on our “Mr. Baseball,” Jim Marshall, that it slipped my old mind.

The pool is back in operation, so all the swimmers can take the plunge when it gets too hot.

If you want to moon someone, do it on the 20th — it’s Moon Day (uh, maybe it is not that kind of moon!)

Like to swim in the nude? Try it on the 14th — Nude Day.

Well this is the best I can do for now, enjoy a hot dog on the 23rd, National Hot Dog Day. (Buffalo, N.Y. has the best hot dogs in the good old U. S. of A.)

See you next month, takes me a month to find all those goofy days!



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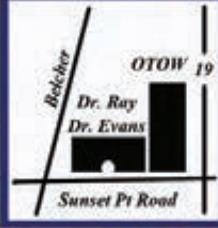
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How to become a ‘parront’ and share some bird love

This month our Saratoga building has been very quiet and nothing new seems to be happening.

Mike and Terry Milkulski did let me know that their daughter Michele and son in law Paul visited for five days. They did a lot of sight-seeing and visited some of the breweries in the area. Terry said they had a great time but now she is ready for a vacation!

Since happenings in our Saratoga building are slow right now, I thought I would write about an organization that I do fostering and volunteer work for — Florida Parrot Rescue.

This past October, I decided I would like to have a bird in my life again. Ever since I was a very young child I have loved birds. This was due to my Grandmother who always had parakeets, lovebirds, or finches — so I was always around birds.

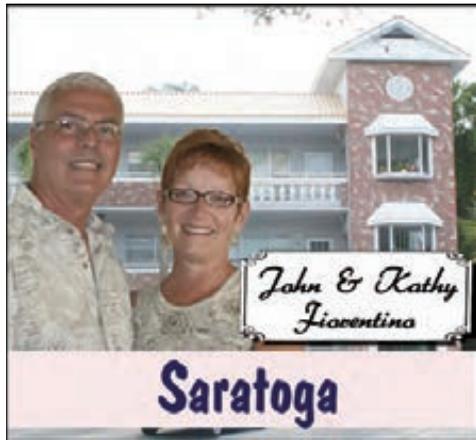
During my search to find a bird for our home, I came across a non-profit organization called Florida Parrot Rescue (FPR). After researching and reading all about them on the internet, I contacted them and the rest is history.

I applied to be a foster parent (or “parront” as we say). After filling out the application, and after having a vet check and a home visit, I was approved.

Since October of 2013, I have fostered parakeets, cockatiels, and now a quaker named Snickers. I have even moved up to helping with the processing of adoptions.

I enjoy learning about all of their different personalities and temperaments. Some of the birds are real comedians and have such funny antics!

Florida Parrot Rescue is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of companion parrots. Our goal is to find loving homes for all of our rescues. Not only loving homes, but most important of all is “forever homes.” Many people do not realize that adopting a bird can be a lifelong responsibility. Some species of birds can live to be 90 years old or more!



All of us at Florida Parrot Rescue strive to educate parrot owners on the proper handling and care of parrots. FPR lets parrot owners know if they can't keep their beloved family member, that we have a place for them to turn.

One of these birds who has lived a very long life is Duster the Umbrella Cockatoo. He is currently 89 years old. Duster was wild-caught and brought to California and trained to be a show bird. For years he performed at Weeki Wachee Springs and was eventually moved to another park that later closed down.

One of the employees at the park could not stand the thought of him being moved again and brought Duster to us. He is now in permanent retirement with one of our fosters, Jennie, who fell in love with him and adopted him.

Jennie tells us that Duster still does some of his old tricks — waving hello with his foot and (her best one) opening all the cages of the other birds! Duster is now living the retired life of a star. In fact, he was on the 10 O'clock News on FOX 13 on June 10 and 11. You can go to their website by copying and pasting the following URL: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/25745507/at-age-89-this-bird-has-led-a-long-active-life>, or by visiting the website www.myfoxtampabay.com and click on “Seen on TV” and see the story of Duster.



Photos provided by Kathy Fiorentino

These are typical of parrots that can be adopted from Florida Parrot Rescue. Clockwise from top left: A pair of lovebirds; ‘Oliver;’ ‘Brutus’ and ‘Bella;’ and another colorful parrot.

All of our incoming birds receive veterinary care and treatment regardless of the size or species. In 2013 FPR spent over \$60,000 caring for the birds (most of that in veterinary bills).

FPR is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit rescue, so all donations go directly to care for the birds. We have no paid employees.

When one of our parrots/birds is adopted, our job is not yet done! We keep in touch with the new adopter and answer any questions and also help to educate the new owner on the care and handling of their new family member.

We are always looking for new fosters as FPR is continually being contacted about birds that need to be brought into rescue.

We take them all as we have the space. Our motto is “No Beak Left Behind.” If you are interested in fostering or even adopting, please go to our

website at www.floridaparrotrescue.com to fill out an application. On our website you can see all of our birds that are up for adoption and read some of their stories.

You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FLParrotRescue. The Facebook page has pictures of some of the adopters and their new companion parrots as well as a list of activities that are coming up for Florida Parrot Rescue, and much more!

If you have any questions or are interested in adopting, volunteering, or fostering, please feel free to contact us through e-mail at flparrotrescue@aol.com or by phone at 813-516-1759. Our fosters are also spread throughout the entire state, so as long as you live in Florida, you can help!

We hope to hear from you very soon — the birds need you! Remember, No Beak Left Behind!

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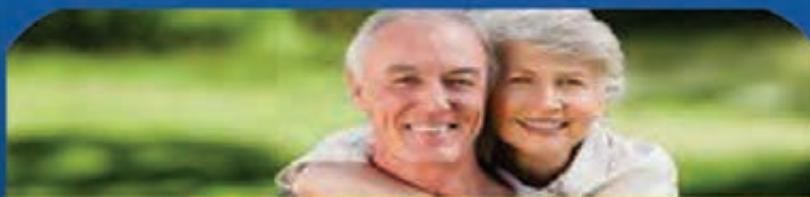
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WWII airman still gets time in the sky

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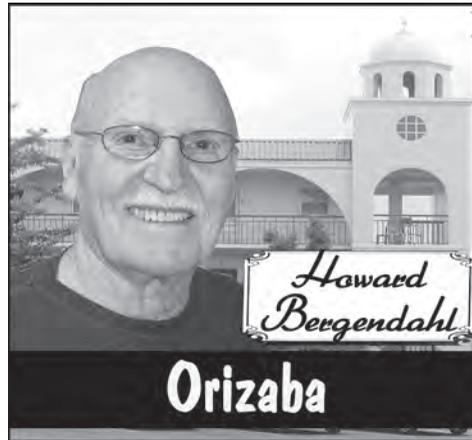
During this month it is always appropriate to remember our servicemen and to appreciate the time and dedication that they displayed for us. With this in mind let us review the background of one of our neighbors.

Edward P. Fournier is a veteran of the United States Air Force and spent a lot of time flying the areas of China, Burma, and India during World War II. A young man at the time, he sported a full head of curly hair along with his great smile (see photo at far right).

He speaks fondly of his crew position as an "engineer" aboard a B-25 bomber. Ed was also a participant in the Korean War, but still speaks mostly about the "big one."

Time spent in the confined areas of the aircraft created a special bond between the crewmembers. They have had a reunion every year for the past 69 years. This year Ed and Jackie Blair are the hosts of the 2014 reunion, and from what I hear, the town of Dunedin will never be the same!

Ed originally came from Linwood, Mass., settled in West Palm Beach and raised two children. He is also proud of his grandson.



In 2002, Ed made a big move when he moved to On Top Of the World. Fitting right in here was easy for Ed. He joined the Pennsylvania Club, the Snowbirds Club, golfed and did some fishing. He went on many trips and participated in building activities and is a regular at the monthly luncheons and the Wednesday breakfast outings.

A stroke was an unforeseen incident that has slowed Ed down a little, but he still enjoys one of his favorite pastimes, flying Cessna airplanes out of Clearwater Airpark.

Ed and his visiting relatives can frequently be seen with an instructor pilot flying them over Pinellas county. Although he no longer flies the aircraft himself, the joy of flying is still there.

Orizaba resident and Distinguished Flying Cross holder Ed Fournier proudly shows off his sergeant's stripes in this photo from the WWII era.

Ed and the ever-dependable Jackie are stalwarts of our building and can be counted upon for providing help wherever needed.

Did I mention that Edward P. Fournier was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross? A more deserving recipient I have yet to meet.



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03 Thursday	1:00 PM	Bldg. No. 56 Rural French Social	Kitchen
05 Saturday	12:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
07 Monday	6:00 PM	Bldg No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
08 Tuesday	12:00 PM	Line Dancing Party	Starlite Room
10 Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
11 Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
11 Friday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Large Card Room
12 Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
13 Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
17 Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
23 Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Party	Auditorium
23 Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bldg. No. 89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room
24 Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
26 Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Large Card Room



*Independence Day
Friday, July 4*

Daily Calendar

MONDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
7:30	Tennis (Women's)	Outdoors
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Large Card Room
8:00	Ladies Exercise	East Side Gym
8:30	Ent. Comm./Club Ticket Sales	Auditorium
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
9:00	Library	Library
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Photo IDs	East Activity Center
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:00	Men's Exercise Class	West Side Gym
11:30	Contract Bridge	Yellow Room
12:30	Mahjongg Games	Rainbow Room
1:00	Canasta	Small Classroom
1:30	Tai Chi Beginners	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Advanced	East Side Gym
5:00	Mahjongg Games	Rainbow Room
6:30	8-Ball tournament	Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Ladies Exercise	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Caring and Sharing	Crafts Room
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Photo IDs	East Activity Center
9:00	Jewelry Making	Lapidary
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
10:00	Philosophy Club Meeting	Veranda
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:30	Ballroom Dancing Class	Auditorium
11:00	Yoga Exercise	East Side Gym
12:00	Ceramics	Crafts Room
1:00	9-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room

1:00	Line Dancing	Auditorium
2:00	Chess	Rainbow Room
5:30	Dominos	Small Classroom
6:00	Mahjongg Games	Rainbow Room
6:00	Pinochle	Large Card Room
6:30	Poker Group	Poker Room
7:00	Bible Study Meeting	Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
7:30	Tennis (Women's)	Outdoors
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Large Card Room
8:00	Ladies Strength Training	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Good Neighbors	Crafts Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Photo IDs	East Activity Center
9:00	Knitting Group	Veranda
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:00	Men's Exercise Class	West Side Gym
10:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
12:00	Library	Library
1:00	Double Pinochle	Small Classroom
1:00	Painting Pals	Art Room
1:00	Mahjongg Games	Rainbow Room
1:30	Tai Chi Beginners	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Advanced	East Side Gym
5:00	Baby Boomers Game Night	Kitchen
6:30	Ladies QueT Billiards	Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Ladies Exercise	East Side Gym
8:30	Ent. Comm./Club Ticket Sales	Auditorium
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Photo IDs	East Activity Center
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room

10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
11:00	Yoga Exercise	East Side Gym
11:30	Contract	Large Card Room
1:00	Baby Boomers	Sunrise Room
1:00	Mahjongg Games	Small Classroom
1:00	Drawing Class	Art Room
2:00	Chess	Rainbow Room
5:00	Pinochle	Large Card Room
6:30	Billiards Tournament	Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
7:30	Tennis (Women's)	Outdoors
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Large Card Room
8:00	Ladies Strength Training	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Pinochle	Small Classroom
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Ceramics	Crafts Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Photo IDs	East Activity Center
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
10:00	Men's Exercise Class	West Side Gym
12:00	Library	Library
1:00	Chess	Rainbow Room
1:00	Mahjongg Game	Small Classroom
6:00	9-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room
6:30	Hand & Foot Canasta	Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:30	Line Dancing	Auditorium
8:30	Computer Club Meeting	Large Card Room
11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Large Card Room
1:30	Tai Chi Beginners	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Advanced	East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00	Pinochle	Small Classroom
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June is an active month. Right off, remembering that summer officially arrived on the 21st. My thermometer was convinced that it had arrived a few weeks earlier!

One classic event that most mature citizens can identify with was D-day. Here 70 years later we still have those among us that hit the French coast and began the job of freeing Europe of its Nazi master race. June 6 was not on our list of approved days for the Azores to fly our nation's flag, but we flew it anyway. Thanks, vets.

On June 14, Flag Day, we again showed our colors. Bob Kelly obtained a flag for us from Congressman Jolly. That flag once flew over the Capital Building in Washington, D.C. Thank you, Congressman Jolly.

One of my favorite days is Father's Day. Usually a day of cook-outs and finding a new pair of socks or tie for old Dad.

When I was a "workaholic," I spent little time with family and children. So I took the time to make special Father's Day cards for my kids. It is almost impossible to find cards for dads to send their kids, so I made mine and personalized them so they knew that I had spent time thinking of the ways I appreciated being their dad. They seemed to appreciate the effort.



At a recent 'High Tea' Carole Kilgore and Dolores Parham strut their stuff.

This month the Azores Ladies went out to the Wildflower Restaurant, I'm sure they had a wonderful time. I have been searching for a good name for the Azores Ladies; I think I will refer to them as the Azores Wildflowers in the future. Is this OK, ladies?



Shown here at the 'High Tea' are Azores Captain Katy Ford, Marie Perrello, Maggie Sayward and Nora Bill. All are looking good!

The Azores R.O.M.E.O.s (Retired Old Men Eating Out) went to their favorite place, Molly Goodheads. Great food, great service and wonderful visiting. If you haven't tried their oysters on the half-shell, you are missing some fine eating.

Marie Pirrello, our building entertainment chairperson slipped me a couple of pictures taken on the recent ladies "high tea" outing. Some of the ladies took this opportunity to display their "Derby Day" bonnets (see photos).

I need your help in solving a personal problem. I have been told

that as I grow older, I will become shorter and I think I have experienced some of this, but the problem is, if I'm getting shorter how is it that my legs are getting longer? I know this is true because my feet are harder to reach. Am I the only one experiencing this strange phenomenon?

Henry wishes to thank all those who remembered his 77th birthday (dog years) — good dog!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for upcoming activities and keep stuffing my box with news, it doesn't happen often, but it sure is nice when stuff shows up.



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Itineraries included N.Y. & Bora Bora

Noreen and John O'Shea took a two-week vacation to New York. Their daughter and her family live in Briar Cliff in Westchester County and their grandson was graduating from high school. He is a singer and a dancer and appeared in the "Mary Poppins" school play.

The talented young man won two scholarships and will attend Oneonta College in New York. He will continue to follow his dream of performing in the theater.

Donna and Phil Smerz's latest vacation was to Bora Bora in Tahiti. They enjoyed themselves, but it wasn't one of their favorite trips. The food was extremely expensive. Turns out that Denny's had the best deal in town there!

Shortly after they returned, their youngest granddaughter took part in a graduation celebration. She moved up from pre-school into kindergarten. Time has wings!

We have had quite a few new people moving into our building. If you want to introduce yourselves to your neighbors, please contact me.

There is a mailbox in the core on the first floor next to the elevator. Anyone who wants to share some information is welcome to place their news in the mailbox.

"Till We Meet Again"

Hurricane preparedness is emphasized

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Welcome to hurricane season. Are you prepared?

It is really important to have on hand necessary items if a hurricane or tropical storm is impending. Make sure you have flashlights and fresh batteries.

Also have portable lights which are safer than using candles. Have a portable radio that works so you can hear the news about the weather conditions if you lose the lights. Many of the stores sell fans that run on battery and electric. It is good to have one on hand. You can find inexpensive ones for about \$20.

Stock up on bottled water, canned goods, instant coffee and non-dairy creamers. I have a great suggestion to heat up soup or hot water.

Stores sell fondue pots, with which you use sterno cans under the pot. You must use the sterno safely and keep it



Rila Renaissance

away from clothes, paper, etc. Make sure you have a safety lighter on hand. I always freeze extra ice blocks for coolers. They last about two days.

The stores also sell portable hand-cranked chargers for the cell phones. This is a great device.

I start saving large jugs and fill with water to flush the toilets and to boil water in the fondue pots.

Since we might not be able to wash dishes, use paper products and throw-away silverware. I hope these hints will be helpful to many of our residents.

Please help any of our neighbors who are ill or homebound. Ask if they need any supplies from the store. During the summer heat, if you don't see them for a while, call and see if they are OK. They will appreciate it.

If you will be away for a long time on vacation, make sure you tell a neighbor and leave a key with them in case of an emergency or leak in your apartment. Please tell the folks at the Community Service Office the neighbor's name and phone number of your emergency contact.

We hope all our neighbors and their families have a great July 4th celebration. Try to watch the fireworks in person or on TV. They are so magnificent and colorful.

Reporter tackles clutter situation head on

Do you have a lot of clutter in your condo? I've been here at On Top of the World for 20 years (and 35 years in Florida before that). Therefore, I decided I had to get rid of a lot of papers to save my children much work when I'm no longer around.

Wow, have I ever found some things I forgot I had! First, I found some "early OTOW newspaper statistics," which I promptly turned over to Doug Kates, our present editor.

Then, so many pictures, which I divided up between each of my offspring. Many love letters (not from any men, but from my children when they were small). Where did all these things come from?

From now on I will not keep so much, but designate it all. Wish me luck!

Congratulations to Agnes and Leo Helm, whose daughter Jennifer has



Modernage

given birth to twins, a boy and a girl. What a blessing for all involved!

Recently about 20 of our residents ate at the Lucky Dill Deli. It was a good time to surprise a very special active lady, Evelyn Johnston. She was presented with a beautiful cake to celebrate her 94th birthday (see photo at top right). She and her husband bought their condo 40 years ago in 1974. They



Long-time OTOW resident Evelyn Johnston celebrates her surprise 94th birthday celebration with Modernage residents at the Lucky Dill. (Photo by Barbara Mooney)

started living there full time in 1977. She's still living there in the same condo. I hope she doesn't have so much clutter as I do! ...

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East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

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Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
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Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
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- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

She remembers when only groves were here

If you think about it, are there coincidences in your life that seem to have been orchestrated by a higher power? Are there people, places or events that have connected you to something familiar, something “meant to be?” A new resident of our building, Sally Morgan, who moved into our building in May (from the Malagueña Building), has such a story to tell.

Sally grew up in Clearwater, and then, wanting to experience a little bit of the northern climate (yes, snow!), she went to Centre College (and also worked for a number of years) in Kentucky. She then married and moved back to Florida, settling first in the Panhandle, and then returning to Clearwater.

Seven years ago, having been widowed, Sally met a wonderful man, her late husband, Charles (Chuck) Morgan. Chuck, as it turned out, knew Sally’s sister-in-law, who confirmed that



he was a fine gentleman. And then Sally learned that he lived at On Top of the World in the Malagueña Building!

This was very serendipitous because Sally grew up spending much time right here in the orange groves that were previously on the west side of OTOW, visiting her uncle, John U. Bird, a circuit judge here in Pinellas County.

Sally and Chuck were married and came to live on these grounds where she had memories of running and playing in her uncle’s large older home that sat on the slight hill overlooking our lake. She also recalls the sweet fragrance of the oranges and the annual summer “oyster bakes” at which her uncle hosted other lawyers from the region.

Now after many years, Sally found companionship and comfort in returning to a place which held such dear memories for her. Sally believes that something special led her to her husband and back to this wonderful place!

Some other things about Sally: She has two daughters, three grandchildren, and a dog, Stevie, who lives with her and was rescued from Superstorm Sandy.

When you meet Sally, be sure to ask her about the lovely home and orange groves which sat on the land where we all now live!



Building prepares for July 4th festivities

Summer has arrived. July is coming quickly. We can’t seem to catch up. I’m looking forward to excitement and fireworks. Wahoo!

I know our building and many others will be having picnics and luncheons for fellowship, fun and food.

The beaches are calling, so don’t forget your sunscreen and lotion as we’ve been reminded. Hats are a good idea, too.

We here in Royal Dutch are glad to welcome back Linda Singelton and a new resident, Neil Leiberman.

Our animal lovers meet several times a day. The dogs enjoy it, especially the treats they get.

Remember to celebrate our special day, July 4th, Independence Day. How grateful we are for our independence and the freedoms we enjoy.

Our resident caregiver Gwen is always busy helping someone to the store or doctor, etc. Thanks, Gwen!

Traveling for the wanderlust is apparent as our parking lot is bare.

I plan a trip to Tulsa, Okla., later this summer to visit my children and four great-grandchildren, also for a retirement of some friends.

God bless, have a great 4th!

Couple of Maes make the news this month

Congratulations are in order for Mae Amos’ great-granddaughter, who attends a middle school right here in Clearwater. She, along with her school math team, came in first place in a Pinellas County competition. She also came in first place with her cheering team in competitions with teams from Georgia, twice!

She is one of six great-grandchildren for Mae, who recently enjoyed a weekend visit with twin great-grands, a boy and girl, born in October. The newest addition is a little boy, born in January. Mae says she has been very blessed with her still growing family. Such wonderful news for Mae and her family!

Another Mae, Mae Gennuso is thrilled to announce that she has also just been blessed with another great-grandchild. This little girl weighed four pounds and is great-grandchild number 13 for Mae, who is expecting her fourteenth around the middle of July! Congratulations!



Our Columbia Drive residents found temporary home for our cars at the beginning of June while our parking lot was resurfaced. It was a minor inconvenience for two days while the new asphalt cured and the lines were painted. It looks so nice now and we’re happy with the clean and smooth new surface. Thanks to the residents in our neighboring buildings for sharing visitor spots with us.

Kathy Schemel recently returned

from a trip to Ohio where she attended the 50th reunion of her nursing school class. Out of an original class of about 65 students at St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Dayton, 35 alumni were able to join in the festivities.

They enjoyed a banquet dinner at a local hall and then had an informal barbeque at the club house at a condominium complex where one of the former students resides.

Kathy worked with a few of the nurses in the years after graduation, but remarked that it was interesting that after not having seen some of these people in over 50 years, she was able to recognize so many right away, even remembering their voices. Having lived in the same dorm for three years with such a small group, you do get to know people very well.

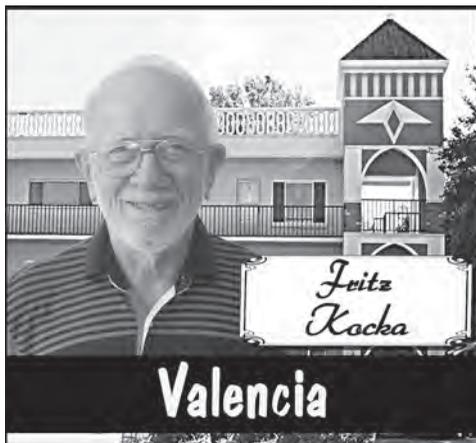
Now retired, Kathy really liked her working with children as a pediatric nurse early in her career, and later on returned to school for her degree and became a geriatric nurse practitioner.

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- As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.
- Remember to make a complete stop when you come to any stop sign within the OTOW community. The other cars and pedestrians around you are depending on it, even though you may not see them. A “rolling stop” places you and others at risk of an accident. Stop, look both ways, and look in front of you. Thanks for being a cautious and safe driver!

A Note For Dog Walkers

- When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains.
- This is against the law.
- Be sure to always clean up while walking your dog.



Valencia

Park picnic, Flag Day highlight June events

Our Philippi Park picnic was enjoyed by all. After our KFC box lunch, cake and watermelon, the games began.

The bean bag toss was followed by our putting expertise. It all ended with bingo games. The winners of the games will not be published due to the values on the scratch-off tickets. (What is given to Valencia stays in Valencia...)

The ladies went to Lucky Dill Deli for lunch on June 12. They were well satisfied. I am sure a slice of pie was on their tables.

Valencia Building residents gathered outside the core for the raising of our flags on June 14, Flag Day. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we all went to Perkins on Curlew Road for breakfast, hosted by Joe and Sona.

Mark your calendar for July 21. On that day is an early evening dinner (4 p.m.) at Bon Appétit in Dunedin. This is being planned by Hal and Donna.

To all fathers out there: Think about all that has been accomplished by your children in spite of an occasional piece of bad advice you relayed to them!

Mama sez: Never trust a woman that doesn't trust her man.

A little verse sets the mood for the Fourth

*FOURTH OF JULY
Day of glory! Welcome day!
Freedom's banners greet the ray,
See, how cheerfully they play
With the morning breeze.*

May the day be special to you, whatever you do. It is the last holiday until Labor Day, so enjoy. I always look forward to the television celebration on the lawn from Washington, D. C.

The June dinner at New Frenchy's Outpost was fun, but with the Snowbirds gone and people traveling, only 11 of us were in attendance. Hope to see more of you out in July. Although our event planner is in Ohio at this time, so I don't know when or where it will be.

Liz Thompson went to New Hampshire and New York recently to attend her daughter's wedding. Incidentally, Liz's granddaughter's baby is due in July. She is excited that she will be a great-grandmother. We are anxious to hear about the new baby.

We wish a Happy Birthday to Susan Salmieri. We'd love to wish



Melbourne

anyone a happy birthday if we knew what day it was.

Along with the travelers, there are those who come back. We welcome Alice and Walter Chin back. And we are glad to see Sunny and Susan Hunt back with us.

I flew up to Charleston, S. C., for a long Memorial Day celebration. My son-in-law and his wife bought a condo on John's Island, and I was anxious to see it and them.

In addition, my granddaughter and

her husband were there from Oakdale, Conn., to see the condo. So it was a fun, family reunion time. I had never spent time in the area so we did lots of sightseeing. I even got to ride in a horse-drawn carriage for a historic tour of old Charleston.

We spent Memorial Day on the Atlantic shore watching the waves, the surfers and the children.

Since the duplex backs up to a salt marsh, we spent a lot of time bird watching. They have a blue bird house, four feeding stations, suet blocks and hummingbird feeders. I saw birds I had never encountered before. It was a joy to just sit on the lanai and watch all the activity.

Not planning another trip until later this year, when I hope to go to Michigan for my 70th high school reunion.

By the time you read this, half of 2014 will be gone. Enjoy each day. Get all your news to me so we can experience your joys with you.

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Sandy Sanborn, center front, poses with members of her family who visited her on Mother's Day. They came from New York, North Carolina and the local area.

Unexpected visitors lead to special Mother's Day

I'm new, so my first article was about me and my family. Therefore, the story below is a little late, but I think it deserves to be shared.

For Sandy Sanborn, May started out like any other month. Then she got some very special gifts for Mother's Day. She was already expecting her two sons from New York to come for a visit on May 7.

She was having a great time with her guys when she got a wonderful surprise. Her son and his wife from Brooksville, and her son from North Carolina showed up on the same day.

They spent their time going out for nice dinners and going on walks. They went to the beach and the pool, and the kids played tennis.

They also made a very nice desk area for Sandy to do all the paperwork she does in her roles as treasurer and general manager of the Snowbirds Club.

Her kids gave her the nicest Mother's Day she could ever have — a family reunion. She says that it's not often that she gets to see all of her children even in one month, so having all of her family with her for Mother's Day was wonderful. See photo at top for a look at Sandy and some of her Mother's Day visitors.



I love being the Viking reporter. One of our residents, Hart Kraimer, visited Germany, Switzerland, and Austria recently. He got home too late in June for me to say much about his trip, so hopefully more will follow next month.

June gives Walter and Carol Kellogg more than a little to celebrate every year. Nineteen members of their family have birthdays or anniversaries in June. They include their son and daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. They range in age from 3 to 49.

This year they had a party at Eagle Lake on June 14. Approximately 50 members of the family spent time together celebrating the love they all share.

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