

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS



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## OTOW collector gets first-hand experience on very ground where stamps were inspired



### Stamp Collectors

When most people take a vacation, they intend to bring home memories from their trip.

Items such as seashells, T shirts, postcards and Mickey Mouse ears would be considered very common souvenirs.

But when On Top of the World residents, Jim and Barb Sundberg, took a recent trip to six different countries, there wasn't a single seashell that came home with them.

Instead, Jim arrived back home with a sense of excitement. You see, he is in charge of the OTOW Stamp Collectors group, and on this vacation, he not only saw cherished, foreign stamps, but stood on the land that made those stamps historical.

"A stamp - to a non-collector - is just a stamp," Jim said. "But to a collector, it is a passion.

"The stamps I saw were the same stamps I have collected, but it was the local memorabilia and local history I have never experienced before."

The Sundberg's trip included stops in Europe, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland and Austria.

But despite visiting all the beautiful castles, cathedrals, great towns and restaurants, Jim managed to find time to hunt for stamps.

During a stop in Austria, arrangements were made for Jim and Barb to meet with a local stamp club, which had collections upon collections of



Jim Sundberg (sitting) meets with stamp collectors from Austria.

old memorabilia, including emotional memories from World War I and II.

Despite being American, Jim felt like a special guest as he sat at a table. Collector after collector sat down with him to show off their history collections.

Stamps were just a part of the show. The collectors shared old letters describing war time conditions, plus postcards and photographs.

Memorabilia was primarily from the late-1930s through 1950. Many of the collectors were just children at the time of war, but by surviving, they were able to preserve life-experiences from two violent periods in our world's history.

"We met three women and 15 men from this collectors club," Barb said.

"I was in awe of their dedication to stamp collecting from their particular area."

Through interpreters, Jim was able to converse with many of the collectors as he viewed their binders or albums. The town they were in was previously home to a factory which built German Messerschmitt military aircraft. Because of that factory, the land was heavily bombed by U.S. planes years ago.

"I was told by the club president that these binders of war history were never to be displayed outside of their club because of all the death and destruction," Jim said. "They thought it was too disturbing and controversial."

You don't have to be a stamp collector to know stamps have historically

reflected history. In the short time Jim was given, there was so much to see and take in.

Time eventually did run out, but not before club members exchanged stamps with each other and swapped email addresses.

Somewhere in Germany and Austria, there is probably a beach, an amusement park or a winery the Sundbergs didn't get to on this trip. But Jim admits, he is already eager to return just to see more of what people saved to preserve a time in history.

Think this article was interesting?

Wait until Jim shares his experience in person during a future OTOW Stamp Collectors meeting. Keep your eyes on this newspaper for dates this winter.

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## Recreation ID Cards

Most Recreation Cards expire Wednesday, July 1, 2015, and will need to be renewed at the Community Service Office beginning July 1, 2015, and no later than July 15, 2015.

We will be holding an evening recreation card renewal event on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, from 4-7 p.m. The Community Service Office will be open for this event, but will only be renewing recreation cards. No other business will be conducted, so if you require assistance other than card renewal, please visit the CSO during normal business hours.

Please be aware that any card not renewed will be invalid until punched.

To use the SCA facilities, all cards must be valid and presented upon request. Additionally, all club members need to have valid, updated, recreation cards to be members of, or participate in, club activities. This includes club board members.

## WAC Spa Renovation

The West Activity Center spa will be undergoing renovations starting on July 27.

We will be resurfacing the spa, installing pavers and replacing the door.



Watch for notices to be posted at each Activity Center and please pardon our dust during these exciting upgrades.

Additionally, as a reminder, the spa will be closed during renovations, but we will work diligently to complete the project as timely as possible.

## SCA Bus

Beginning Wednesday, July 1, the bus schedule will be changed as follows: Aldi's Supermarket will be moved from Wednesday mornings to Wednesday afternoons.

## AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will

be held in the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 44 of this On Top of the World Newspaper.

## F.L.O.W Bus

The next Florida Licensing On Wheels bus is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center north parking lot.

## Good Karma Café

If you are interested in preordering off the Good Karma Café menu, or your club needs catering, the Good Karma Café can help.

For more details stop in at the café and see Amy or Destany. A list of menu items and reservation forms are available in the café or on the OTOW Box Office. See page 10 for details.

## Pools and Spa

While the SCA staff works diligently to maintain clean facilities, your assistance is also important.

Please remember to utilize the showers prior to using the pools or spa. Suntan lotions, creams, sun-

screens, and other topical lotions and sprays, can upset the chemical balance in the pools and spa and cause the filtration systems and chemicals to work harder to maintain the water.

## Reminders

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool.

As a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities.

Observe all rules when visiting the recreational facilities and keep all food, drinks and outside pool furniture away from the pool area. If such items are brought into the pool area, you will be asked to remove them immediately. Water is allowed in plastic bottles only.

As always, I would also like to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office.

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# A positive outlook for fiscal year

## General Meeting

The General Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was held at 10 a.m. on June 10, 2015, at 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E.

It was refreshing to see so large a turnout.

The meeting was lively (mostly) and we received possibly the largest number of written questions. The meeting ran two and a half hours with a short seven minute break.

Leslee Colen gave a report on the status of recreation improvements and construction. Quite a bit happened in a relatively short time:

- Inspection and Enforcement Services have been ongoing; OTOWClearwaterinfo.com.

- Competitive pricing on paving allowed for resurfacing of 30 parking lots and six roadway sections;

- Roofing projects included four complete reroofs and two mansard replacements;

- Replaced railings on six buildings;

- Completed three elevator upgrades, eight cab improvements, and one fire-related rehab;

- Completion of the replacement of potable water service lines from Columbia Drive south, affecting approximately 336 condos;

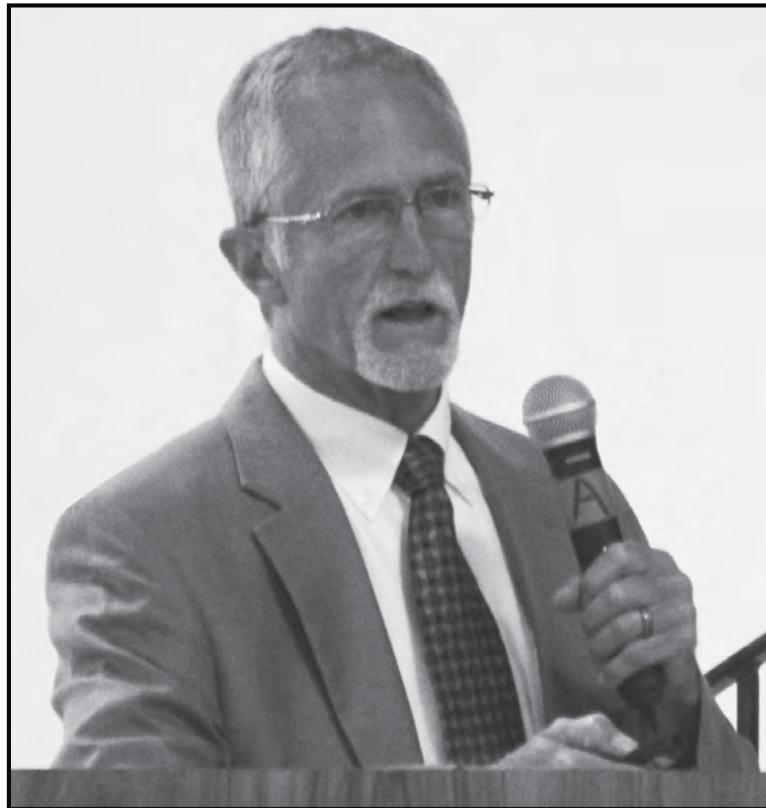
- Landscape alterations, 89 tree removal and replacements.

- Addition of a Post Office into the Community Service Office.

## Outdoor Picnic Pavilions

The most frequently asked question was “will we have a picnic pavilion?”

When the chairman asked how many people play shuffleboard, only three hands could be seen in a roomful of residents estimated to be 275. Possibly adding an outdoor pavilion has certainly become a topic of discussion for your Board. The current thinking is that the shuffleboard courts are under-utilized. The thinking is that removing those courts and transitioning all or a por-



On Top of the World Chairman Ken Colen speaks at the General Meeting in June.

tion of the area to several 30' x 60' pavilions with cookout areas would be a far better use of that recreational element.

One of the attractive features is the close proximity to parking as well as horseshoes. What's a cookout without horseshoes anyway!

Stay tuned for updates.

## Washers and Dryers

Another topic of the meeting dealt with improperly installed washer and dryers.

To recap, this topic affects all condos built prior to 1986, as well as all condos on the east side of Belcher Road.

Improperly installed washer/dryer units represent a significant hazard for both direct water damage and fire due to improper electrical connections into the main apartment panel that may easily cause an overload.

This risk is such a great concern, that the Association instituted an inspection requirement on all condos that are resold, regardless of when the condo was acquired, or who installed a washer/dryer.

This requirement applies regardless of what agency the seller chooses to list with.

Further, it is incumbent upon the owner to list the

washer/dryer as a material defect in the home, unless the matter was previously corrected by a licensed electrician, plumber, or appliance specialist. Proof of the correction must be provided to the Association before approval for the sale to close is granted.

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.

## Meeting Met Quorum

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 quorum of voting interests.

So, every vote counted regardless of how you voted!

By a majority vote of ballots and proxies, residents once again affirmed the choice 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 component nears the end of the estimated useful life, it is inspected to determine if replacement needs to be accelerated or if there is still serviceable life left. If this latter is the case, then the target period can be extended for a determined period.

There is no good reason to incur expense if a roof or a parking lot is still serviceable for an additional term. If it is determined that the component continues to be serviceable, the frequency of inspections are increased.

At the point, that it is determined the component is ready for replacement that item is then included in the next budget cycle.

## Property Insurance

Guy Woolbright provided 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 remain flat over last year.

The event deductible continues the same as in the prior year's policy: \$10,000 per non-wind storm occurrence, however, the wind storm deductible continues at 3 percent of the stated value subject to \$250,000 minimum for a named wind storm.

The Association property 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 “HO-6” policy for their unit and belongings. In the case of a destroyed unit 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.

## Wind Mitigation

Your Association continues to receive numerous requests for Wind Mitigation Certificates.

This is a document that states whether or not certain components of a structure comply with the 2001 Standard Building Code.

Because of the volume of requests, a form for each and every building address has been posted on [www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com](http://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 of the buildings with roof replacements in 2012 to 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>

## News by Email

If you haven't already done so, go to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and sign up to receive community, news-related emails that are regularly updated and are a hub of communication for residents.

## Power transformers getting replaced

# Projects, repairs and inspections continue this summer

### Community Update

**Painting/Waterproofing:** The rear of Building 91 and Building 2 are scheduled for new waterproof coatings in July.

Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

### Railing Improvement Projects

The next round of improvements are currently in the vendor bidding phase and updates regarding the schedule should be available by the time the September volume of the newspaper goes to print.

As with other projects, a licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

### Construction, Roofing and Large-Scope Projects

Duke Energy has been communicating with the management company regarding numerous power transformers that are scheduled for upgrades before the end of the year.

The exact count is still undetermined as of this writing, but the replacements may affect up to 18 buildings within the community.

These upgrades will require the temporary disconnection of power feeds to buildings, resulting in power outages of up to eight hours.

The majority of these outages will begin at 8 a.m. and Duke assures us that their crews will do everything to limit the amount of time residents are affected.

Please keep an eye on your building's bulletin boards as updates are relayed to the community.

### Water Service Lines

There have been some slight delays to the potable water service line improvements, however the project should be back on schedule in July.

Residents at Buildings 16, 17 and 18A will see crews operating in their areas. Brief water service outages will occur as each building is tied into the new water supply feed. These outages average 5-6 hours, so please plan accordingly.

Bulletins will be posted in advance



of the changeover advising of dates and times. Orange safety fencing will be erected around work zones as a safety measure. We ask that residents avoid these areas and not venture into them until the work has been completed.

### Walkway Repairs

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to second and third floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

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

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

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

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

### Painting

The patching and painting of all building common areas, due to unapproved wall penetrations, is continuing across property.

A large majority of this work is

being performed in advance of contracted painting crews.

Notices regarding this necessary work are being posted in the affected buildings in advance of the work. All in all, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, but the management company is asking for all residents' cooperation in not drilling into or attaching any unapproved fastener to the structure in the future without modification approval by the On Top of the World Association.

If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

### Storage Rooms

Compliance inspections of storage rooms are continuing across property.

Many times new items are randomly placed in other residents allotted space, or the items are of a nature that they are not permissible for storage. To assist in keeping these areas compliant and orderly, the Inspection Services Division of the management company started performing preliminary storage room inspections and tagging non-compliant items.

Residents who would like to request an inspection, or have general storage room questions, should visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. A representative will be glad to contact them regarding the matter.

### Plants

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters, which service the individual units, is also ongoing.

The management company is asking all residents to comply and not replant these areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

### Keeping Walkways Clear

A recent inspection by the Clearwater Fire Marshall's office confirmed

the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community.

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

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

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

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

### Awnings

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.

### Holiday Wishes

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

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# Under-age residents restricted in this community

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank every resident in attendance at the General Meeting.

During the General Meeting of the On Top of the World Condominium Community, held on June 10, 2015, I reviewed community compliance matters with particular emphasis on underage tenants.

The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as housing for older persons who are 55 years of age or older. This designation is in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act.

The condominium declaration also provides for age restrictions in the community and it does not permit minors under the age of 17 to reside in the On Top of the World Community.

The restrictions do provide that one minor, 17 or older, may reside with a resident who is at least 55 years of age or older.

From time to time I receive correspondence stating that a child/children, or underage persons, are residing in a building. Unfortunately, the correspondence does not include the unit number or address of the unit in violation of the age restriction. The



unit number must be provided in your correspondence in order for the Association to proceed with enforcement actions. This information is especially helpful during the summer months when it is difficult to ascertain who is a resident and who is temporarily visiting their parents or grandparents.

If you are aware of a unit owner in violation of the age restrictions, please forward the building number and unit number to the Association for follow-up.

#### Scams Targeted At Seniors

The slow recovery of our economy has provided an environment rich in crimes such as identity theft, lot-

tery scams, credit card fraud and wire transfer scams.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than 25 million adults were scammed in 2011 with the elderly being the highest percentage of those targeted.

Those persons over 65 and living alone are the most vulnerable.

Typically, scammers try to convince you to purchase devices such as water filters and softeners claiming or recommending unnecessary home repair work. Scammers may also try distraction techniques, which include entering your home for a stated purpose and stealing items while you are distracted.

The most popular type of scams includes telemarketers calling you and stating you have won a lottery. They will then ask you to send them a fee so they can process your winnings.

Please understand if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Internet scams such as "spear phishing" are a growing concern. This type of scam involves a "spoof" of a well know site, like a major bank. The message purports to inform you of a problem with your account. If

you receive such message, DO NOT OPEN ANY ATTACHMENT OR RESPOND.

If you are uncertain, call your bank and report the activity. Then mark the offending message as "junk," notify your ISP provider and delete the message.

Don't be a victim. It's shrewd, not rude, to hang up on a suspicious telemarketer.

You should never agree to pay for services or products in advance over the phone. Don't give your personal information to anyone you don't know unless you have made the initial contact and you have check references on their business or services. Do not allow yourself to feel pressured into signing a contract.

As a reminder, do not answer your door to strangers.

Don't be afraid to ask for identification and record the information.

If you see persons soliciting in your building and/or the community, please call the Association's emergency phone number (727) 799-1115. On call personnel will be dispatched to make sure the solicitors leave the community.

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*OTOW News columnist Gerald Colen talks with residents*

# Residents learn the basics of Wills and Trusts

By Doug Kates

Every month in the On Top of the World newspaper, you have a chance to read a legal column written by local attorney Gerald R. Colen.

In June, however, residents had two options. Not only could they read Gerald's column in the monthly newspaper, but they also had a chance to listen to him speak in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

More than 70 people took advantage of this new opportunity. They did not have any sign-in requirements and it was clear there would be no obligation for follow-ups.

Gerald spoke about Wills, Trusts and Probate, three major issues residents often ask questions about when they are planning retirement or are early in retirement.

Among the group attending this lecture, many wanted to know what would happen if they left their condo to their children and there was a mortgage on it. Would their children have to pay it off? Gerald said "no," unless they wanted to keep the condo.

Some residents wanted to know if it was required to have a Will or Trust. Gerald said, "no," but added, he didn't know why an individual would not want to have a Will or Trust.

Some residents wanted to know if it was good enough just to have beneficiaries tied into financial accounts. Again, Gerald said "no" and went into more details.

These were all good questions and there were more.



Gerald R. Colen spoke to 70 residents at a June seminar.

Right from the beginning, Gerald made it perfectly clear that he was a guest speaker, and all he intended to do was talk about what he believed in and what he felt were the best options available for consideration.

"I don't have enough information about anyone's specific estate planning needs or goals," he said.

No part of the lecture was meant to provide legal advice.

He said, legal guidance should only take place between a client and their own lawyer.

Gerald emphasized, that in his opinion, everyone should have at least a Will. But in his professional opinion, "a resident of any state should have a Will, durable power of attorney and advance directive drawn up by an attorney, who practices law in the state someone resides."

Gerald added, in his opinion, Wills

give an individual the most freedom to make sure assets go to specific, desired persons. Other attorneys may see things differently.

When it comes to Trusts, Gerald compared how a Trust works (to avoid probate) with what happens when the president of a corporation dies. The corporation does not go out of business, but the individual next in line to the president takes over. The company doesn't just close and cease operation. There is a system in place to keep it running.

In a Trust, an individual names another person to be responsible for distributing their assets. In Florida, this person must be over 18 years of age, must have no felony convictions and must be a resident of this state.

If a person chooses to have assets distributed through a Trust by a successor trustee, Gerald said this is

a matter that needs personal one-on-one guidance from an attorney. Every family is different, therefore, the distribution process can be different, too, he said.

In a Will, a personal representative also must be a Florida resident over 18 years of age who is not a convicted felon.

The only non-Florida resident who can qualify as a personal representative are blood relatives to the person making the will.

Some banks can qualify in a Trust, but they have to be authorized to conduct business in Florida. A successor trustee can be someone from another state. This is substantially different from the ability to qualify as a personal representative of a Will.

Gerald did not recommend naming a friend as a trustee successor because the friend could be placed into an awkward, undesired situation, such as put in the middle of a family squabble.

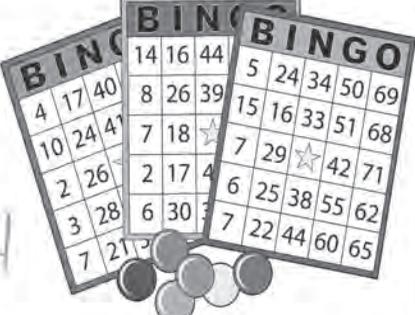
"No two people will have the same situations," Gerald said. "Someone else's needs will be different than your needs."

Gerald's lecture covered a lot more than just the information presented here. For more details or for more answers, he recommends individuals contact their own personal Florida attorney.

Gerald hopes that in the future he may be able to give additional lectures.

His regular column returns next month.

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Thank you

# Jack Benny's valet - the guy with the voice

Eddie "Rochester" Anderson had the most recognizable voice in show business.

You only had to hear his voice to know who he was.

Born in Oakland, Calif, Eddie's father was in vaudeville and his mother was a tightrope walker until her career was ended by a serious fall.

When Eddie was 12 years old, he had a paper route and seriously damaged his voice, hawking newspapers, leaving him with a raspy, gravel-like voice that ultimately made him famous.

Eddie began his most famous role



**Walter  
Balderson**

## Inside Showbiz

of Rochester as the valet and butler to Jack Benny.

His first appearance on the Jack Benny Radio Show was in 1927 and he continued that role when the Benny Show went to television. The show fi-

nally ended in 1965.

After he got the role on the Benny Show, Eddie moved to Los Angeles, and in a short period of time, he was elected as the "Honorary Mayor of Central Avenue."

His popularity continued high all through his career. Among the characters on the show, Dennis Day, Mary Livingston and Phil Harris, "Rochester" always got a huge applause when announced, second only to Jack.

Eddie was married and had four children. His son, Billy, once played professional football with the Chicago Bears, and was a class hurler. He

just missed making the 1948 and 1952 Olympic teams.

Eddie was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 2001.

"Rochester" was cast in a co-starring role with Alice Faye and John Payne in the 1974 stage revival of "Good News" on Broadway but was too frail and was replaced by Stubby Kaye.

At the time of his death, he was survived by two sons and two daughters. His wife had passed away earlier after a long bout with cancer.

## 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.

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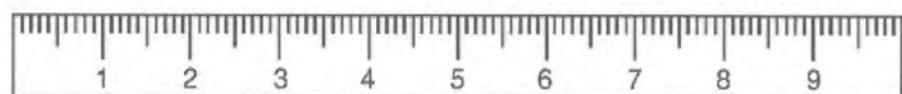
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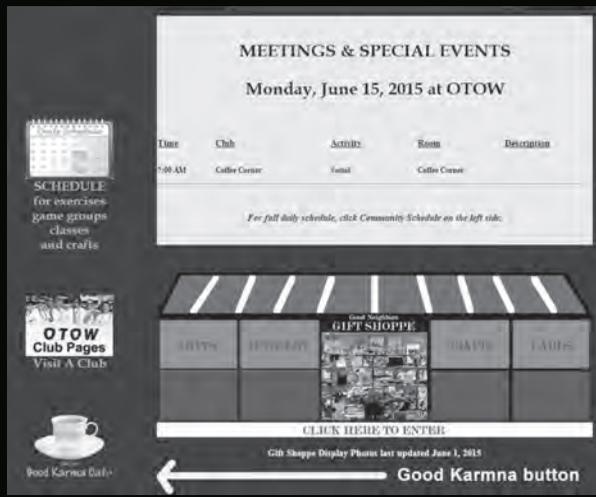
# Good Karma Café now has its own Web page

1.

Go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com)  
 Click the link for the **Box Office**.  
 If you have not already done so,  
 bookmark or save under favorites.

2.

Once you have entered the **Box Office Website**, click the coffee cup (pictured at right) and you will be sent to the **Karma Café Web page**.



3.

Once you are at the **Good Karma Café Web page**, click the photo in the center of the page and you will be sent to the **Gossip page**, full of news, specials, prices and a chance to leave comments.



Can't remember what products are at the Good Karma Café?  
 Are you curious if there are any specials taking place or what product names are currently stocked?  
 Or would you like to see a list of prices?  
 Well, you can now find answers to all these questions by visiting the On Top of the World Box Office Website.

Once you enter the Box Office (see Web address below), click the coffee cup link button to the new Good Karma Café Webpage called "Karma Gossip."  
 The first thing you will see is a full page of current brand names filling our shelves. The second thing you will see is an invitation to come in and browse. Click the picture of the café and it will take you inside.

The Karma Gossip page will help you realize what products are currently for sale, including new products, take home dinners, frozen dinners, sandwiches, salads, snack, fruit, ice cream, beverages and more.

Another section takes you to all the coffee products offered, and yet a third section takes you to a catering page.

You see, if your building, club or group would like to have food or snacks available at your next meeting, you can contact the Karma Café, pay cash up front, and your requests will be ordered and delivered for that meeting.

For single or group orders, keep in mind, once your order is placed, orders cannot be changed or refunded. When you place an order, it will come in the next Good Karma order. Our chefs like to find the freshest available products and then they will call you.

You can also pre-order products for yourself - you don't have to be a member of a club or group.

The Karma Gossip page contains a complete list of products and prices available. The same list is also available at the café if you don't want to read it online.

What else will you find at this new Website?

Well, you can also send the staff a little note and tell them how much you enjoy having a community café. You can thank them for now accepting cash, or putting your purchase on a debit or credit card. You can also make positive suggestions or request a specific product.

Sound exciting?

OK, so your next question is, how do I get to this Webpage.

The Box Office is conveniently located at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com). Once there, you will have three choices: (1) Visit the OTOW Ocala newspaper (2) Visit the OTOW Clearwater newspaper or (3) Visit the OTOW Box Office for Clearwater. Select the third choice.

Once you have officially reached the Box Office, save the site, bookmark it or save it among your favorites. There is a lot to browse on the Box Office, including a Webpage for each club, group or sports team at OTOW.

You will "Enter" the Box Office and on the home page, along the left margin, you will see a button for the café. Click and begin browsing.

Check back every once in a while just to see what's new.

type [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com)

click **"Box Office"**

click **"Enter"**

click **Coffee Cup**

# Reporter positions open in 45 buildings

By Doug Kates

In past months, it has been a little confusing trying to determine which On Top of the World buildings have reporters and which ones do not have reporters.

Sometimes, when a reporter stops writing or moves out of the community, the newsroom is not informed a new reporter is needed.

At a Press Association meeting earlier this year, the board adopted a policy to help determine which buildings currently have openings for reporters. The policy also defines when a position is officially open.

The new policy states, if no story has been published in OTOW News, for a specific building, during a 12-month period of time, the reporter position for that building is officially vacant.

The open reporter position may be filled by the board of an actual building or by editorial staff of the newspaper.

With this in mind, current records show 46 different buildings were represented in this newspaper over the past year. Building reporters for those 46 buildings will not be considered vacant at this time, however, current reporters may still step down, or new reporters can be brought in by residents of that building.

Here are the 46 buildings currently with reporters: Austrian Alpine (11), Azores (50), Bavarian Chalet (25), Bohemia (47), Brahman (74), Britany Farmhouse (54), Capistrano (82), Chetnik (61), Cordoba (73), Dorado (83), Emerald Isle (58) and Englander (78).

Also, English Tudor (7), Espana



(85), Flamenco (79), Fujiwara (30), Granada (40), Grecian Classic (6), Hawaiian Towers (34), Lock Lomond (49), Malaguena (84), Mallorca (39), Mandalay (57), Mandarin (75), Melbourne (37), Modernage (28), Nagoya (53) and New World French (1).

Also, Orizaba (80), Paradise Reserve (Includes 5 buildings), Rila Renaissance (41), Roman Byzantine (22), Royal Chateau (76), Royale Dutch (60), Rural French (56), Saratoga (55), Siboney (89), Swiss Alps Chalet (12), Valencia (72), Vienesse Villa (29), Viking (88) and Yoshimitsu (46).

There are currently 45 buildings officially without reporters. They are:

Danish Modern (2), Chalet (3), American Colonial (4), Old World Spanish (5), Alsace Lorraine (8), Polynesian (9), Mid East Moorish (10), Rancho Del Mundo (14), Chinese Cathay (15), Corinthian Kapal (16).

Also, Southern Georgian (17), Rizel (18), The Gables (18A), Azteca (19), Punjab (21), Swedish Traditional (23), Americana (24), English Gothic (26), Ottoman (27), Contemporary

A new policy, adopted by the Press Association board earlier this year, defines whether a building has a reporter or if the position is vacant.

(31).

Also, Villa Riviera (32), Aruba (33), Baghdad (36), Monaco (38), Victorian (42), American Gothic (43), French Renaissance I (44), French Renaissance II (45), Mediterranean (48), Avila I (51), Avila II (52).

Also, Moor (59), Williamsburg (63), Avalon (64), Curacao (65), American Swiss (66), Brisbane (67), Bedford (68), Hemingway (69), Key West (70), Casa Verde (71), Southern Colonial (77), South Seas (86), Delhi (87), Queen Victoria (90).

If your building is in the "vacant" reporter column, but you do have a reporter for the future, please contact the newsroom.

If you would like to write for your building, please contact your building coordinator or the newsroom.

Positions will officially remain "vacant" until that first story is published.

There are no requirements for number of stories which have to be written by a building reporter. The Press Association is asking for a minimum of three a year, but this is not

mandatory.

Stories can be about residents in your buildings or special building functions. We do not write editorial stories, bad news or gossip. Stories must be preread by the person you are writing about and must follow OTOW News writing guidelines. Stories may not be more than 300 words during the winter or 400 words in the summer.

There is an online tutorial to help new reporters get started and there is a Writers Workshop every November.

The next Writers Workshop is 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Regular meetings are the first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m. in the Veranda Room. There are no meetings in June, July or September.

The Press Association season runs from May 1-April 30. During that time, anyone who contributes to at least three newspapers and attends at least three meetings will qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon in April.

Questions? Call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216 between 11-6, Monday-Thursday.

## Buildings currently without building reporters

Danish Modern (2)  
Chalet (3)  
American Colonial (4)  
Old World Spanish (5)  
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Southern Colonial (77)  
South Seas (86)  
Delhi (87)  
Queen Victoria (90)

# We're having a birthday bash!

By Dave Beaven

Happy Birthday!

Maybe not you personally, but July is known for the birth date of our country - July 4.

It also happens to be the birth month of these famous people: Ann Landers, George Steinbrenner, Nelson Mandela, George W. Bush, and Mick Jagger.

If you are a July baby, you're in good company. Our own Lambda Club can be added to that list as it was "born" six years ago in July of 2009.

So we want to celebrate that milestone at our monthly club social.

On Friday, July 10, at 7 p.m., Lambda will be holding a birthday party in the Large Card Room. There will be balloons, decorations, presents and cake, of course.

Drop by and help us celebrate.



## Lambda

Talking about birthdays reminds me of the passing of the years in my own life. Although I live in a "retirement community," I am still working.

I am going to try to hold on for a couple of more years, but I can't deny that the lure of retirement is getting stronger.

In anticipation, I have been paying more attention to articles on life after work. Most of them have to do with money, and of course, that is important.

I've tried to prepare for that side of it by saving and cultivating a thrifty lifestyle. Barring a stock market meltdown, I think I'll be ok.

But there's another side that's talked about. What do you do after you retire?

Articles have these suggestions: stay fit, develop new friendships, volunteer, keep your mind sharp, and take up new interests.

Fortunately, I just have to look in this newspaper to find opportunities that cover all of them right here at On Top of the World. Yeah, I think I'm going to be alright.

Hope your own retirement is everything you dreamed about. After all, you earned it.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an in-

formal 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 Web-page:

[lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com)

You can contact us by e-mail at [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



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## Art Guild

By Judy Mills

Happy 4th of July!

Our season is officially over as we head into the hottest part of summer, but as Sandbirds we still have plenty of fun ahead.

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful Asian form of art. These classes are in the Art Room from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

New this summer, we will be having Open Studio on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. We will have a variety of things to do on that day, from drawing and painting lessons, to art-inspired day trips.

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15/year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings. There are a lot of new and exciting things coming up for our next season. You won't want to miss out!

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 773-6788. Come join us!



Wendy Colquhoun is ready to teach you Chinese Paint Brush skills.

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**SPECIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE**  
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July 3-4: Carpenters Tribute Band  
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Currently, videos have been made for Monday (9 am & 6 pm)  
and Wednesday (10:30 am & 7 pm).  
This fall, three more will be made for the rest of the week.  
Watch OTOW-TV for time schedule changes.

# Wanda Schwerer will discuss Democratic Party's objective to find more qualified candidates

By Donna Lukas

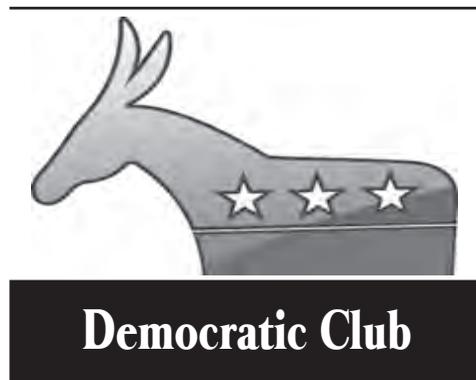
Hot dogs, baked beans, vegetable dips and various beverages were consumed at our indoor picnic in June.

We saw old friends and members. We all welcomed in several new members and some returning members we haven't seen in a while.

After the food, Dr. Larry Floriani, vice chair of the Pinellas Democratic Executive Committee and also Florida Deputy State Director of Doctors for America, spoke on the importance of being active in the Democratic Party and politics.

He talked about how disappointed he was with current legislature outcomes and what could be done about them in the future.

He encouraged us to "be active in any election," to offer support for those running in elections, and for the club to "serve as a resource for the Democrats."



He especially emphasized that Democrats should "step up and be vocal about their views" and not to allow others to drown out our views by sheer volume.

Hopefully, we will begin to address some of these points with our August topic: "Who are the candidates?"

Earlier this year, our club discussed a Tampa Bay Times article on ways to improve elections. One method, recruiting better candidates, was ad-

ressed by the creation of a task force co-chaired by U.S. Senator Bill Nelson and former Orlando Police Chief Val Demings.

The Florida Democratic Party then established a 21-member LEAD (Leadership Expansion to Advance Democrats) Task Force with three goals in mind. One, determine our best practices for candidate recruitment and training. Two, analyze data and digital footprints to ensure the best new technologies are being utilized. Three, assess field and turnout operations to recommend steps for improving performance in these areas.

The LEAD Task Force recommendations were announced in mid-June and will be the topic of our July 9 meeting at 2 p.m. in the EAC Starlite Room. State Committeewoman Wanda Schwerer will be our guest speaker on this topic.

Come and discuss what we can do

as individuals and club members to help improve election results. We are concerned about voter turnout and related issues of Democrats not voting up to their registered numbers.

Ron Baltrunas, who gave our May meeting presentation on the possibility of Medicare-for-all as a single payer, would like you to know he is testing the waters for running as a candidate in the 13th U.S. Congressional district. You can access his Website by searching RonForCongress.com.

Remember to support our club by attending our monthly meetings and paying your annual dues of \$12. You can bring your money or check to our July 9 meeting or mail a check, made out to OTOW Democratic Club, to our P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL 33758.

If you have any questions, you can also contact Donna Lukas at (727) 460-4123.

# Republican Club marks return to OTOW

By Marvin Lazernik

On Tuesday, May 19, the Republican Club held its first meeting back at On Top of the World after being absent for several years.

We had a very successful welcome back gathering!

More than 40 members came to hear State Representative Chris Latvala speak on bills that were passed and those that were not.

Chris also explained what is holding up our State budget. He completed his prepared remarks and also answered all questions from members.

Representative Latvala was direct and to the point on all answers – quite refreshing. We could not have asked



for a better guest for our inaugural meeting in the Craft Room.

Staying for the "Meet and Greet" and posing with members for pictures was really above and beyond what we expected. A few of the pictures have

been posted on our Facebook page which is under the club name.

The Republican Club has put together a list of quality speakers for their regular forthcoming meetings. Mark your calendars:

July 21: Bob Dillenger, Public Defender.

August 18: U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

September 15: U.S. Congressman David Jolly.

All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Craft Room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. This room is accessible by taking the elevator from

the back parking lot.

We welcome all of a Republican mindset to join us at our meetings, as well as those who have not made up their minds politically.

Join with us and hear the Republican side of the story. You do not have to be a current club member to attend. All meetings are casual.

We wish everyone a very wonderful July fourth celebration. Our freedoms are what make this country great. Many thanks to our military who volunteered to serve and protect us. God continue to bless the USA.

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# Auditions coming soon for 2016 show



Pictured above is a dance number from the Jesters show in 2014.

By Sue Calinski

The Jesters have been working through the summer in preparation for our show in February 2016.

Seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it!

Our creative team is hard at work, planning what we hope will be the best show we've ever done.

This year we will hold auditions for all On Top of the World residents. We will specifically be looking for tap dancers, chorus dancers and those who can sing.

So, ladies and gents, find those tap shoes that are in the back of your closet and start practicing now!

Keep watching this column in OTOW News and the Box Office

Website for audition dates.

You say you do not tap, dance or sing? Maybe you would like to help with choreography, or set design, or props, or the myriad of other non-performing roles it takes to produce a

great show.

Become part of our team and join the Jesters!

It is our goal to make this a very special show that will showcase the talents of OTOW residents in a lively,

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# *OTOW knitters make gracious contribution to Memory Box project*



## Knitting

By Phyllis Butler

When a woman becomes pregnant, the expectations are very high for a successful birth and a healthy child.

But sometimes things go wrong and can end in tragedy.

In June, the On Top of the World Good Neighbors Knitting Group welcomed a special guest, Karen Jackson, from St. Petersburg.

Karen is a Doula, or someone who assists couples who are about to become parents for the first time, or once again.

Karen's job can be very rewarding. It can also become very emotional should something go wrong.

As part of her job, Karen makes memory boxes for couples going through a very hard time.

During her recent visit to On Top of the World, our knitters were honored to donate 105 tiny baby hats and 50 baby blankets for the memory box project.

"It is a very hard time for parents and we hope that our contribution will help make it a little easier and help to make the memory a little less tragic," the OTOW Knitting Group said.

OTOW knitters also help local



This is Karen Jackson, who collects baby items for her 'Memory Box' project.

nursing homes.

Group members Helen Duranti and Laverne Iorio recently took 60 lap robes and 20 walker caddies to the Bay Pine Veterans Hospital Nursing Home.

"They were very enthusiastically received by the activity director, who thanked us and Good Neighbors for thinking of them," the group stated.

If you knit or crochet, we invite

you to join us. We enjoy working together with each other and the fellowship.

Yarn and patterns are purchased through donations, and at this time we would like to thank everyone who has donated to our cause.

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

We also receive donations from people who have leftover yarn or who no longer knit or crochet, or just don't want the yarn they have.

We greatly appreciate this.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets throughout the summer, although our numbers have dwindled remarkably.

We still meet every Wednesday in the East Activity Center Veranda Room from 9-11 a.m.

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By Rick McLaughlan

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As we celebrate our two national days, let us think of the many friends we have made in both countries and especially the members of our Armed Services who protect our freedom.

Give thanks for being Canadian and American, and God bless our two great nations.

In order to keep our good relationships with our American hosts, please remember that we who spend four or more months in the U.S. may be deemed resident aliens for tax purposes. To be considered as a non-resident alien, we should file an IRS Form 8840 to claim a "closer connection" to Canada.



If we spent more than 31 days in the U.S. in 2014 then the Form 8840 should be filed. You can get a copy at the following Website:

[www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8840.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8840.pdf)

Looking ahead to our next season at On Top of the World, Registration Night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Centre 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, are reminded they, too, must be in possession of an OTOW Recreation card.

## Canadian Club

Our Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. in the auditorium. The cost of the traditional turkey/ham festive meal and dance will be \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. The initial ticket selling day will be Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 8:15-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room.

Remember, during the summer months, you can follow our club news by going to:

[www.ontopoftheworldnews.com](http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com)

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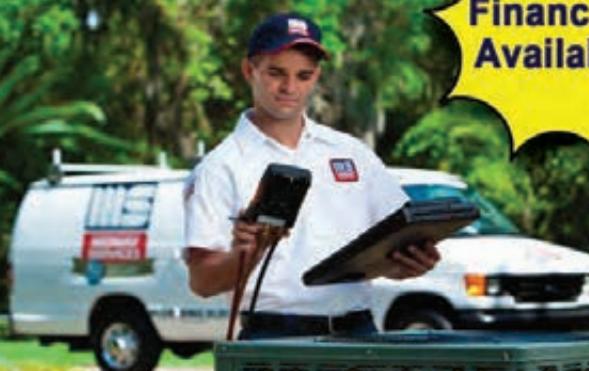
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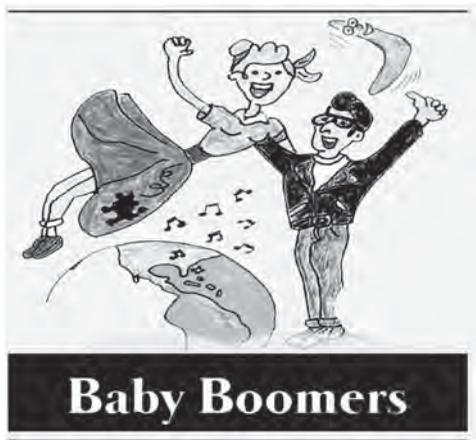


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## If there's food and beverages, Boomers will give it a try



By Ron Clement

"Summertime and the livin' is easy..."

That's the way it is here at On Top of the World and the Baby Boomers fully intend to keep it that way.

Easy does it.

We're staying active, but nothing so strenuous as to bring on heat exhaustion.

Monday tee times are earlier and Friday bike rides are a bit shorter.

Many of us gather daily at the west side pool to absorb some sun rays or to catch a breeze in the shade.

Tuesday evenings still find a group of us gathering at Bar Louie to enjoy a dollar burger and each other's company. If there's a good movie, the Countryside 12 air conditioned Cobb Theaters and \$6 senior day are often too tempting to resist.

With two meetings a month, we come together to share information about area-wide special events and activities. Afterwards, several of us gath-



Baby Boomers enjoy \$1 burgers (and other treats) at Bar Louie in the Countryside Mall.

er at a local watering hole for a bite to eat and an evening of friendship. We raise a glass or two and sometimes the roof a little bit.

One thing for sure, we always have a great time.

"What would Jimmy Buffet do?"

That is the question Palm Harbor asks every June. The answer was found at the tropical themed 12th annual

Palm Harbor Parrot Head Party held in their downtown historic district. There the Boomers enjoyed a variety of island-style activities, live entertainment and dancing.

To add some crazy to the atmosphere, many in attendance competed for the "Best Looking Parrot Head," the "Best Jimmy Buffet Look-a-like" or "Best Island Dress" contests.

Keeping with the movie references "Some like it hot!" and whether it's going for the full-tanned look or applying No. 50 sun block, the Boomers are still out there having fun in the sun.

Boomer Club meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Check us out on the Box Office.

## Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 for two fall bus trips

By Ed Foland

Not far from the hustle and bustle of On Top of the World lies an agriculture area producing one of our favorite fruits.

In addition to fruit production, it is home to the largest festival in Florida, celebrating that fruit.

For these reasons, your Snowbirds Club charters a bus annually and takes a load of our members to enjoy both the fruit and the largest selection of live quality entertainment in the area.

This year, the legendary Bobby Vinton entertained us at the Strawber-



### Snowbirds Club

ry Festival in Plant City. As always, he lived up to his stellar reputation.

Two other future charter bus trips are booked and tickets will go on sale the first of August. Wise Snowbirds

realize that the early bird gets the worm and also the best seats on the bus. Don't wait. Book early!

Our October bus is headed to Mount Dora for its 31st annual craft show. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 24 and set aside \$40 for the ticket.

Our November bus trip is to the Biloxi Casinos with a day trip to New Orleans. Mark Nov. 16 through 19 on your calendar too!

The date of our Welcome Back Party has been set for Sunday, Nov. 22 and our dance band will once again be At Large. They did such a great job at

our Luau!

Have you checked out the Box Office Website recently? Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, enter and visit the club section. Take a look at the Snowbirds Club page.

You can also visit our official site: [www.snowbirdstotow.com](http://www.snowbirdstotow.com) where you can see what's new and order tickets, no matter where you are on the planet.

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# Everyone is invited to Christmas in July

By Jane Lee

We hope that you enjoyed our wine and cheese party and that you found out about some trips that are available to our members.

Now we are gearing up for our big party, Christmas in July.

It will be held on July 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center. If your Christmas shirts aren't stored too far away, pull them out and let's party. Even if you can't find your favorite shirt right now, join us anyway.

"Denise with a Twist" has entertained us in the past and we all had a great time. She will be here again for your dancing and listening pleasure.

We will have a catered meal prepared by Felicia's Delicatessen on US 19. They always come up with a good menu and there is plenty to eat. The tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

If you care to bring a gift for Kimberly Home in Clearwater, we invite

you to do so. Kimberly Home has been in this area a long time. It is a non-profit pregnancy resource center that offers assistance to women and families in unplanned or troubling pregnancies.

You are invited to bring a baby gift.

Come join us for this event. Buy your tickets in advance on Monday or Thursday mornings.

We will not have a meeting in August, but we look forward to a meeting in September. Watch for our articles in this paper for future events.



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## Be the first to read Lisa Genova's newest book

By Katy Gerritt

As we enter the warmest time of the year in Clearwater, why not get a good book and curl up in the air conditioning to enjoy it?

We have added some great new reads in the past few weeks, including Lisa Genova's latest "Inside the O'Brien's."

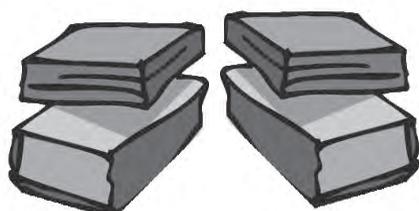
Lisa has a PhD from Harvard in neuroscience and is the author of "Still Alice," "Left Neglected" and "Love Anthony" all of which focus on various neurological issues and how they affect the whole family.

"Still Alice," which is about a professor, who develops early onset Alzheimer's disease, was recently made into a movie.

Lisa's current bestseller is a moving story about a family dealing with the genetic Huntington's disease.

Also, for James Patterson fans, we have "NYPD Red 3" and "Miracle in Augusta."

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Pictured above, Travel Club members ride a glass-bottom boat at Silver Springs State Park. At right is a beautiful view from the side of the boat.



# If you were with us last month, you would have looked through water and packed your suitcase military-style

By Terri Mikszenas

Who says the summer is boring here at On Top of the World?

You certainly cannot tell from our club activities or from the membership support.

Our monthly meetings fill the Starlite room with enthusiastic travelers anxious to sign up for upcoming planned excursions.

Our monthly luncheons are a great way to meet other members of the club who might also become your potential travel buddy.

Don't drive? Car pooling is always available!

The Lunch Bunch in June was hosted by Laverne Iorio, who took us to Cheddar's, where they are known for their BBQ ribs and Monte Cristo sandwiches.

Many travelers recently enjoyed riding on the glass-bottom boats of Silver Springs State Park. We learned all about the park's history.

Those who'd been there before commented on how impressed they were on the improved cleanliness of the water, which enabled them to see



## Travel Club

the unique underwater beauty.

Following a lunch break, their journey took them to the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park in Cross Creek, Fl., where Ms. Rawlings wrote her Pulitzer prize-winning novel, "The Yearling." The home still includes the oldest section of this Cracker-style farmhouse, which was built in 1884.

How many times have you gone on a trip and forgotten something?

My husband and I went for a long weekend trip with several friends and could not believe that one man forgot to pack all his pants!

Of course, we will never let him hear the end of it on all future trips!

That would certainly never happen if you had Audrey Jones' packing list. During our June meeting, Audrey dem-

onstrated how she packs her suitcase, military style, folding and rolling and fitting everything into a small suitcase.

Audrey shared her packing list and all her travel tips right down to the toilet seat she includes on all ground trips.

We learned so many useful tips about protecting your important documents, safe-guarding money, and even a suggestion to donate clothes while enroute.

"I can always spot Americans when I travel," Audrey said. "They have too much luggage! You don't need an outfit for everyday."

Members can try out their new packing skills July 20 and 21 on our newest trip - an overnight visit to several Orlando museums, including Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum and the Orlando Sea Life Aquarium.

Of course, there will be a little time for trendy shopping and ice cream cones, while strolling along Park Avenue of Winter Park before a tour at the Morse Museum, home of the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Our Myrtle Beach Holiday Show trip is filling up fast and now has enough travelers to guarantee our trip. Hurry over to buy your tickets - don't be left behind on this one!

The trip will start your holiday season with spirit and joy!

Our February five-day cruise to Key West and Cozumel has also created a lot of excitement, with many new members joining the club just to sign on to this trip.

Tickets may be purchased at the East Activity Center during June, July and August on Mondays only, or at our monthly meetings.

Don't sit at home this summer! Come join us in the East Activity Center's Starlite Room on the first Friday of each month to learn more about our trips and events. Meetings begin at 2 p.m., but most people arrive early with their checkbooks in hand to sign in and sign up for one of the many upcoming trips.

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Many thanks to Patti Branch, Annisa Dickey, Hilda Ochoa, Mina Osborn, Joanne Wallend and all gals in the 8 a.m. exercise class who have kept these classes going while I was away. I sincerely appreciate your dedication to staying fit and healthy.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

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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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# History of Line Dance Club starts way back in late-1970s

By Cele Radeloff

Our favorite reporter, John Koning, is taking the summer off from writing while he spends time with his first grandson.

Therefore, in his absence, the Line Dance Club would like to share some background information with you.

Did you know that Line Dancing has been in existence here at On Top of the World since 1976?

It did not become official with by-laws and officers until 1982.

Several people taught, free of charge, on Saturdays. Then, Herm Harrison took over and charged \$1.

When Herm became ill, Gladys Innis and Kathy Vester took over, made it a club, bought tapes and Line Dancing books, and made it fun. Dues stayed at \$1 a year.

Helen Travis, who arrived here in 1976, was part of the original team, along with Lisa Brillow, the first teacher.

In seven years, the club grew from 25 members to almost 400.

The president had to create the program each week, matching a dance to a song.

Jim Billman, president from '89-'90, computerized the program.

The president announced the dances. The vice president played the tapes. The secretary wrote the column. The treasurer handled the dues and expenses.

Helen Travis and Lisa Brillow were the first teachers of the beginners class in the rear room. Helen was a very talented lady, knew every dance, co-directed the 1990 Jesters Show "Showboat" with Ilse Sporbeck in her own living room, and even constructed the scenery - a showboat with lights - a first on our stage.

Next, Jean Curtis became the beginners teacher. She had several assistants, including Faye Mavromates,



## Line Dancing

Betty Moravec and Sheila Bolster, who is the current teacher.

In the 1980s, we had three groups of instruction: Beginners, in the rear room; Intermediate, taught by Evie Bonin; and Advanced led by Ilse Sporbeck, in the auditorium.

Bea Cirri was our demonstrator on stage and for the first half-hour she would go over the steps and dances we would perform that session.

When she announced her retirement, after many years, we were devastated. Who would take her place? But stepping up was our own Lilia Bensonoff to the rescue!

With her delightful Russian accent and her gracefulness, she became our leader for many years. Lilia retired last year and Sheila Bolster took over.

The new dances are currently being taught by Ellen Gilbert, Lynn Anzalone, Sheila Bonomo, Carol Wharton, Doug Erickson, Carol Babini and John Koning.

More history next month, but presently we meet all summer long on Saturdays, from 8:30-11 a.m. and Tuesdays, from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Newcomers are always welcome. It's fun, so come join us. For more information, contact Chris Nason at 797-6407.

See you next month.

## Summer dancing



Pictured above, in foreground, is Beginners' Instructor Sheila Bolster. In the background is Lilia Bensonoff and Sheila Bonomo during a regular line dancing session in June.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## A reminder ...

On Top of the World News reporters must turn in their September stories by Aug. 12

# Ask a club member if our talented staff can help you with a project



## Fixers Club

By Doug Erickson

In recent years, the Fixers, Fiddlers & Fumblers Club has enjoyed contributing to the On Top of the World community and clubs in it.

We have gladly responded to requests to build needed items.

The list is to let you know what we have done and may be able to do for your group. We are not soliciting work but will consider your requests.

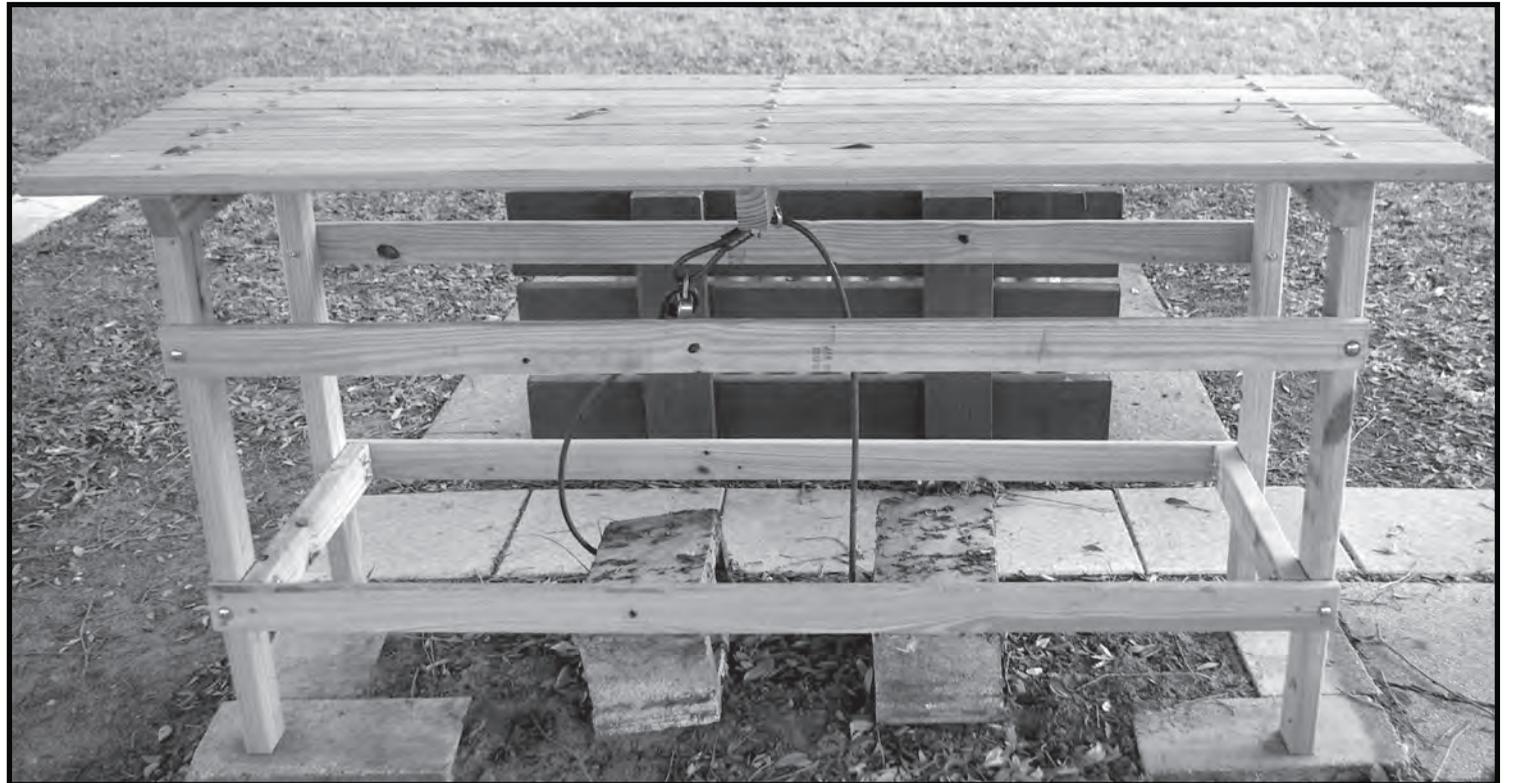
Here are some of the items we have made:

- Art guild display and cabinet
- Bingo cover and supply cabinet
- Celebrity photo display cabinets in the Starlite Room
- Clothes rack for laundry rooms
- Coat rack for West Activity Center
- Coffee corner cabinet
- Computer club cabinet
- Entertainment Committee bulletin board and free-photo display
- Mail "yes - no" signs for buildings
- OTOW bus shelving
- Pool cue rack
- Sound cabinet for line dancers
- Storage brackets for tennis club
- Table for Horseshoe Club.

Also, we have built sets and displays for the Theater Workshop, Jesters and other clubs.

The club making the request pays for the material needed and makes a donation for our work. That money goes towards buying material for making toys for disadvantaged children, and for maintaining the shop and equipment.

Members do not use the shop for personal gain and do not accept pay-



Pictured here are two recent projects created by Fixers members for the community. Above is a table being used by the Horseshoe Club. Below is a pool cue rack being used by the Billiards Club and Que'T Billiards Club.

ment for their work.

Many residents have brought furniture and cabinet drawers in for repairs, which we do if repairable and we have the expertise and volunteer member willing to take on the task.

There are jobs that we are not equipped to do, such as paint stripping and refinishing, or constructing kitchen cabinets and large pieces of furniture.

There have been requests that we have had to decline, but for the most part we have obliged.

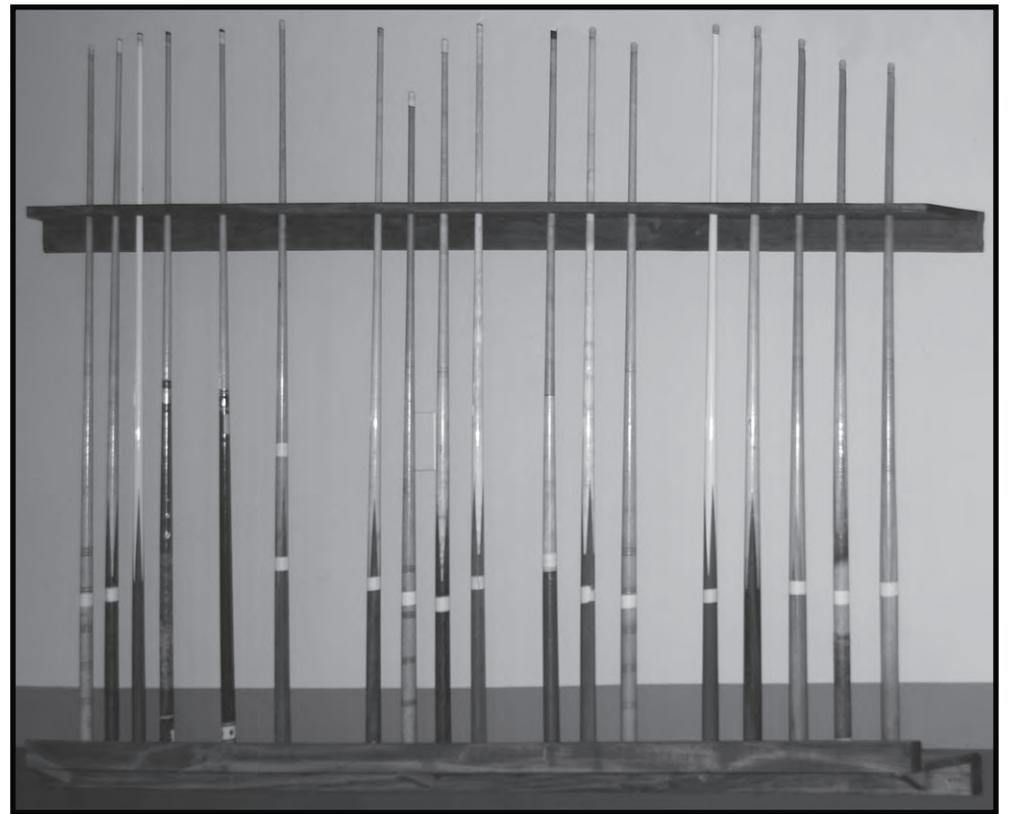
Because of licensing and insurance requirements, we do not do work in condos nor storage rooms.

We do have loaner tools that can be taken to condos, however, this is limited to members only.

We have had residents join our club just for this take-home service. It is much more economical than buying or renting tools.

We do not supply tools for plumbing or electrical work that must be done by a licensed trade person.

Our members also do work for



other charitable organizations, churches and toys for children in need. However, along with those jobs, most of what is done by members is for personal use and gifts for their families.

You can see we do keep busy, but if you have a project that needs to be done, and you are wondering if our club can help, please talk to us about the project you have in mind.



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- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
  - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
  - foods for infants or the elderly
  - snack foods
  - non-electric can opener
  - cooking tools / fuel
  - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or water tight resealable plastic bag, including insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Keys
- Books and Games
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
  - proper identification / immunization records
  - medications
  - ample supply of food and water
  - a carrier or cage
  - muzzle and leash

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

## 'Destination Sounds' added to August

By Marvin Flam

Calling all "On Top of the Year-Rounders!"

Are you ready for some fun and excitement this summer?

Your Entertainment Committee has added a special show called "Destination Sounds" for Thursday, Aug. 6. It features 11 musicians and singers who have appeared with "world class entertainers" in some of the world's best entertainment venues.

The show will be at the East Activity Center auditorium with table seating. So BYOB and we'll provide the ice and coffee. Cost for all this is just \$10 per person.

If you attended the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Meeting in June, you would have enjoyed this group, which received a standing ovation from the enthusiastic audience.

Don't forget our other summer fun.

We've got a Mid-Summer Night Swing Dance featuring Rebound on July 11. Al Messina will be featured at the free Sunday-In-The-Park on July 12. And, in response to the Wishing Well suggestions we've received, you'll see more fun events with prizes at our dances.



Destination Sounds played in the East Activity Center during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in June, but will be back as part of a special Thursday night Entertainment Committee show in August.

We are phasing in a new floor plan this summer with angled tables and a more intimate dance floor. So don't sit home. Come out and mingle with new and old friends. All are welcome! "Dance like no one's watching, and if they do, who cares? Dance anyway!"

Tickets are available for all the shows and dances for the rest of 2015, including New Year's Eve.

There are six shows, including another cabaret show in September, and

seven dances including the August Picnic Dance for which you must reserve by July 27.

We have special, discounted group ticket packages in addition to single tickets.

Remember, the number of tickets available for each event is limited by the Life Safety codes. So get your tickets early and don't miss any of the fun.

During July and August we will be at the EAC only on Mondays and the

second Thursday of the month, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Follow us on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732; on the OTOW Box Office, (OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com); and the bulletin boards.

Call us direct at 727-797-1761. We look forward to personally greeting each of you at the EAC auditorium, and at all our events.

The fun in '15 continues....be part of it!

## 'Rebound' Saturday July 11, 8 PM



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*Allen Winston's final column*

# What do fireworks really represent?

We celebrate America's birthday this month (a/k/a Independence Day), commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches and numerous ceremonies, letting the universe know how great it is to be an American.

But what constitutes an American? Not color, nor race, nor religion.

Not the pedigree of family, or the place of birth.

Not the coincidence of citizenship. Not social status, nor bank account. Not trade nor profession.

An American is one who loves justice and believes in the dignity of man.

An American is one who will fight for his freedom and that of his neighbor.

An American is one who is willing to make the supreme sacrifice, in order that his children may retain the rights of free men.

An American is one, whose heart, is engraved with the immortal second sentence of the Declaration of Independence ("We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.")

An American is English, or French,



By Allen Winston

## Winston's World

Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek.

An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan.

An American is also Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Eskimo, Navaho, Apache, Iroquois, Lakota, Mohawk, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as Native Americans.

An American is Christian, Jewish, Buddhist or Muslim, all free to worship as they choose.

An American is also free to believe in no religion at all.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world, the root of which can be found with the birth of the Declaration of Independence - a document that at once became this nation's most cher-

ished symbol of liberty, and, in exalted and unforgettable phrases, expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people.

An American is generous, having helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

An American welcomes the best... the best minds, the best technology, the best movies, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes, the best of everything. But they also welcome the least.

The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty ("Liberty Enlightening the World"), stands tall in the middle of New York Harbor, and on a tablet inside the pedestal is engraved the sonnet by Emma Lazarus (titled "The New Colossus") where, with silent lips, she welcomes 'your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed.'

These in fact, are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures and first languages.

So what is an American?

Well, they cannot be defined by how wealthy they are, nor by the car

they drive.

They are people who come from all parts of the world and speak many languages.

They do not have one particular skin color, but the skin color may be one of many found between America's shores.

They come in various sizes and shapes, and regardless of his appearance, fortune or culture, they still are considered an American.

America opens the door to those who knock for the opportunity of freedom, an opportunity difficult to find in many other countries.

An American can be described as one who is fortunate enough to experience this priceless freedom in a nation of many races. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone everywhere, who holds to that spirit, is an American.

Happy Fourth of July, all!

And somewhere between the fireworks and the barbeque, pause to remember why we are celebrating this day.

(Editor's note: This was Allen Winston's final column, as he no longer resides in Florida. The Press Association thanks him for many years as a building writer and for this unique column.)

# What you didn't know about golfing

Ever wonder how "golf" got its name?

Answer: All the other words were taken.

There are four steps to playing golf.

1. Swing.
2. Swear.
3. Look for ball.
4. Repeat.

Ever hear someone say they were "one-under" and wondered what it meant?

Answer: One under a tree, one under a bush, one in the water.

When it comes to golfing, I can proudly say I am very consistent. I always shoot in the 70s. If it gets any colder or hotter, I quit.

Marge Mayer



## Internet Humor

A school teacher was taking her first golf lesson. She asked, is the word spelled "p-u-t" or "p-u-t-t?" The instructor answered, "Putt is correct. Put means to place something exactly where you want it. Putt means to try in vain to place something exactly where you want it."

Golf is simply the adult version of an Easter egg hunt.



Signs you will see on a golf course:

1. "If you are reading this sign one hour after your first tee shot, you are playing too slow!"
2. "You are 150 yards from the green. You are 75 yards from houses with expensive, picture-frame, glass windows."

Did you know, you only have a 10 percent chance of hitting a green on

your first swing, but you have a 90 percent chance of hitting a branch from a tree.

What would make the perfect golf hole? One that came with a bar in the middle of the fairway.

Phyllis Diller once said, "The reason why pros tell you to keep your head down when hitting a ball is so you can't see your partner laughing at you."

A quote from a famous poet: "May your ball lie down in green pastures and not in still waters."

(Material in this column was uncovered while browsing various sites on the Internet. If you wish to send Marge something funny you read, please include the information source.)



From left to right are the first place team of Pat Eastman, Joyce Monahan, Carole Lacey and Donna Smerz; the second place team of Cindy Schell and Ada Bryant; and the third place team of Kim Norried, Katie Quelch, Carole Whynot and Gail DuCharme. Missing from the second place team was Cindy Cheung.

## Eastman, Monahan, Lacey, Smerz win final tournament of 2014-15 season

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held their final tournament of the season on May 26.

The tournament was a scramble with a pizza party after golf. President Elaine Stretavski and incoming president Ellen Fier served lunch of salad and plenty of pizza. A refreshing end to the hot and humid day was ice cream dessert. How did they keep it frozen?

The end of the year scramble winners were: first place team Pat Eastman, Joyce Monahan, Carole Lacey and Donna Smerz with a nice score

### 18-Hole Golf

of 58. Coming in second was Cindy Schell, Ada Bryant and Cindy Cheung with a 63. The third place team was Kim Norried, Katie Quelch, Carole Whynot and Gail DuCharme with a 66.

Next season, the league will conduct their Tuesday tournaments in only three flights. The restructure was needed because not as many golfers were playing in D flight. Flight A will be handicaps from 1-16, flight B from

17-22 and flight C from 23-36.

Drew Schlatter and his crew have been working hard to improve our 18-hole course. The weeds seem to be under control, which I am sure is a constant battle. But right now the fairways and greens are in the best shape ever.

Our course has something in common with the courses at Innisbrook - have you seen the monkey squirrel roaming the course?

More improvements are planned for enlarging the 16th hole tee box and rebuilding all the sand traps. Also, look for new tee markers.

Our league donated supplies to the

men's league for the staining and stabilizing of the picnic tables and benches. It was enjoyable to have our final pizza lunch on nice clean and newly painted tables.

#### Tuesday tournament winners May 19

Flight A - Pat Eastman, Diane Moxley B - Cindy Cheung, Carole Whynot C - Kay Satterlee, Betty McKay D - Ellen Fier, Gail DuCharme

#### May 12

A - Pat Eastman, Linda Rice B - Carole Whynot, Donna Smerz C - Terri Mikszenas, Joyce Monahan D - Ellen Fier, Nanette Rudolph

## Club renews Website for news, tee times, scores and photos

Well, here we are in early July.

Summer is in full swing and the weather is hot and steamy.

I finished playing 18 holes one day last month and I don't think one square inch of my clothes was dry. Thankfully, I had a bottle of Gatorade and a bottle of water to keep me hydrated.

My hat looked like I had soaked it in the Gulf and dried it out. It was covered with salt from my sweat.

Our number of golfers is low with the heat and most of our golfers are gone during the summer months.

The good thing is that the round

### Men's Golf

of golf can be completed before the real heat of the day sets in.

Despite the heat, some very good scores are being turned in.

We have decided to continue our Website for two more years. It has been monitored regularly and there are plenty of hits on the page to justify continuing. You can easily check your tee time and what hole you will be starting on by going to

[www.OTOWmensgolf.com](http://www.OTOWmensgolf.com) on your computer.

You can check scores of previous weeks play, handicaps and also check out some great pictures of previous events. Give it a try. Cancellations are also posted when the weather is bad or there are circumstances that would cause the course to be closed for play.

News for the paper is light. If there is something you would like to see reported, see Pete when you sign up on Wednesday morning and he will see what we can do.

Keep your heads down and forget that last shot.

### Photo Search Answers from June

1. Light reflection in far left glass door.
2. Light reflection in far right window.
3. Short-sleeved shirt turned into long-sleeved shirt.
4. Eye added to Post Office bird.
5. Watch missing.
6. Length of ribbon shortened.
7. "Village" changed to "OTOW?"
8. Length of scissors changed.
9. Zip code changed
10. Door seam missing.



# Some people cannot put down their gloves

By Bob Rittner

Unwilling to accept the end of softball season, eight On Top of the World players met in the old K-Mart parking lot for an alternative-stickball outing.

The eight are Guy Bertuzzi, Alan Merrill, Bill Bennett, Bill Lepping, Joe Farrell, Chris Ferrugia, Lenny Segall and Bob Rittner.

We play the schoolyard variety using tennis balls and broomstick-type bats. The pitcher throws into a strike zone outlined on the wall of the building. There is no base running. The quality of the hit is determined by the distance it travels.

In the inaugural game, a 3-3 tie, every player had his memorable moment. For the visitors, Bill Lepping had the most hits, a series of line drives, while Chris had the longest hit, a triple.

Joe drove in the crucial third run of the game with two out in the top of the ninth. And Lenny saved the tie with a number of catches, including an

## Softball

over the head Willie Mays-type grab with his back to home plate.

For the home team, Bill Bennett drove in the tying run with two out in the ninth while Guy's double set up the inning. Alan and Bob both pitched perfect innings.

In the season's second game, a frantic comeback from a 9-0 deficit fell short for the team of Joe Farrell, Bill Lepping and Ray Woolsey, as Guy Bertuzzi, Chris Ferrugia and Bob Rittner held on for the 10-6 victory.

Guy and Chris powered the win with a barrage of doubles and triples, and Bob allowed just two hits, striking out five in the three scoreless innings he pitched.

The late comeback was sparked by doubles from Joe and Bill, while Ray hammered line drives all over the field.

All three players also made run saving catches.

The season continued with a 3-2 victory in game three for the team of Ray Woolsey, Chris Ferrugia and Bob Rittner over Bill Bennett and Guy Bertuzzi.

After consecutive doubles by Bill and Guy put them up 2-1 in the top of the eighth, Ray and Chris duplicated the feat in the bottom of the inning. Bob held the tie in the ninth setting it up for a bases loaded single by Chris to win the game.

Crucial to the victory were a number of catches of wind-blown fly balls by Ray.

Game four was marked by a series of Guy Bertuzzi catches to preserve a 5-0 shutout for his team. The hitting star was Joe Farrell who was 12-for-15.

The game was interrupted when a school bus stopped on the field so the driver could reminisce with us about playing stickball.

In a heat-shortened game five, the star was Bill Bennett, who drove in

the tying run in the sixth inning, made a run saving catch in the top of the seventh and doubled in the bottom of the inning to set up the winning run driven in by Ray Woolsey.

Each team scored three runs in the first, featuring Joe Farrell's double and Chris Ferrugia's triple in the top of the inning and Ray's double followed by Bob Rittner's RBI single in the bottom.

The game remained tied until the fourth when Joe and Chris repeated their feat. In the fifth, Bill and Ray got two back before Bill's heroics clinched the 7-6 victory.

After Ray Woolsey broke a 5-5 tie in the top of the ninth with a bases loaded double scoring two runners, Chris Ferrugia countered in the bottom of the inning slamming a bases loaded triple that won game six for him and Joe Farrell, 8-7.

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## Billiards Club tries out 10-ball tournaments

The first 10-ball tournament was held on Tuesday evening, June 9, with both A and B Flights playing together.

Dave Williams took first place. Denny Balderson and Don Sorensen tied for second place. No playoff was held.

On June 16 both A & B Flights played together. In A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place with Gene Baranowski claiming second. In B Flight, after a three-way tie between Craig Burnette, John Fier and Andy Suhar, Andy captured first place with Craig taking second place.

On Monday, June 1, in 8-ball, A Flight player, Tony Baker, beat out the competition to take first place. Nick Sapienza claimed second and Dave Williams took third. In B Flight, Ron Baltrunas took first place, Ed Ramirez second and John Fier claimed third.

On June 8, in A Flight, Don Sorensen took first place honors with Dave Williams capturing second. There was a tie for third between Tony Baker and Denny Balderson. No playoff was held. In B Flight, Mario Rodriguez captured first place, Danny Brust took second place. There was a tie for third place between Andy Suhar and Joe Wisinski. Again, no playoff was held.

On June 15, in A Flight, Dave Williams captured first place. After a playoff between Tony Baker and Don Sorensen for second place, Don pulled off the win to take second place with



Tony Baker and Terry Wittman captured first place honors during Scotch Doubles team play on May 28.

Tony settling for third. In B Flight, Joe Ventimiglia captured the first place win. After a playoff between Mario Rodriguez and Andy Suhar, Mario took second place, with Andy settling for third.

In 9-ball play on Tuesday afternoon, June 2, there was a tiebreaker between Ron Blaettner and Joe Gora. After a neck-and-neck, really tight game, Ron took first place honors with Joe settling for second.

On June 9, there was a three-way tie between Ron Blaettner, Bob Eads and Joe Gora. Joe took first place with

Bob capturing second place.

On June 16, Ron Blaettner walked away with first place honors.

In Scotch Doubles on May 28, the team of Tony Baker and Terry Wittman captured first place.

On June 4, Scotch Doubles was played again with the team of Tony Esposito and Joe Gora walking away with first place honors, and the team of Ray Quirion and Howard Wilson claiming second place.

There was a tie for third between the team of Gene Baranowski and Terry Wittman, and the team of Nick



### Billiards

Sapienza and Joe Wisinski, however, no playoff was held.

On June 11, the team of Joe Gora and Joe Ventimiglia won at Scotch Doubles capturing first place and the team of Barb Sundberg and Dave Williams took second place. There was a tie between the team of Tony Baker and Andy Suhar, and the team of Nick Sapienza and Joe Wisinski for third place. No playoff was held.

Throughout the summer months, both the A and B Flights will play 8-ball on Monday nights, with Scotch Doubles playing on Thursday evenings.

There are 9-ball tournaments Tuesday and Friday afternoons, and we have added 10-ball on Tuesday evenings.

Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in these heavily competitive tournaments. We use the round-robin format, which does not favor any one player.

## Thursday Golf League plays right through summer

The Thursday Golf League continues its play in our "off-season."

The golf course is in beautiful condition and everyone should take advantage of it before the monsoon season begins.

We miss our Snowbird friends, but a cadre of hardy players show up each week to battle the summer rough and high temperatures.

In the first week of the off-season, Steve Yauk took first place. Patti Cook was second and Bill Cook placed third. Clyde Hershberger had the low gross round. Clyde also took three skins. Bruce MacPherson had two skins. Ada Culbertson, Don Hunter and Dick Kronawetter had one each. Patti Cook,

### Thursday Golf

Ron Parham and Don Baker were the long drive winners. Dick Kronawetter was closest to the pin.

It took a three-way tiebreaker to determine the winners in week two. Fred Schick took first place. Ron Parham was second and Gary Bronson placed third. Don Hunter took low gross honors. Clyde Hershberger had two skins. Don Sorensen, Don Hunter and Steve Yauk had one skin each.

In new competitions, Dan Hyden made the longest putt and Don Hunter had the most points (10) on the four

designated holes.

Don Leamy was week three champion. Dick Kronawetter was second and Fred Schick took third place. Low gross winner was Clyde Hershberger. The only two skins went to Bruce MacPherson and Clyde Hershberger.

A great round was turned in by Dick Kronawetter to take first place in week four. Bill Higgins took second place and low gross honors. Ken Smith placed third. Patti Cook, Don Hunter, Steve Yauk, Paul Meyers and Bill Higgins all had one skin. Longest Drives were recorded by Patti Cook, Don Hunter and Bill Higgins. Patti Cook took closest to the pin honors.

The Thursday Golf League wel-

comes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league. Players must sign in between 10-10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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

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# Jasmine Rigas wins May tournament

By Reva Heymann

At the end of every month, the Que' T Billiards ladies play a tournament where our instructors do not give us any help or tips. The idea is, we have to show what we can do on our own.

For the month of May, Jasmine Rigas won first place. However, there was a four-way tie for runner-up positions so we wound up with two playoff semifinals. The winner of each playoff played against each other and the winner determined who was second and who was third.

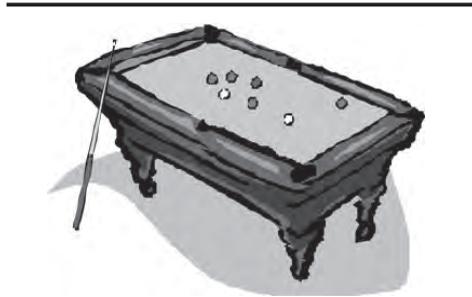
Judy Garvey came in second place and Rashanee Turner was third.

In the past, we have talked about some of our members in the column from time to time. We have some new members and this month I will introduce one of them, Donna Smerz.

Donna is a vivacious, friendly woman who is a joyous competitor. She has quickly integrated into the group and takes advantage of every opportunity to learn more about pool.

She and her husband have been On Top of the World residents for some years and he has shown the same spirit in trying out and participating in many of the activities available here.

Donna plays bingo and golf, goes



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bowling, enjoys water aerobics and, of course, joined our club.

She comes from Chicago and is the youngest of 12 children. She has three children and seven grandchildren.

Donna loves to travel and is about to embark on a long road trip with her two oldest grandchildren. They will travel through Georgia, Virginia, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and end up in Maine and New Hampshire.

On the return trip, they will take in St. Augustine, will visit the Ben and Jerry's ice cream factory, try out a child appropriate zip line, etc.

At each state border, they plan to stop and quiz the children and help them learn about each state.

Sounds like a great trip!



Jasmine Rigas

# King Of The Island

The On Top of the World Box Office Website has 3 thinking games to help residents keep their minds sharp. The latest game is King Of The Island and it's finally ready. This game is kind of like the old "War" game, except in this version you are simply battling a grumpy sea lion for rights to a tropical island. The loser of the game must go! You get two decks of cards to choose from. The sea lion gets one deck.

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I am owned by Anne and Jack Casey.

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](mailto: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 entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!



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## Here's the latest on OTOW's night-blooming cereus

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

How lucky are we to have a unique old tree entwined by a special night-blooming climbing cereus cacti.

This plant is also native to Arizona and the Sonora Desert. The plant, sometimes known as "Queen of the Night," is interestingly a genus of the sea anemones. I found a website that sells Desert Queen perfumes. How I love nature in the unusual!

People referred to this tree as "the ugly tree." I always called it beautiful when I spoke to it as I took my stroll around the lake daily. Last year was the first time I heard about the amazing display it offers once a year.

I feel blessed to have actually had the opportunity to see this amazing gift after four years being here.

My own story was when I was recovering last year, and my son took me for a long walk and we went to see the "ugly tree."

Has anyone stopped to notice and read the plaques attached to it? One says, "The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth, one is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth."

The other says, "Happiness lives in the hearts that love." No truer words

ever said. I sent my son pictures of the blooming flowers. He loved them!

A friend and neighbor, Patty Hayes, agreed to accompany me to see the plant. We began at the end of May, seeing what it looked like a couple times a week. We temporarily quit the observations after Patty brought her son along one night and we saw that nothing was blooming.

We are not ones to completely give up, so we waited until it got closer to June and went a few more times. On our last attempt, we were delighted! It bloomed from the bottom up. It was close to 9 p.m. when this happened.

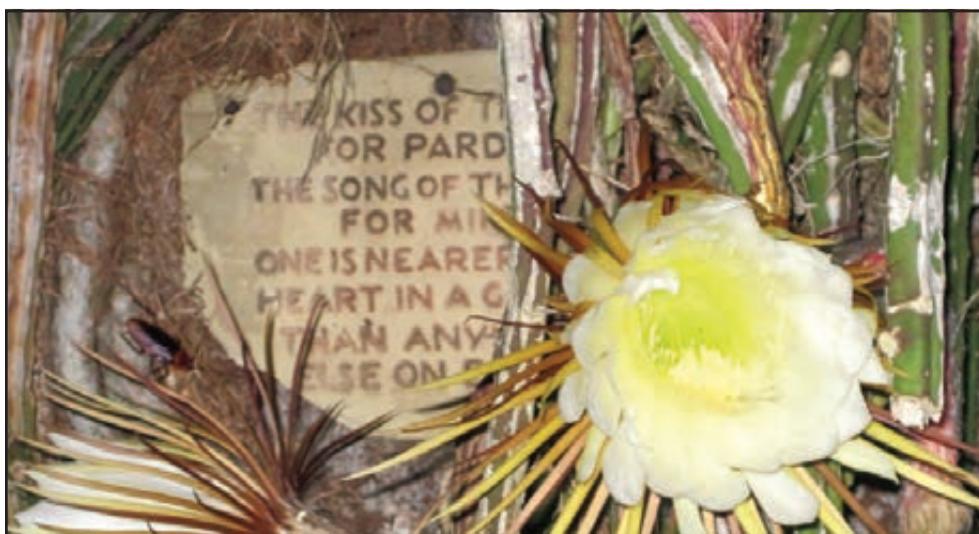
Other neighbors arrived to see the plant and take pictures. They mentioned that the night before at least 100 blooms appeared. We all got some great shots of them. It was worth getting bit by bugs and zigzagging around the snakes that were out! Fortunately, we took flashlights.

While we were there others stated, "They are cutting down the tree." After all the effort we made to have such a special night, we were dismayed.

The great news is that the editor or our newspaper, Doug Kates, investigated this claim and confirmed the host tree would not be cut down. Thanks to Ken Colen and the staff of On Top of the World for understanding how special our night-blooming cereus is and the joy it can bring.



A view of the old tree which hosts the night-blooming cereus plant. It is lovingly referred to by residents as "the ugly tree."  
(All photos by Patty Hayes.)



Several plaques with whimsical sayings are attached to the tree that hosts the night-blooming cereus. The plaques make for interesting reading for neighbors strolling by the tree.



A couple of insects stop by one of the magnificent blooms and busily get to work on it.

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# Annual 'Day at the Races' is always a hit for Capistrano

On Memorial Day, we hosted our annual "Day at the Races."

We had a record turnout of 70 folks this year. Our afternoon started with Donna Bitner leading the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "God Bless America." Next, there was lunch and then, the main event: six horse races.

Great fun was had by all, in particular the volunteer jockeys (see photo at far right). We concluded the day with a quiz on horse trivia. Thank you to all of our event volunteers, and a special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Tony Sinopoli.

Be sure to put this event on your calendar for Memorial Day 2016. You simply don't want to miss this fun right in your own back yard!

Bennie Gresham recently traveled to Alabama with her daughter and son-in-law in their 40-foot recreational vehicle. The luxury RV sports a bedroom, bathroom, shower, full kitchen, and recliner seating. It has thoroughly spoiled Bennie for other means of transportation!



The reason for the trip was to attend her granddaughter's graduation from Auburn University. Bennie reports that the class was so large that four graduation ceremonies were held over a two-day period. The new grad will enter Auburn's pharmacy school in August.

In April, Pat and Frank Massaro, who both grew up in Tampa, took a trip back to the old country to visit family in Sicily, Italy. While Pat has always known about her Sicilian family, Frank did not know about his until 30 years ago, when he researched his ancestry, discovered



"Jockeys" stand ready at the annual Capistrano Day at the Races.

his relatives and visited them in their hometown of Santo Stefano.

Last year, Frank took his son and grandson to Sicily to meet the family. This year, he convinced Pat to come along. On their trip, they hired a private tour guide, Alfie Orlando, who was also their translator, driver and bodyguard.

They stayed in one of Alfie's

villas in the town of Cianciana, which is located between Santo Stefano and Ribera (Pat's family's hometown). While there, they hosted a reunion for each of their families.

Pat and Frank agree that the highlight of their visit was meeting the new generation of their Sicilian families.

## A close look at English Tudor's 'jet-setter'

Cecile Sangiamo was the first born into a family that lived in the Bronx, N.Y., then seven years later her brother Robert came along.

Growing up in Queens, she attended PS 117 grade school, Forest Hills High School and Queens College.

She then married and moved to Brooklyn and later to New Jersey, where she completed her education at Rutgers University.

During her working years she was employed with Panasonic as assistant to the U.S. Chairman and with a Rockefeller organization as assistant to Rodman Rockefeller, son of Nelson Rockefeller.

She also dabbled in theater arts off-Broadway, did a stint as a celebrity photographer; and worked in real estate and mortgage financing.

Cecile said her last (and best) company was Westinghouse Broadcasting in the administration office overlooking New York's Central Park and Carnegie Hall.

Cecile says her family nicknamed her "The Drama Queen." It must have been true because Cecile loved being a part of the Jesters here at On Top of the World along with performing in the Good Neighbors Talent Show. According to her, she is a local "Karaoke Chanteuse."

Cecile often spent time in the Miami area where her mother retired and moved. When her daughter and son-in-law left New Jersey for the



gulf coast of Florida, Cecile wasn't far behind. They took her to OTOW, and when she saw that swimming pool, she immediately bought her unit.

Her son and his wife and their two children live on a farm in Liguria, Italy. Sometimes Cecile's daughter travels with Cecile to Italy if the timing is right for her to get away from her job at Armani's at the top of the Hyatt in Tampa, where she has been over 20 years.

Cecile was quite involved in Servas, the international home-hosting organization. She hosted many visitors and was able to travel to other countries in return. She loves to travel, and has been to Mexico, England, Canada, Sicily, and all over Italy.

She just finished a day trip with 25 other members of the OTOW travel club to Silver Springs. While in the area, they visited the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic Homestead and had a most enjoyable time.

I asked Cecile for a comment



Cecile Sangiamo, English Tudor featured resident, is a former building writer, along with being a performer and world traveler.

about her 21 years living at OTOW and she said, "It's a happy place to make friends and pick up new talents you never knew you had."

Cecile wrote a column on English Tudor goings-on for six years for the OTOW newspaper. She now writes occasional feature articles for the paper.

In building news, how nice our elevator looks inside and out after a retrofitting. Our maintenance folks also brought new plantings (which look very nice) for our Brazilia core.

We had a small turnout for an early bird at Umberto's on Tuesday, May 27. JoAnn, our social director, is planning on a bar-b-que for July if we can get the count up.

Remember to read our bulletin board for events. Have a safe July 4th.



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# Couple of big-time cruises highlight news from Melbourne

Carolyn Hendrickson and her daughter, Candace Peace, who also lives at On Top of the World, recently returned from a 16-day eight-country Royal Caribbean cruise.

Stopping at eight ports, they visited Ireland, France, England, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Denmark. Carolyn says that being Irish, her favorite country was Ireland.

Pictured at far right are Carolyn and her daughter, at the famous Stonehenge, England, site.

A few months prior, Carolyn went on a Western Caribbean cruise and swam with the dolphins in Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico (see photo). We can't wait to hear where our world traveler visits next!

Sue Salmieri and a friend enjoyed a 20-day Royal Caribbean cruise, visiting Portugal, Gibraltar and spending three days in Barcelona, Spain. Sue said she caught a virus while on vacation but is doing fine now.

Carolanne Futej's daughter and son-in-law are planning to move to Clearwater. Carolanne's daughter, a registered nurse, will begin working at Morton Plant once they are settled in.

Cheryl Howell spent a week with her family in Connecticut to see her daughter, an RN, BSN, receive the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing. She is an accomplished nurse in an unconventional setting:



Carolyn Hendrickson swims with the dolphins in Cozumel, Mexico, during a Western Caribbean cruise she took during the winter.

the MacDougall Walker Correctional Institution in Hartford, Conn. She was also nominated for the Connecticut Department of Corrections Preservation of Life Award. She is married to her childhood sweetheart, and they have two beautiful children.

Val Kastner's son flew down from Michigan the Friday before Mother's Day to spend the weekend with Val. They attended a Friday Rays



Carolyn Hendrickson and her daughter, OTOW resident Candace Peace, pose at the world-renowned Stonehenge site in England. They visited there while on a 16-day, eight-country European cruise.

game, it being Val's son's first time at Tropicana Field. With his architectural background, he just had to walk all around the inside to see how it was all put together.

Everyone who attended received free Rays hats, and because the pitcher struck out 10 batters, they also got free subs!

Along with the special night, he did a lot of little things around the house for Val. That was a bonus as was reminiscing about old times.

Walter and Alice Chin are slowly

getting settled in their condo. They say that life is so easy and relaxing here at OTOW, and they both love it. We love having the Chins' as neighbors.

We have been enjoying our monthly building get-togethers. In May, we had a small group brunch at IHOP. In June, 13 of us enjoyed a wonderful meal, and since it was a Wednesday, we each had a free slice of pie.

Be sure to check our bulletin board for details on our July outing.

Happy Fourth of July!



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



**Class is 9-Noon, August 27 & 28 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room**

*(Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by August 20.)*

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## A look back at the OTOW News (July, 1990)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- The annual condominium meeting had about 500 in attendance. 99.71% voted to retain present management for another year. Over 3,000 votes were counted.
- Remember when July started a new fiscal year? The four-year ID card (yes, a four year card) expired in July. Owners were charged a fee of \$2 for supplies. This process was handled by volunteers.
- Jan Tipton was in charge of the reservations for the Travel Club. July had 15 trips scheduled from July 11 through July 31. Included was a trip to Nova Scotia.
- Selected swimming pool rules: (1) Bathing Cap Rule Removed. (2) Pool hours: Adults, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Young people under 15, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

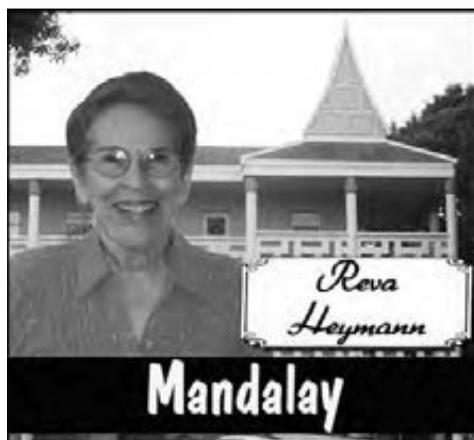
## It's a great time to observe OTOW's flourishing bird life

With our Snowbirds gone, it is really strange to see an almost empty parking lot at times during the day.

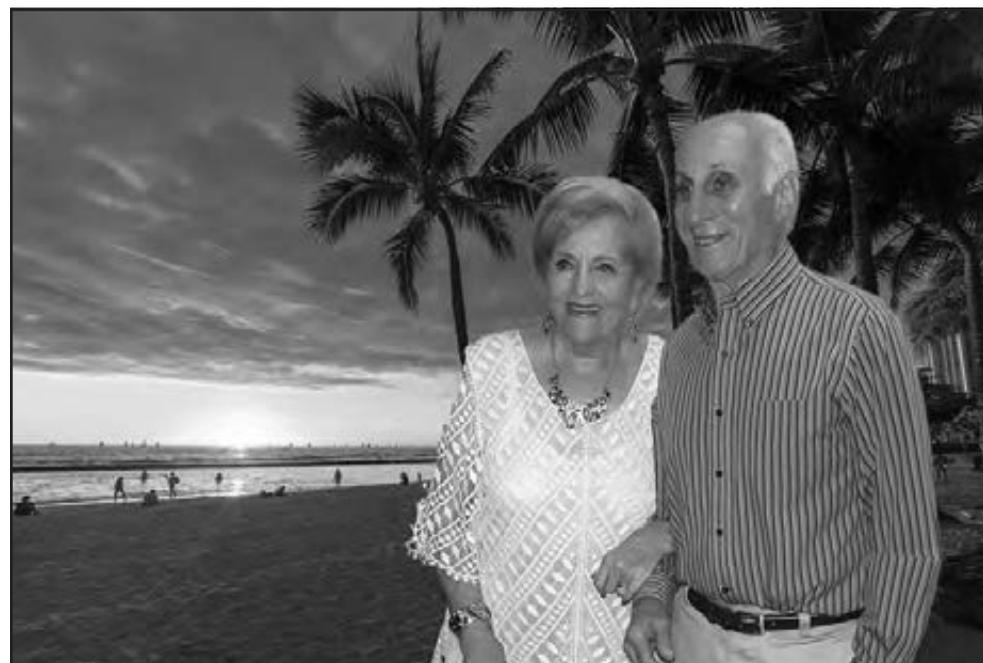
One of the great opportunities we have is the chance to see all the birds here. You see egrets, ibises, storks, roseate spoonbills, etc. It is always a pleasure to see a new flock of ducks in the creek that borders the golf course.

Right now, they are half-grown, but we remember the little flotilla of mama duck sailing along, being followed by a straight line of little ducklings.

We have a new picture on the wall by the elevator in the third floor core.



It is a pretty, blue-toned water scene with sailboats. Does anybody know who donated it?



Minnie and Dom Bucella recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in Hawaii and later in New York with family and friends.

## Trips included anniversaries, graduations and reunions

Happy Birthday America and to everyone who celebrates this month.

Very special warm wishes to Dom and Minnie Bucella who celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss in Hawaii (see photo). From Hawaii they went to New York to continue the celebration with family.

Our neighbors have also been gallivanting around the globe.... The Bill Carey's recently returned from their Hawaiian holiday. Bill reports they really enjoyed themselves.

Mave Anderson attended a three-generation family reunion in Ireland.

Rosalie Borselli and her family went to New Hampshire to attend a granddaughter's graduation from Dartmouth. They then went to Atlanta for a week's visit before returning home to repack for another family get-together in Jacksonville, with family members coming in from as far away as California.

The McDonald's have also been on the go having visited in New York.

Mark and crew are keeping Viennese Villa quite ship-shape. The rubbish area and floors are clean and tidy.



"Hear the Boss" is now in residence at Schick's. Congratulation on the new four-footed member of the family.

We happily found the orange ice cream we love at the new Citrus Grove on Belcher Road across from the Clearwater Post Office.

Special happy birthday to our son, Mike, a professional photographer and Photoshop instructor who contributes many of the photos used in this column, especially the more spectacular ones.

Until next month, remember to send any news and views to me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

**There will be no Bible Study Club meeting in August. The meetings will resume in September.**

## 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.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own. For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

## New couple hails from L.I. via Pasco County



### Gloria in to pinch hit for Debbie

Our new building reporter, Debbie Russell, is up North to help her father celebrate his birthday.

She asked if I would write her column while she's gone. Debbie's husband James is holding down the condo and feeding and walking their dog "Peanut."

Whenever our building doesn't have a column in the paper, it's a good time to read the other buildings' columns. You'll find them interesting, as we have a lot of good writers here in On Top of the World.

Remember the little white box by our bulletin board, which purpose is to hold all your interesting news for Debbie to put in the paper.

Please be safe on the 4th. God bless all you veterans who helped make it possible to still celebrate our Independence Day.

Mike Cooper recently went to Brooklyn to attend a nephew's wedding. He has three nephews and three nieces and this is the first time he's seen them all at one time. It was like a family reunion, as most weddings are. He saw his Aunt Marge who is 103 years old and she recognized Mike, asking how he likes living in Florida.

June was a month with a number of important dates.

It started with a reminder that we are now entering hurricane season — time to lay in a few emergency supplies. (See page 31 in section one of this paper for a comprehensive list of items to have on hand for disasters.)

Then came D-Day on June 6, the beginning of the end for Mr. Hitler. The first day of summer was June 21, as was Father's Day.

Both dates give us an opportunity to reflect, first on the sacrifices made on D-Day by the troops and by their families at home.

Many listened closely to the radio, knowing that their sons or husbands were in harm's way and doing what had to be done.

The second date, Father's Day, gives each a chance to recall those times our fathers gave us special attention or encouraged us or sometimes for just being our dad. We dads find it a time to reflect on the things we did right for our kids and those things we might have done differently. Love and time are great healers.

One of the benefits of being the Azores reporter is that I get to visit and interview some really interesting folks. This month I interviewed Joe and Jean Spahalski (see photo at right, above).

They spent most of their lives in New York and lived on Long Island.



Joe was a regional manager for Morton Salt and Jean was a hairdresser.

Besides raising a family and working, they developed their musical talents and played in a polka band. Joe plays a wicked guitar and Jean a mean keyboard — all the old favorites. Joe showed me his "man cave," complete with quite a selection of guitars.

After getting their children raised, they retired to nearby Pasco County, but finally found their way to the Azores building eight years ago.

Joe and Jean will have been married 58 years in August. They are celebrating by taking a honeymoon cruise.

They have three children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One leftover from late May. Marie Pirrello, our building entertainment chair, set up a luncheon the last Saturday of May. 24 of us signed up and found



New Azoreans Joe and Jean Spahalski are originally from Long Island, N.Y.

our way to the Broken Egg restaurant. Great menu, good food and a chance to visit. A great time was had by all.

On June 14, 21 Azoreans had early dinner at Johnny's. This was also arranged by Marie. Great job, good choice and again a wonderful time to visit.

If you live at the Azores and haven't taken part in these outings, you are really missing a great opportunity to join in and experience the Azores community spirit.

One last reminder, Henry's birthday was June 30. Hope you didn't miss sending him a card, a dog bone or a squeaky toy — he doesn't mind late gifts!

Watch the bulletin board for current happenings.

## Friendly Espana welcomes new residents

I owe you an explanation.

Last month I wrote about the Fier's having a Kentucky Derby party and a gentleman named John Lewis won the prize for the best hat.

I neglected to tell you that John Lewis is a friend of the Fier's and is not a resident of the Espana.

Speaking of residents, we do have some new ones. Tim and Lynn Holtfreter have moved into an apartment on the third floor on the even side of our building.

They originally came from West Bloomfield, Mich., and spent a little time in the Carolinas before coming to Florida. They have been in Florida just a few months.

Lynn is a nurse at Morton Plant and Tim was a teacher in a high school in Michigan. He taught math and computer science. He also coached the high school soccer team. Welcome to the Espana! You will find that this is a very friendly building.

I saw an article in the paper that was written by "Dear Abby" and thought some of you might want the info. A lady wrote that years ago she registered on the "do not call" national



program and now she is getting calls. Abby told her to register again by calling 1-888-382-1222. Abby told her that if after three months she is still receiving calls that she should file a formal complaint using the same toll-free number.

This will stop most telemarketing calls. Unfortunately calls from political organizations, charities, telephone surveyors, and some organization with which you already have a relationship, are still permitted.

It's that time of year when we must look ahead. It is hurricane season from June to the end of November, so it is time to neaten up our patios and

porches. That includes the balconies. Furniture, tables and flower pots will blow and could break your window or a neighbor's window. If it breaks your window, water will come in and could flood not only your condo but also flood your neighbor below or beside you.

If you go away for a few days, make sure that you have someone looking after your things on your patio, porch and balcony that need to be taken inside. Our building gets a lot of wind due to the fact that we are on the lake, so take heed and get ready.

Several years ago, I bought a new very heavy stone table and the wind picked it up and threw it into some bushes. I thought I was safe by buying a heavyweight stone table but now I know better. Incidentally, that happened during a high wind rain storm and not an actual hurricane. (See page 31 in section one of this paper for a comprehensive list of items to have on hand for disasters such as hurricanes.)

Once again, on the 4th, be sure to watch the fireworks that are displayed across the lake. Each year they are spectacular, so bring a chair to the cul-de-sac and enjoy the display.

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Brittany Farmhouse dwellers enjoy good food and good company at a Memorial Day picnic.

## Building picnic held in honor of Memorial Day

It seems as if Brittany Farmhouse is in "summer sleep mode." — very quiet since our seasonals have gone up North, overseas or down under.

They missed already a lot of noise and dust and the smell of tar. But now our cul-de-sac is "wunderbar." And so is our north-side parking lot.

We had a wonderful potluck picnic in honor of Memorial Day, May 23, and it was a huge success (see photo). Eighteen of our residents took part. We had great food and enjoyed the company.

Our next event is coming up soon, as we celebrate the 4th of July.



Keep an eye on the bulletin board for detailed information.

Keep cool everybody, stay hydrated and have a wonderful summer!



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## Lessons learned from eventful, rewarding auto trip

This reporter had a very interesting and somewhat crazy trip up North recently.

My husband Bill and I took a trip up to Edison, N.J., to attend our daughter-in-law's graduation. We decided to drive. A big mistake!

We left the week before the Memorial Day weekend. Our adventure started on an early Saturday morning. We drove to North Carolina the first day with no problems. The next morning, we started our second day with an estimated time of arrival in Atlantic City of 4:30 p.m. We were about 50 miles outside of Washington, D.C., at around noon when the traffic stopped.

We crawled all the way to the Delaware Memorial Bridge, where it took an hour to cross. We finally arrived in Atlantic City at 9 p.m. and checked into our hotel, hungry, tired and stiff. At 10 p.m., we were ordering dinner.

The next day we checked out at noon, following some fun in the casino, and headed up to Edison, N.J. When we arrived at our final destination, we were in shorts. What a shock when we got out of the car. The temperature was around 50 degrees and damp. Of course, coming from Florida, we were freezing. Thank goodness, I packed heavy jackets.

Our daughter-in-law graduated Tuesday morning at the Raritan Convention Center. It was a huge group graduating. We were so proud when we heard her name announced with highest honors.



Later that night, we ate at a very unique Brazilian restaurant (see photo). Every 10 minutes, they brought a different kind of beef, chicken or turkey, which came on large skewers off of which they would carve a piece from each item.

On Wednesday, my brother and his wife came down from Highland, N.Y., to have lunch with us. We went to a famous deli called Harold's. The sandwich cost \$25 because they are huge. My husband and I split one side. We took the rest to go with extra rye bread and ate for the next three days!

That night, I met my former colleagues from St. James School, Woodbridge, N.J. There were 15 of us at the restaurant. We were all so happy to see each other. A big surprise was when some of my former students stopped at the restaurant to say hello. That made me feel so special.

We decided to go home a few days early. We left on the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. When we



Bill and Arlene Bergen with their son and daughter-in-law at her graduation dinner.

left New Jersey, it poured all day until we checked into the hotel in North Carolina. I think all the drivers who don't know how to drive in the rain came out that day.

The last day of our return trip was uneventful. It was so good to feel the warmth of Florida again.

For the next few days we rested because we had to go to Orlando for another graduation. We wanted to make sure we got to the graduation on time, so we stayed overnight at a hotel. The graduation Mass was at 9 a.m. Our niece graduated with honors from St. John Vianney Grammar

School, Orlando. She calls us "her third set of grandparents."

Lessons learned! Next time, we will ship our luggage up North, take a plane and rent a car. But, we are glad we were able to help celebrate our family members' accomplishments.

We wish you and your families a great July Fourth celebration. Stay safe.

If anyone has an interesting vacation experience, a new grandchild, a special birthday or anniversary, please let me know by telephone. You can also leave a note in the white mailbox in the core under the bulletin board.

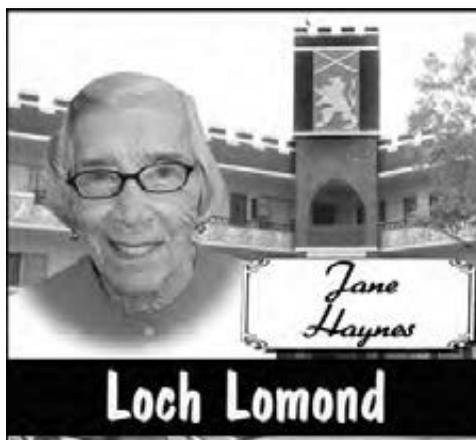
## Activities available to ward off doldrums

Jim Jackson's daughter was his guest for a week in June, visiting Jim and other relatives in the area.

When she returned to Chicago Jim made his visit back to the old neighborhood to enjoy his three children and grandchildren. Jim was always recognized in his neighborhood for his beautiful flowers and shrubs so it's very rewarding to go to the old neighborhood to see how well his "old" home is doing.

Reports were that even at the end of May the weather was quite chilly there, so he was happy to return to On Top of the World and to his front and back hedges and flowers.

Linda and Phil Woods have returned from a very enjoyable trip and have planned the June monthly luncheon this time at Paradise in Safety Harbor. Our area is earning an exciting reputation for a wide variety of lunching and dining sites. It's fun to try a



new dining adventure and compare the results with your friends. In addition, the variety of beers and mixed drinks is expanding rapidly in the area.

The two activities centers have many intriguing groups listed in our newspaper. Ping pong has one or two tables in two different places and several new type exercise groups are forming — get in on all these exciting ways to

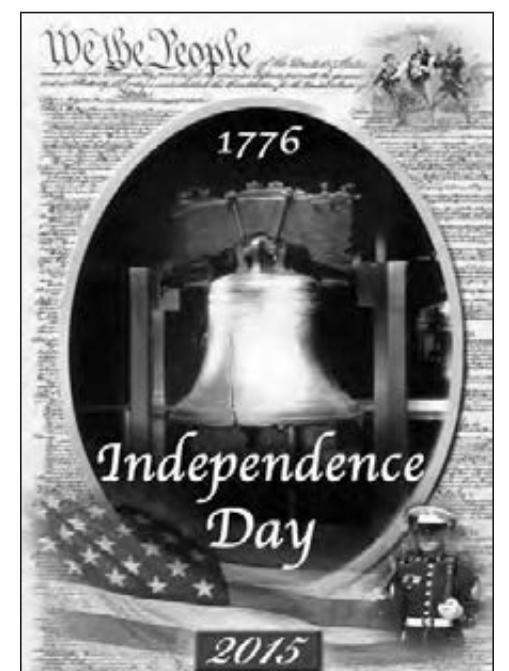
stay involved and have a wonderful time keeping active.

The semi-annual OTOW Association general meeting held June 10 had a very large participation and brought the residents up-to-date on our community, construction projects and reminders of insurance needs precautions to be aware of related to our older appliances and systems.

Our newspaper has helpful info regarding ideas for locating professional help or vendors for equipment. (See "Vendor List" on page 27). Often a friend or neighbor can suggest ideas, but it's really up to each of us to carefully check out credentials of those we decide to deal with.

Thanks again to those who decorate our core and made our bulletin boards attractive and informative.

Enjoy OTOW or a trip or two. Florida has so much of interest just hours away. Keep in touch. Enjoy!



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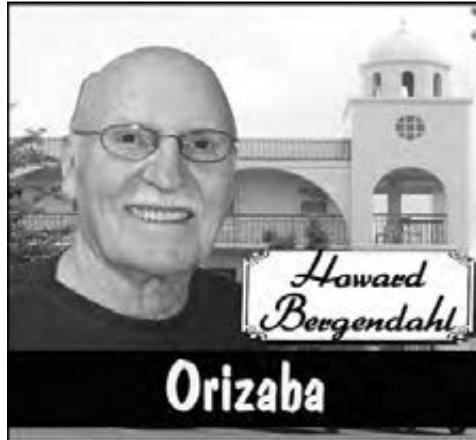
The June luncheon was well-attended and, as usual, the Sunset Grill personnel saw to all of our needs (photo at far right). Thanks to hostess Jackie Blair for getting everyone together for an enjoyable day out.

This month looks like an equally enjoyable outing hosted by Linda Ledesma who promises to try and introduce the building residents to something new and exciting.

Amy Odorisio has joined a unique group and celebrated 80 years on May 7. Amy was joined by 28 members of family and friends at the Island Way Grill for Sunday brunch (see photo).

The best part of the day for Amy was that it was a surprise orchestrated by her children, who I assume were aided by her husband, Tony. Happy birthday, Amy!

Speaking of the pool getting a lot of use recently, it was good to see our building well-represented. Three



This balloon creation was part of Amy Odorisio's 80th birthday celebration.

neighbors, Shirley Howland, Kathy Keary and Sherry Hokansen, debated



For the June luncheon, Orizaba residents enjoyed a nice meal at the Sunset Grill.

about who has the longest walk to the pool. Shirley won because she had to go out the front door in order to fool her pets!

Bernadette and Bob Rittner enjoyed a visit by their daughter and son, but seemed to have more fun with their grandson in the water.

The Association meeting was held on June 10 and a nice turnout was noted. One of the main topics discussed was any violation of association rules. If you see or are aware of any violation you are

requested to notify the service office or Sharon Licata of said violation so that the proper action may be taken.

What can a person do about those elderly wrinkles? Answer: take off your glasses!

As people age, do they sleep more soundly? Answer: Yes, but usually in the afternoon....

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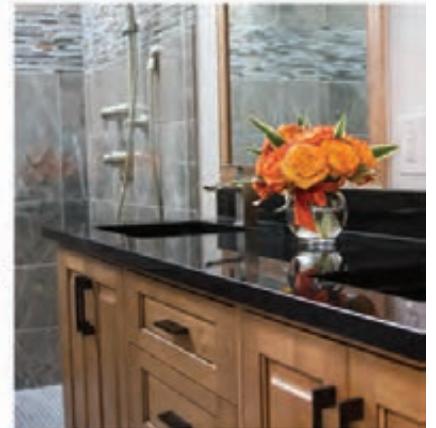
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# Day at sea was a marvelous, relaxing change of pace

Our Englander building got lots of much-needed attention last month from the On Top of the World work crews.

We saw our maintenance fees at work first hand. First were the very efficient and fast-working power washing and paint crews.

Following that, we got a nice surprise when the paving crew asked us to move all our cars so that they could hot top our parking spaces and paint the new lines. For those of us who back our cars in, especially at night, this is a real benefit, making it so much easier to see where we are backing.

Once this was done, it was time for our annual day at sea. George Algozzina, our captain, treated us to an all-day cruise on the Gulf of Mexico. A couple of manatees near the dock sent us on our way along the Intercoastal Waterways for our journey from St. Petersburg to Indian Rocks. The day was beautiful, the sky was perfect and so were the sights along the way.

We saw the world's largest waterfront bar in Pass-a-Grille, dreamt about living on one of the many yachts sharing our waterways and even



Captain George Algozzina keeps his eyes on one of the lovely dolphins sharing our pleasant cruise back to St. Pete.

picked out our favorite extreme home along the water's edge!

The pelicans greeted us at JD's in



Getting ready for a cruise on the Intercoastal Waterway are Joyce Metcalf, Esther Vreeland, Captain George Algozzina, Dick Mikszenas, Dorothy Algozzina and Art Vreeland. (Photos by Terri Mikszenas, who was also along on the trip.)

Indian Rocks where we stopped along the way for our delicious seafood lunch. Of course, we couldn't leave until we put on our happy feet for a little moving and grooving to the live music.

A bit overfed and pooped out,

we began our leisurely cruise back to St. Pete. As if on cue, we were escorted by a couple of dolphins just wanting to share the ride with us.

Many thanks to George, our terrific neighbor, who gave us such a beautiful day at sea!



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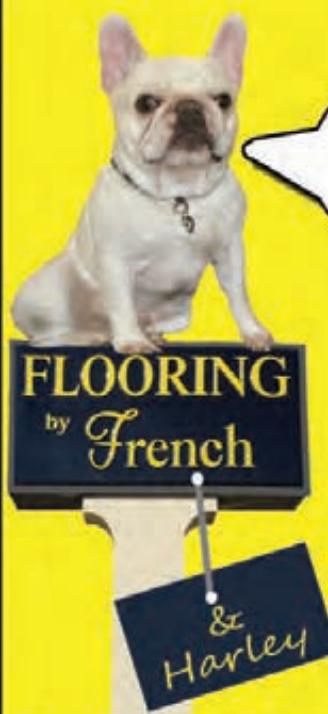
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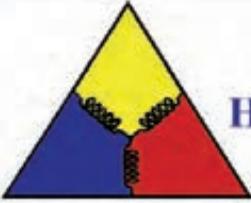
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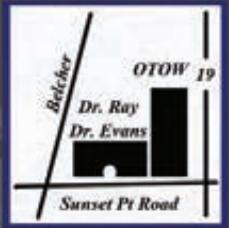
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# Try as it might, rain did not dampen ‘Viking spirit’

Even as the clouds rolled in and the rain started falling, the committee knew that the Viking Pre-Memorial Day Barbeque would go on.

Twenty-four residents, brought together from both the “Spanish Drive side” and the “Norwegian Drive side,” joined in the breezeway for the event (see photo).

Everyone brought some kind of dish, including, various macaroni salads, potato salads, deviled eggs, baked beans, vegetables, chips and dips, crackers, cheese, and cookies.

Rod Bargerstock was in charge of the grill and cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection.

A special treat was a beautifully decorated cake from Publix (see photo). The cake was provided by long-time resident and WWII veteran (on the British side), Ken Roberts. There was enough food to feed the entire building, and enough left over for everyone to take something home.

The hallway was abuzz with the sounds of conversation and laughter. Old acquaintances were renewed, and new ones were made.



Ann Maglio took the honor of the resident living in the building the longest, having been here for 34 years. Some claimed Viking was built around Ann, but she would neither confirm nor deny that!

Building Captain Pat Drake was very pleased by the turnout and had this message for the group: “Thank you to everyone who came to our first barbecue in many years. The food you all brought, and the fellowship we shared was wonderful. I got to meet many of you that I hadn’t met before. I particularly want to thank Brenda



Despite clouds and rain, 24 Viking residents were on hand to enjoy a recent barbeque cookout in the breezeway of their building.

Shapiro, Rod and Ilene Bargerstock, Sandy Sanborn, Hart Kraimer, and Patrick Ellingham. They each helped to make this a wonderful time for all. I know we are going to have more get-togethers, and I look forward to the first one, on June 17, when we meet for lunch.”

As the party wound down, the rain stopped, and a bright rainbow shown over the building. It seemed like a fitting ending to a perfect day.



Viking resident and British veteran of WWII, Ken Roberts, furnished this well-decorated, delicious cake to help top off the barbeque.

## ‘Grandparent scam’ still a major threat

Attention neighbors: That “Grandparent Scam” is still around!

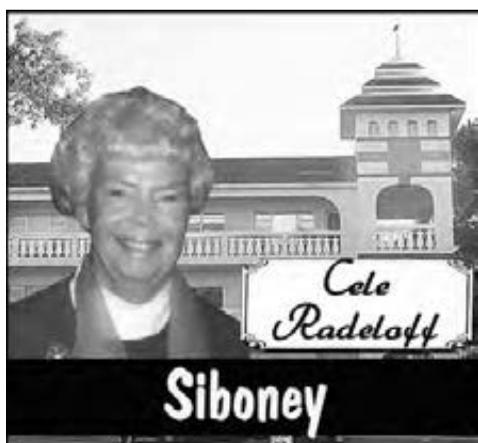
One of the parishioners in my church was almost caught up in it and our pastor alerted us in his weekly bulletin. Luckily a friend informed her of this scheme before it was too late.

Don’t send money to your grandson thinking he is in trouble and he implores you “don’t tell my parents.” It’s a hoax! I personally know two intelligent people who were scammed. One grandmother lost \$5,000.

That is why the reporters for our newspaper cannot print the names of most children or grandchildren anymore. It has happened here! For more information, just Google “grandparent scam.”

I neglected to mention my daughter’s week-long visit from Long Island. She was so good to me doing all the chores I cannot do anymore and cleaning all the fans and windows. We did find time to go to Clearwater Beach and Frenchy’s.

Then we went to the Clearwater Cinema Café to see Clint Eastwood’s son Scott in “Longest Ride.” There were only three of us viewing the movie and you can eat and drink (2 for 1) right at the table. Try it!



Our Memorial Day get-together in the Sunrise Room was well-attended and about 70 of us enjoyed our box lunch. Six neighbors from the Siboney enjoyed betting on the “live” horses. I only lost \$2, so I’m happy!

Flash... We’re all going to be grandparents as a morning dove has set up a nest in the rack in the core on the odd side. I thought it was someone’s idea of a joke as the bird did not move or blink an eye. So, “Please Do Not Disturb.”

Although small in number, twelve of us enjoyed lunch at Rumba’s. Good choice, Rita! Thank you.

At the general meeting of the OTOW Condominium Association,

we learned that the members voted to waive all reserves. Thank you for voting. It was a very informative meeting and we saw the damage caused by fires and floods in the apartments.

Submitted questions were answered by Chairman Ken Colen and covered many subjects including underage children, guests at the pools, picnic areas, dog problems and other relevant topics.

We thank newcomer Joe Morrissey for the two photos in the June issue showing our flag being raised again.

The entrance at Belcher Road (East Side) looks great! The rocks, flowers and fence are a nice addition.

Barbara and Bob Stone celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in the Sunrise Room with friends from the Siboney building, co-workers from Ruth Eckerd and all their children and their families. Also present were lifelong friends and golfing buddies. Even our former mailman, Vic, stopped in to wish them well. It was a wonderful celebration.

Only four months till our building’s 30th anniversary.

Happy Fourth of July to all!



**Grecian Classic**

## New residents are welcomed

We like to welcome our new year round residents Tom and Kim Petriello, who have been married 14 years.

They moved from Kissimmee, Fla., where they lived for 10 years. Tom retired from the New York City Housing Authority and decided to move here with his wife and her son, who will be attending the University of Tampa to study biochemistry.

His wife, Kim, recently left her job with the School District of Osceola County where she worked for the past seven years.

After exploring the Clearwater area for several months, they found On Top of The World and decided that here is where they will reside.

Tom already is settling in quite well, playing cards, billiards and both are enjoying the pool. They are looking forward to enjoying their retirement here. “Welcome!”

**Community Service Office Phone Number is 727-683-6981**

**Calendar of Monthly OTOW Activities — July 2015**

**Note: This is an abbreviated calendar for July, 2015. Calendar content and layout may vary monthly until permanent modifications and/or fixes to the calendar database system used by OTOW are fully implemented.**

- 1 Wednesday.....6:30 PM ..... Theater Workshop Board Meeting ..... Veranda
- 1 Wednesday.....7:30 PM ..... Theater Workshop Meeting ..... Veranda
- 3 Friday.....2:00 PM ..... Travel Club Meeting.....Starlite Room
- 6 Monday.....10:30 AM..... Entertainment Committee Board Meeting ..... Veranda
- 7 Tuesday.....1:00 PM ..... Travel Club Board Meeting.....Rainbow Room
- 7 Tuesday.....2:00 PM ..... Jesters Meeting..... Veranda
- 8 Wednesday.....7:00 PM ..... Building No. 71 Casa Verde Meeting..... Sunrise Room
- 9 Thursday.....9:00 AM..... Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee..... Auditorium
- 9 Thursday.....2:00 PM ..... Democratic Club Meeting .....Starlite Room
- 11 Saturday.....8:00 PM ..... Entertainment Committee Dance ..... Auditorium
- 12 Sunday.....2:00 PM ..... Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park..... Auditorium
- 13 Monday.....2:00 PM ..... German Interest Group Meeting..... Sunrise Room
- 18 Saturday.....12:00 PM ..... Bingo Marathon..... Auditorium
- 21 Tuesday.....6:00 PM ..... Republican Club Meeting..... Crafts Room-Kitchen
- 22 Wednesday.....5:00 PM ..... NY-NJ Club Party..... Auditorium



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## Daily OTOW Activities

### For Everyone

Club and Group Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am East Activity Center auditorium  
 Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner  
 Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 p.m., East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Veranda Room



## Classes and Crafts



### ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays  
 Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays  
 Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room  
 Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m., Small Classroom  
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Computer Room

### DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Jazz)  
 Wednesdays, 11:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Tap)  
 Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)

### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room



## Exercises



### AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

### BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Large Card Room

### CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 a.m., West Gym

### FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Large Card Room

### LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

### LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)  
 Saturday, 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

### TAI CHI

Mon & Wed, 1 pm, East Gym  
 Tuesdays, 6 pm, East Gym

### SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

### YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

### ZUMBA

Mon & Fri, 9 am, Large Card Room



## Traditional Games



### BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room  
 Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room  
 Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room  
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

### CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Classroom

### HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Small Classroom

### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
 Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room  
 Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

### DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Classroom

### PING PONG

Mondays, 3:30 p.m., Large Card Room  
 Tuesdays, 3 pm, Sunrise Room  
 Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room  
 Fridays, 11 a.m., Large Card Room

### PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Large Card Room  
 Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Classroom  
 Thursdays, 5 pm, Large Card Room  
 Sundays, 12:30 pm, Large Card Room

### RUMMI-KUBS

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Veranda

### TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Poker Room (Ron)  
 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)

We have revised the schedule above to reflect summer activities.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.

Certain activities will return in the fall and we need one month's notice to get it back on this page.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the Community Service Office. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

# Trip to Atlanta is followed by relaxing OTOW picnic

The picture shown at right below is of a 25-foot "earth goddess." She resides in Georgia at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

Many plants and flowers make up this gorgeous lady with her hand holding a water fall streaming into a reflecting pool.

While I was visiting with our daughter and her family in Georgia, we saw the Broadway show "Pippin." The show was presented in the historic, restored Fox Theater in Atlanta. It is a beautiful theater and worth the drive trying to navigate congested Atlanta area traffic.

Quite a few of our residents joined Tom and Joan Brennan as they hosted a picnic on their patio. Everyone brought a dish to share. We had a delicious assortment of food.

A large antipasto salad, eggplant, beans, corn, fruit and yummy desserts were just a few of the selections that made the hot dogs taste even better. It was a great turnout and an enjoyable afternoon, thanks to the Brennans and all who attended.

"Till We Meet Again"



This stunning botanical arrangement, called "earth goddess," was found at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens during a recent visit. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

# Vets welcomed at special NY/NJ Club meeting

It was very nice of the New York/New Jersey Club to invite WWII veterans to their meeting held during Memorial Day week.

The coffee and cake there were delicious. It is nice to be remembered. Thanks again for a wonderful time.

The ladies' luncheon was held Thursday, June 11. They went to Tiffany's on U.S. 19 in Palm Harbor. The men did not have a June luncheon.

Valerie and Mike Martin hosted our group lunch on Flag Day, June 14th. It was held at noon at Frankie's



Patriotic Bar-B-Q on Keystone Road. There was a good turnout.

Check the bulletin board for upcoming events.

Have a safe and enjoyable July Fourth



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East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

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

### Wednesday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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### Wednesday Afternoon

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### Thursday Afternoon

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

### Friday Morning

Super Walmart

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

### Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

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

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# Reporter shares details of European travel adventure

A vacation is an experience we all treasure — a chance to relax, spend time with family and/or friends and discover new places and cultures.

Our friends and neighbors, Maria and Helmut Mader, invited us to their beautiful home outside Vienna prior to embarking on our 3,000-mile adventure starting in Germany then on to the Netherlands, the beautiful town of Giethorn, with its canals and sod roofs.

This was an incredible community, built on canals. The only way to get to your home was by bike, kayak, canoe, or walking. The Holland tulip festival was in full bloom. It was breathtaking.

Bicycles are the main means of transportation in Amsterdam. We saw thousands and thousands of riders. Bikes are parked literally on top of each other.

Our next stop was Rotterdam, the largest harbor in Europe. We walked through the cobblestone streets of the town of Brugge in Belgium. It was a magnificent area with its old churches, narrow streets and outdoor cafes.

Just driving up to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial area, you knew you were entering sacred ground. The NACM is one of 14 permanent American World War II military cemeteries on foreign soil. The government of France granted use of this land in perpetuity as a permanent burial ground without charge or taxation.

The massive Allied assault on the Normandy coastline on June 6, 1944, aimed to liberate France and drive into Nazi Germany. We then drove on to Pointe du Hoc, eight miles west of the cemetery honoring soldiers of the 2nd Ranger Battalion, who scaled the 100-foot cliffs to disable German guns threatening Utah and Omaha Beaches. What a moving experience.

On to San Michel, France, to tour this incredible castle which becomes its own island when the tide goes out in the Atlantic Ocean. On to the castle of San Malo, Fort LaLette, the Lighthouse, Cape Frehel and the cliffs in the Bretagne province.

We knew we were close to LeMans when we saw many race cars pulling into town. Stopped at the Saint Julian's Cathedral with its beautiful carved statues and catacombs. Spent a day walking through the gardens surrounding the museum of Versailles.



Jim Sundberg and Maria and Helmut Mader pause in the courtyard of Mozart's birthplace while on a walking tour of Salzburg.

We booked three days in a hotel just outside Paris and took the train into Paris each day. As we walked up the avenue to the Eiffel Tower, we were in awe of this amazing architectural feat. We celebrated Jim's 70th birthday there. Couldn't leave Paris without taking in the Arc de Triomphe les Champs Elysees. The Basilique du Sacre, Coeur de Montmartre overlooks the entire city. What an amazing view from the steps of this church.

We walked in the rain to Napoleon's Tomb, stopped at Cathedral L'eglise de LaMadeleine, then met Maria and Helmut's daughter Isabella and her friends for dinner at an outdoor cafe.

Left France in the morning. Took the autobahn into Salzburg, walked along the Salzach River to the beautiful shops, castle and home where Mozart was born.

We found a typical Austrian restaurant with delicious food and ice-cold beer. Made our way driving thru Switzerland to the Rheinau Waterfall with its magnificent rushing falls.

We spent the evening in a luxury hotel just across the border in Austria.



Jim Sundberg and Helmut and Maria Mader enjoy a beer at the LaTaverne Bougeuse in Belgium during the Sundberg's European tour. (All photos by Barbara and Jim Sundberg)



Jim Sundberg poses on a bridge over the Salzach River in Salzburg, Germany. Notice the many padlocks that people hang on the fence. It is a sign of their love. They are called "love locks." They can even be purchased at many outdoor shops along the river.

Next morning we drove through the Austrian snow-covered mountains to the town of Enns, the oldest town in Austria, before returning to the Mader's lovely home.

We enjoyed several days at the Mader's home where we once again celebrated Jim's 70th birthday, this time with friends of the Maders as well as their daughter, Isabella. We celebrated Mother's Day with a cookout in their backyard under the covered patio. It was a beautiful day and a delicious meal.

The next day we took a trip into Vienna for a tour of the United Nations where Isabella lives and works. This facility is the headquarters for worldwide atomic monitoring. What an amazing building.

After the tour, we walked back to her 23rd-floor apartment with

its picturesque outdoor view of the Danube River and all of Vienna.

On to the Schweitzerhaus to meet up with friends once again to celebrate Jim's 70th birthday, with the best beer in all of Austria, and went for a ride on the giant Ferris wheel. Next day I was Jim's caddy for his noon tee off at the Golf Club Achau, Helmut and Maria's private golf club. Now I know why I haven't taken up the sport of golf!

Our last day was spent together at the Mader's home for a barbecue out under the shelter of their patio, once again in the warm sunshine. Spent the evening packing (in between sipping some ice cold, crisp, refreshing Austrian wines).

We left early the next morning taking with us a lifetime of memories and a thousand photos.



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## Meet two of our newest neighbors

Summer is in full bloom: hot, hot, hot — hot enough to venture out to find some news for our newspaper.

It is great to hear Don and Patty Pellegrino have moved to our building year-round — no more second home.

Pat and Jack Hebert enjoyed a very nice visit from Jack's daughter's family, one being his grandson who was here to play baseball.

We have many new faces in our building the past few months. Meet Martha Weber, who lived in northern Kentucky, where her five brothers and sisters still live.

Martha came to Florida with her father for warmer weather and her father chose On Top of the World. Martha liked it so well she bought a place in our building. She has done medical transcriptions for many years. Enjoys chair volleyball at the Hale center in Dunedin.

Dianne Tomlinson is another new face in our building. She is originally from New York. Dianne lived in Dunedin, decided to downsize, and ended here at OTOW. She has many friends here and she enjoys bingo, computers and playing chair volleyball at the Hale center in Dunedin with Martha Weber.

Happy Fourth of July to everyone!

### Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

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

## OTOW Change of Address Form

Building # \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Leaving OTOW Home: \_\_\_\_\_

You may mail this form to : On Top of the World Condominium Association Inc.  
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Complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.

## COFFEE CORNER

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# Holiday potluck picnic is enjoyable for all

Enjoying a holiday potluck picnic was our way of celebrating Memorial Day.

We had a great gathering on the spot where "ye old oak tree" once stood. The cuisine was superb and, of course, everyone had their fill while happily stuffing themselves on a beautiful afternoon.

We thank all those who slaved away over a hot stove to make it possible! I believe the beverages, including wine and beer, also contributed greatly to the stimulating and somewhat intelligent conversations I overheard.

Everyone appeared so relaxed and easy-going that words and thoughts just flowed naturally. Or maybe when you get our age and you're retired you just don't have to give a damn anymore and you're able to say what you think.

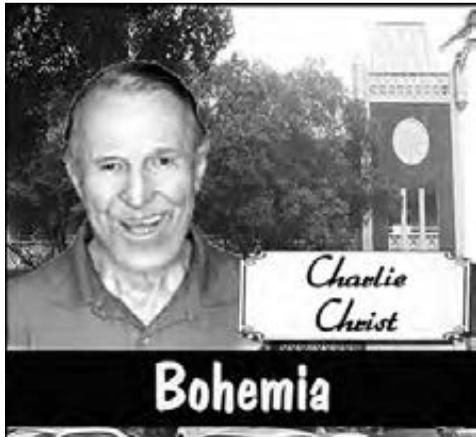
Someone who's a happy party participant can be seen in the photo at far right. Can you guess who? You might want to express your thanks for all her efforts to make these events a success the next time you see her smiling face.

My wife, Barbara, and I attended Clearwater's Centennial parade recently. It lasted over two hours and featured every float imaginable.

We watched in awe as we viewed all the floats featuring every aspect of this city and even surrounding communities like Tampa, St. Petersburg, Dunedin, and Palm Harbor. The whole show represented a lot of love, devotion, and hard work for the things those folks loved and remembered about the place where they live and work.

We also were privileged to attend the graduation of Barbara's granddaughter at St. Petersburg College. She will attend the University of Tampa in the fall.

Paula and Jim Schelling sailed off to the Bahamas on a short cruise with their daughter and her husband. The



This "mystery party-goer" (and organizer) is obviously having a good time at a recent holiday potluck picnic at Bohemia.

ship is the *Norwegian Star* out of Miami. They also planned on a celebration with them on Father's Day.

Some of us enjoyed delicious tasty Spanish food at Pablono's on our Wednesday "hump day." We liked the feature of getting the sauce on the side when ordering. It prevents burning up your throat when trying to finish it later!

We wish our vacationers an enjoyable and cooler summer wherever they may be. Right now, I could enjoy some time in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan at Wakefield, where the temperature is in the 60's and 70's.

# OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. ***If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.***

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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Flexsteel queen sleeper sofa, 3 cushions, blue \$100 OBO; antique white dining table w/2 leafs & 4 cane-back chairs \$100 OBO. 366-7040

Pro tennis racquet, Advantage design, wider head for winning points, not made anymore, cost \$250, sell for \$50. 712-1906

One Toshiba laptop, one Dell PC, both are Windows 10 ready. Call for prices, which include free delivery and setup. 400-5739

Large Schwinn adult trike, includes large basket on back, nearly new \$175; table w/ extra leaf & 4 white leather chairs \$100. 512-2114

Royal Doulton china service for 6 plus extra pieces; tripod, never used. Both items reasonable. 796-7494

Shoprider "Sunrunner" personal electric scooter with charger and cover, new battery, like new condition, rarely used. 723-2429

Ladies' Ram golf clubs, full set, w/Wilson bag, balls, tees, etc. \$135. 614-9686

Misc. items, from ceiling to floor, all must go. All offers considered. 786-3200

Pride Jazzy Select Elite motorized wheelchair, make offer; Craftmatic dual king adjustable bed \$400. 815-482-3246

Kitchen appliances: fridge, stove, dishwasher, all in black, very good condition \$500 for all. 474-2999

Black floor lamp, 2 adjustable spotlights, steel base; two round wood mahogany end tables \$75; king-size bedspread, pillows, drapes, rust/gold/beige brocade print. 286-8068

Twin teakwood table lamps \$45; new leaf blower with long extension cord \$50; walker \$15. 726-4571

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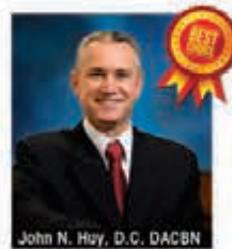
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