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## Curtain call for stage

After 50 years of concerts, shows, dances, plays, dance classes and visits from Santa, the East Activity Center auditorium stage is getting a facelift.

Appropriately, the final concert was on June 15 when local band “Sequel” performed a tribute to Las Vegas with a variety of music and showgirls.

Two days later, the “Retros” performed during an Entertainment Committee dance and then three days later the auditorium finally closed for a breather.

The auditorium will be closed off to residents during refurbishment. Plans called for renovation crews to update the condition of the existing stage. After years of being stepped on, danced on, performed on and more, it was time to make the stage look young again.

The original wood is still there and an effort is underway to remove the dirt, tarnish and wear-and-tear that has darkened its bark over the years.

If all goes well, and the wood proves to still be strong, the stage is tentatively expected to reopen in early July.

Anyone with tickets to upcoming shows is asked to contact the Entertainment Committee, visit the Community Service Office or visit the Box Office Website for daily updates on when the auditorium will reopen.

If closed, club ticket sales will take place in the Kitchen/Craft Room on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Classes and activities in adjoining rooms will still take place. Exterior stairways into the EAC will remain open. You will not be able to use the stairway in the main lobby to go up or down stairs.

The Community Service Office, Good Karma Café and newspaper office will remain open with access only from exterior entrances.

In August, the auditorium is scheduled to undergo another renovation project. This time to the floor and walls. Dates were not final at press time.



Again, residents can ask Community Service Office personnel for updates.

Updates will also be posted on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

Updates will be posted on OTOW-TV if the community TV station is back on the air.

The East Activity Center stage may not look like much on the outside, but for five decades it has been hosting some of the best shows and talent from across the country.

Las Vegas groups, such as The Platters, The Flamingos, The Diamonds, The Comets and The Four Aces have all performed live on our stage.

The EAC stage was built in the late 1960s and about three years later the dressing rooms were added.

The stage refurbishing project actually began a year ago when previous maroon curtains were taken down and replaced with the current black curtains.

The new curtains are Broadway-style show curtains. They are easier to keep clean and are safer.

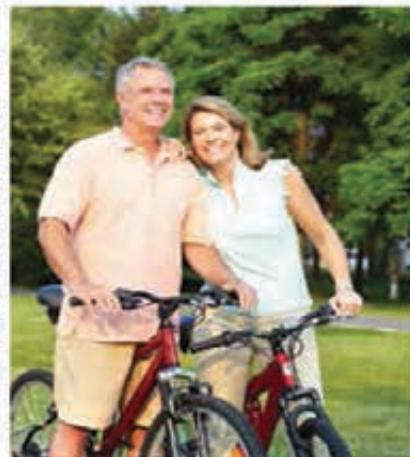
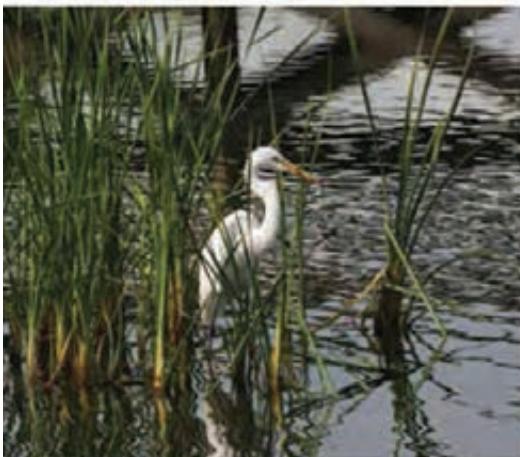
Pictured above are Las Vegas showgirls from the local band ‘Sequel.’ These ladies performed on the East Activity Center stage on June 15. Below is another song from the same band as the theme was Las Vegas Night. This was the last concert on the old stage, which was built in the 1970s.

*(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)*





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# Water at the beach is a pleasant experience, but water sneaking into your condo is not

The month of June brought with it a few alarming service issues.

These issues were alarming in the aspect of cost to the unit owner as well as to adjoining unit owners.

The unfortunate piece is, each one of these situations could have been avoided if someone had been checking the unit during the unit owner's absence.

Many of our residents leave for six months over the summer. Others take an extended vacation.

Many of you do the right thing by having the water turned off in your unit during your absence. Unfortunately water can make its way into your home by other avenues, as evidenced by the list below:

- Improperly sealed windows, includes using incompatible sealant
- Awning anchors not properly sealed and weatherproofed; allows water penetration into a unit
- HVAC exterior access panels and flashing incorrectly sealed or improperly installed
- HVAC lines not sealed and wrapped properly
- Interior HVAC drain lines not serviced
- HVAC drain pans rusted
- Aged water heaters with deteriorated bottoms
- Spontaneous washing machine activation following power outages - surprisingly common!



- Deteriorated ice maker lines
- Toilet – old wax rings and inappropriate items being flushed
- Unlicensed contractors or do-it-yourself homeowners making inadequate repairs

All of the items listed above should be regularly serviced and maintained.

If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it is a very sure bet it needs replacement.

Finally, make sure you have insurance on your personal property and liability in force on your unit at all times.

As reviewed in the General Meeting held June 9, "Loss of Use Coverage" should also be included in your policy. This coverage can provide funds for housing in the event your unit is uninhabitable as the result of an insurable event.

## OTOW-TV update

Two months ago, your On Top of the World community TV station needed new equipment to remain on the air.

After purchasing equipment, getting everything set up and working with Spectrum on the upgrade, the work is nearly done.

As of writing this story, OTOW-TV was very close to going back on the air. By the time you read this, your community TV station should be back on the air - or should be soon.

OTOW-TV is channel 96 on the old analog systems. It is channels 98.1 and 732 for people who are using Spectrum converter boxes.

When looking for OTOW-TV on your set, do not use the up and down arrow buttons on your remote control. Type in the direct channel number you desire. If you are not certain which channel you receive, try typing 96 first, 98.1 second and 732 third. One of them will work.

What is OTOW-TV?

Your community TV channel is a way On Top of the World can provide you with last-minute news. If needed, information can be loaded onto your community TV station in a matter of minutes. So, if there is bad weather in the area, building or road closures, or other events taking place, OTOW-TV will provide you with the latest information.

OTOW clubs use OTOW-TV to provide schedule information. Find out what various clubs are doing up to two months ahead of time. The Entertainment Committee uses your community TV station to promote upcoming concerts, shows and dances.

The Good Karma Book Club and Good Karma Cafe both post information and special events.

The TV station airs videos, too. Jesters and Theater Workshop shows air on OTOW-TV every Friday night at about 8 p.m. You can also watch past Irish Club parades, Chorus concerts, Halloween Pet Costume Contests, exercise videos and line dance-at-home videos.

Coming in August, if everything is working, OTOW-TV will debut the 2017 Jesters show, "Thanks For The Memories." Watch for dates in your August newspaper.

## Preventing Water Damage



In order to prevent the possibility of water damage to your home, please follow the guidelines below:

- Have your air conditioner unit (HVAC) serviced at least two times per year, optimally before you leave for an extended time.
- Keep current phone numbers and emergency contacts on file with the Association. Drop off a letter at the Community Service Office with sufficient information.
- Update your emergency contacts and their phone numbers (many of your emergency contacts may have relocated or changed their phone numbers). Keep your contact list posted on your refrigerator door.
- Units should be inspected once a week to minimize the extent of possible water damage. Make sure you leave your key with a reliable person, who will check your condo on a regular basis. Make sure this person does not just hold your key.

### If you are inspecting a unit for an out-of-town resident

- In case the owner did not turn off water to the unit, take the time to make sure the water is turned off. Visit the Community Service Office to make arrangements.
- The air conditioner in the unit should be set at a minimum of 80 degrees.
- If a dehumidistat is present, it should be set at 50 degrees.
- Check HVAC closet for moisture.
- Check water heater closet and pan.
- Check carpeted areas for moisture. Sometimes moisture cannot be seen by the eye.
- Immediately report any suspected interior leak, interior water damage or interior water stain to the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. A prompt follow-up and instructions are important.

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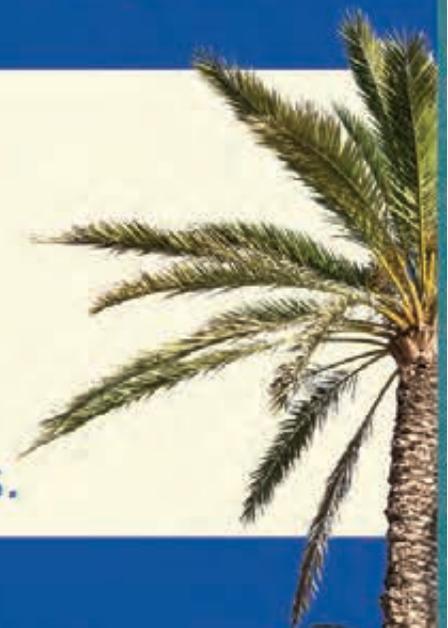


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# Special Saturday dates set for activity card renewals

## East Activity Center

As a reminder, the East Activity Center auditorium renovations will continue through Friday, July 7, closing the auditorium to all events and access will be limited. Please do not cross any work zone barriers as they are put in place for safety reasons.

## Activity Card Renewals

The Community Service Office will be open for activity card renewals daily, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

Special Saturday renewals will take place on the following dates and times in July: July 1, July 8 and July 15 from 8-11 a.m.

Special evening hours have been set up for July 6 and July 13 until 7 p.m.

NOTE: All activity cards MUST be updated no later than July 15 or use of the facilities may be impacted..

## Activity Card Information

When renewing your activity card or getting a brand new one issued, please re-



member to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

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

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

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities. Be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use an SCA facility, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

## Save These Dates

The Community Service Office and the Good Karma Café will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

## Important Phone Numbers

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life threatening emergency please dial 911.

The OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981.

Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only. Once the need is identified, a work order will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request, but generally, once the service ticket is generated it will be addressed based on priority.

All tickets will then be addressed in the order in which they are received. As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

## Important Reminders

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request. For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

**FREE CONCERT!**

**Tuesday July 25**

**9:30-11 am**

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On Top of the World East Activity Center Auditorium

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- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)  
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and fill out a service request.
- (4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

**Service Policy**

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

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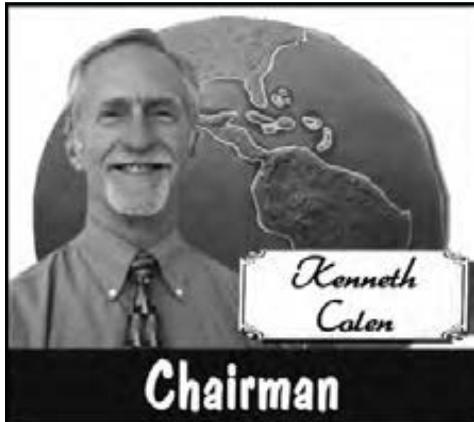
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# Annual Meeting reviews projects



## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was held at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2017, at the East Activity Center, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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 2.5 hours with no break.

The Board presentation took one hour. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to answering questions submitted by residents.

Several questions were submitted asking about community-wide free wireless. Currently, the only hotspots available to residents are at both the East and West Activity Centers.

The response to the question was that free Wi-Fi isn't free. Somewhere, a connection must be made to a fiber cable and that requires an active account with a Service Provider (Spectrum, Verizon, etc.).

At the West Activity Center Learning Lab and pool, free Wi-Fi is provided as a service to residents, but the connection runs through the Association's account.

The second challenge is getting a wireless signal into the condo. The sheer mass of steel and concrete in each building makes signal frequency penetration nil.

Long story short: it's a great idea, but not practical.

Another question dealt with adding charge stations for electric vehicles. When asked, only one person in the audience stated they currently drive an electric vehicle. When asked how many were considering a purchase of an electric vehicle in the next five years, approximately 20 hands were raised.

The Board considered this as a clear indication of interest. It was explained that charging stations cost in the range of \$8,500 dollars and installation costs range from \$1,500 to \$3,500 (distance to a transformer) or higher.

Installing a charge station at each building becomes cost prohibitive and impractical. Installing a bank of chargers at the Activity Centers may be more economically feasible and will be explored.

A report was presented on the status of recreation improvements and construction for the past 12 months of activity. Quite a bit has happened in a relatively short time.

To recap the last year to date includes:



During the annual meeting on June 9, On Top of the World Chairman Kenneth Colen goes over some of the improvement which have taken place in the community over the past year. OTOW was busy with painting and railing projects, added a new fitness center, and joined the Entertainment Committee in bringing new stage curtains to the auditorium stage. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

four buildings have new roof systems and two building have new shingles installed on their mansards. New gutter systems accompanied all of these new roof system installations, as well as bringing the roofs up to the current wind code.

There have been four elevator equipment replacements and two elevator cab rehabs.

Twenty-one buildings had their front elevations repainted, while eleven back elevations were waterproofed.

Asphalt improvements included five primary parking lots, 49 secondary parking lots and two partial road sections.

Three buildings received new code compliant aluminum railings and more than 900 new walkway light fixtures were installed.

On the landscape front, 37 tree removals and replants took place, according to Pinellas County requirements.

Planned recreation improvements for the coming fiscal year include the addition of a pavilion and barbeque grills, as well as moving the tennis courts, shuffleboard courts and horseshoes pits. This is a large scale project that requires a plan review by the county. As of this writing, we do not have a start date.

Awnings, and their failure to meet current building code for wind speed, were discussed. It was noted that awnings, with weak or failing attachments, will cause damage to building structures and need to be removed at the owner's expense.

To date in 2017, only 303 awnings, out of 2600, remain.

The Board established a date of July 1, 2018, for all non-compliant shutters to be removed. After that date, shutter inspections will be added to the estoppel inspection checklist that must be in compliance before the Association will sign off on the transfer of property (resale or inheritance). This is similar to the washer/dryer inspection.

The topic of improperly installed washer and dryers was also discussed. 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 what owner installed a washer/dryer.

This requirement applies regardless of what real estate 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 will be granted.

The Association's inspection service enforces rules, standards, awareness and

compliance in this community. Inspections assist in keeping your community beautiful and safe. Inspections also provide a way to maintain architectural control to enhance and protect the values of this community.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted in person, or by proxy, to waive reserves. Under Florida Statutes, in order to hold a meeting and conduct business, the Association needs a quorum of voting interests. So every vote counted regardless of how you voted!

By a majority vote of ballots and proxies, 1530 votes were cast with 1406 voting "Yes" to waive reserves and 95 voting "No" to establish reserves. Twenty-nine ballots disqualified because they were incomplete or improperly completed.

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.

The question was asked, "What is the difference between reserves and no reserves?"

The answer is an additional \$4.7 million dollars added into the Association's budget. Looking at it another way, an added \$73.84/month onto your Community Service Fee.

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# recently completed and still ahead

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

As a component nears the end of the estimated useful life, it is inspected to determine if replacement needs to be accelerated or if there is still serviceable life left. If this latter is the case, then the target period can be extended for a determined period.

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

## **Property Insurance Update**

Guy Woolbright provided a detailed report to the Association on property coverage at the June meeting.

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 5 percent of the stated value subject to \$250,000 minimum for named wind storm.

For more information on this topic, please go to

**[www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com/](http://www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com/)  
Community Information**

and review the document entitled Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

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 policy for their unit and belongings "HO-6" policy.

In the case of a destroyed building due to a fire, the HO-6 policy pays the unit owner for new flooring, kitchen appliances, furniture and it may even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired. The HO-6 should have personal liability, loss of use, and loss assessment coverage bundled in with it.

Your Association continues to receive numerous requests for Wind Mitigation Certificates. This is a document that states whether or not certain components of a structure comply with the 2001 Standard Building Code. Because of the volume of requests, a form for each and every building address has been posted on

[www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com](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 buildings with roof replacements in 2017 will have an updated wind mitigation form on the On Top Of the World Website by August. They are all accessible at: <http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/wind-mitigation-forms.aspx>

## **Landscape and Architectural Controls**

The Community's Declaration provides for the Association to exercise architectural control over the buildings and other common elements.

Inasmuch as it is your Association's responsibility to provide for the continuous maintenance of the buildings, components, grounds, roadways, sidewalks, and the underground infrastructure (collectively called "common elements"), it is the Association that must have final say over any architectural or structural modifications in addition to making sure that contractors performing the work are properly licensed and insured.

Maintenance of landscape and related features in the common areas is an ongoing process. In many cases, the owner that made the original modification has moved on and the landscaping has grown out of control. At times, an owner may become irate with the management company personnel that trim back or remove plantings (in most cases installed without first consulting the Association). Your Board can be sympathetic to a point in these types of matters. However, when a tree begins to scrape and erode shingles on a roof mansard, or the roots lift up walkway or pavement, or when shrubbery encroaches into a walkway, it is time for the offending plant to be removed to protect the safety of both residents and property. The Association has a job to do for the benefit of all owners.

Please remember that any building or landscape modification must receive prior approval from the Association. I am mentioning this in the hopes that we can all avoid unnecessary consequences of non-compliance with the Rules and Regulations and Covenants of your Association.

You may obtain an application for modification from the Community Service Office or online at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/service-department/#mrf](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/service-department/#mrf). Return it with a detailed description of the work requested and a dimensioned drawing of the affected area. A representative of the Association will review the modification and advise the owner of approval or denial. Inspection of completed work is upon completion of the project.

## **Community Update**

### **Painting/Waterproofing**

A painting contractor will continue to work in the Paradise Reserve section of property in July with Buildings 91 and 94 having the front façade of the structures painted, and Building 96 having the rear façade waterproofed.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

### **Reoccurring reminders for all community residents**

Building walkway repairs was a question that came up at the annual meeting, specifically when to expect a walkway repair.

The process is that each building's second and third floor walkways are inspected and rated as to the condition. The work is then prioritized and scheduled. 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. 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.

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 buildings' 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. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

### **Inspection Services Division**

The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway construction department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require

advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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

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

Inspection services representatives also will be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2017/2018 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied. If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

The Inspection Services Division has been reaching out to unit owners who still have "clamshell" awnings, which do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top Of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the 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.

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With the hot and humid weather here in Clearwater, a chilled soup, combined with a crisp salad, is the perfect dinner. And don't forget the wine.



## The Perfect Beverage

Dry Rosé - The dry rosé offers fresh fruit flavors with relatively high alcohol and refreshing acidity. The wines are enjoyable to drink on their own during the hot summer months, but also pair beautifully with complex food selections.

## Tip Of The Month

(actually, cutting off the tip)

Upright Deviled Eggs: When transporting deviled eggs to a dinner party, cut a small sliver off the bottom of each egg white before filling it so that the egg can sit on the serving platter without wobbling.

- Got a question for the Butcher Block?
- Want to request a recipe for this page?
- Visit the Box Office.

Go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), click the Box Office, click Enter, look for the Butcher Block link and click. Make your request and submit.

# Asparagus Vichyssoise

## Ingredients

- 2 oz unsalted butter
- 2 1/2 cups leeks, cleaned white part only, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 1 large white onion, peeled and cut to 1 inch dice
- 2 cups yellow gold potatoes, peeled and cut to 1 inch, dice
- 1 quart chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 cup of heavy cream
- 2 cups asparagus, fresh or frozen, reserve some tips for garnish
- Salt and white pepper to taste

## Directions

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add leeks, celery and onion. Reduce heat and cover. Do not allow the vegetable oil to color! Sweat the vegetables until they are translucent. Add the potatoes and stock. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and continue to simmer lightly until the potatoes are very soft. Add the asparagus, heavy cream and cook until the asparagus is tender. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Using a blender, puree until smooth. Chill.

Before serving remove from the refrigerator and stir in cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with the reserved cooked asparagus tips.

# I made this!



Yep.

The headline says it all.

I made this.

For more than one year now, our On Top of the World newspaper has been featuring a recipe in our special Butcher Block section.

And everytime I put a completed news page on our proofing table at the newspaper office, I always hear, "Oh that looks good. I'm going to have to make it."

Well, I didn't just say it, I actually tried it.

And look - it's edible, too!

The Butcher Block has already featured recipes for chicken, seafood, soups and more.

In June, the recipe was slow-cooked pot roast with carrots, celery, tomatoes and a Merlot wine sauce.

I added spaghetti noodles for my own touch ... and next time I will add some sort of spice for a kick, but what you are looking at is exactly the way the Butcher Block left the instructions. I even bought a crock pot to do the recipe correctly.

In preparation for my challenge, I read about crock pots online. Text stated you can successfully slow-cook something in four hours, but for best results, slow-cooking is best over six, eight or 10 hours.

So, I went all in and chose eight hours.

It was so difficult. I turned a knob to eight and watched baseball all day. Very stressful!

I showed Tom this picture of my own pot roast and he was quite pleased. However, I told him I put ice cubes in my glass of Merlot with dinner and he was disappointed.

Hint: Don't tell Tom you ice down your Merlot!

Bottom line is - yes you can make the recipes featured on the Butcher Block page. This month it's asparagus vichyssoise.

Tom Butcher is a travel-weary cook. He has seen how people across our country cook their specialties and has collected recipes locally, nationwide and even internationally. He's even judged various food contests.

If you missed a recipe one month, or want to go back and get a recipe from something you remember seeing in a past newspaper, you can view all his published recipes on the Box Office Website.

Go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com)



My pot roast dinner with carrots, celery, onions and tomatoes, as described in June's recipe of the month.

and click "Enter." In the left-hand column, look for the Butcher Block link. All Tom's recipes and photos are displayed. Just click on the one you want and print it out.

There is even a section for you to ask Tom a question or ask for a recipe.

For example, someone asked, "What is the difference between professional

barbecue sauces and store-bought barbecue sauces?"

Tom responded that store barbecue sauces are often generic and use the same basic ingredients, whereas professional barbecue sauces come in a wide variety to specialize in how the chef wants his barbecue to taste. Wide variety includes various spices and various temperatures.

Did you know that?

Next time you're at Rib Fest, bring home a jar of professional sauce and taste the difference.

If you want Tom to publish a future recipe for a specific food or for a special event, go to the Box Office and leave a note. You might see your request in a future newspaper.



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# July

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

## DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

### ART/CRAFTS

**CARING AND SHARING**  
Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room  
**CERAMICS**  
Tuesdays, 12 pm, Craft Room  
Fridays, 9 am, Craft Room  
**CHINESE PAINT BRUSH**  
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room  
**PAINTING PALS**  
Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room  
**PAINTING WORKSHOP**  
Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room

### ATHLETICS

**PING PONG**  
M,T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

### BOARD GAMES

**CHESS**  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room  
**DOMINOES**  
Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

### BILLIARDS

**EIGHT BALL**  
Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room  
**TEN BALL**  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room  
**NINE BALL**  
Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room  
**SCOTCH DOUBLES**  
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room  
**QUE'T LADIES**  
Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

### CARD GAMES

**CONTRACT BRIDGE**  
Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room  
Thursdays, 11 am, Small Card Room  
**CRIBBAGE**  
Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room  
**DOUBLE PINOCHLE**  
Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room  
**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**  
Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:30 am, Yellow Room  
**MAHJONGG**  
M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room  
Mondays, 4:45 pm, Sunrise Room  
**PINOCHLE**  
Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room  
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room  
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Craft Room  
**SCOPA**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

### COMPUTER CLUB

(ALL IN WEST ACTIVITY CENTER LEARNING LAB)  
M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, Troubleshooting  
Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations  
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with Windows 10  
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with I-Pads and Tablets

### DANCING

**DANCING WITH NOLAND**  
Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room  
**PERFECTING DANCE STEPS**  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Art Room  
**SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS**  
Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

### EXERCISES

**BONESAVERS**  
M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room  
**EXERCISES CO-ED**  
M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room  
**STRETCHING**  
M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Yellow Room  
**LADIES EXERCISES**  
M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, Exercise Room  
**SLIMNASTICS**  
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room  
**TAI CHI**  
M,W,F, 2 pm, Exercise Room  
M, 2:45 pm, Beginners, Exercise Room  
T, H, 6 pm, Intermediate, Exercise Room  
**WATER AEROBICS**  
M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, EAC Swimming Pool  
**YOGA**  
T, H, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Marilyn)  
**ZUMBA**  
Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Yellow

### TEXAS CARD GAMES

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Tom: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room  
Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room  
Barry: Mondays, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room

### COFFEE CORNER

Mondays-Fridays, 7-10 a.m., Auditorium\*  
(\*Coffee Corner will return after renovations  
Coffee will be served in Good Karma Café  
when Coffee Corner is closed down)

### LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays: 9 am - 12 pm  
Wednesdays & Fridays: 1-3 pm

### FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 7-9; Sunday 9-8

### JEWELRY-MAKING HOURS

Closed in July

### WOODSHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm

SUNDAY

MONDAY

Tuesday, July 11

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	No.31 Contemporar 4:30 PM - Kitchen
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	German Interest Gr 2:00 PM - Sunrise R Ent. Committee. Bo 10:30 AM - Veranda
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Ent. Committee. Sunday In The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium	Health Screenings 8:00 AM - Veranda
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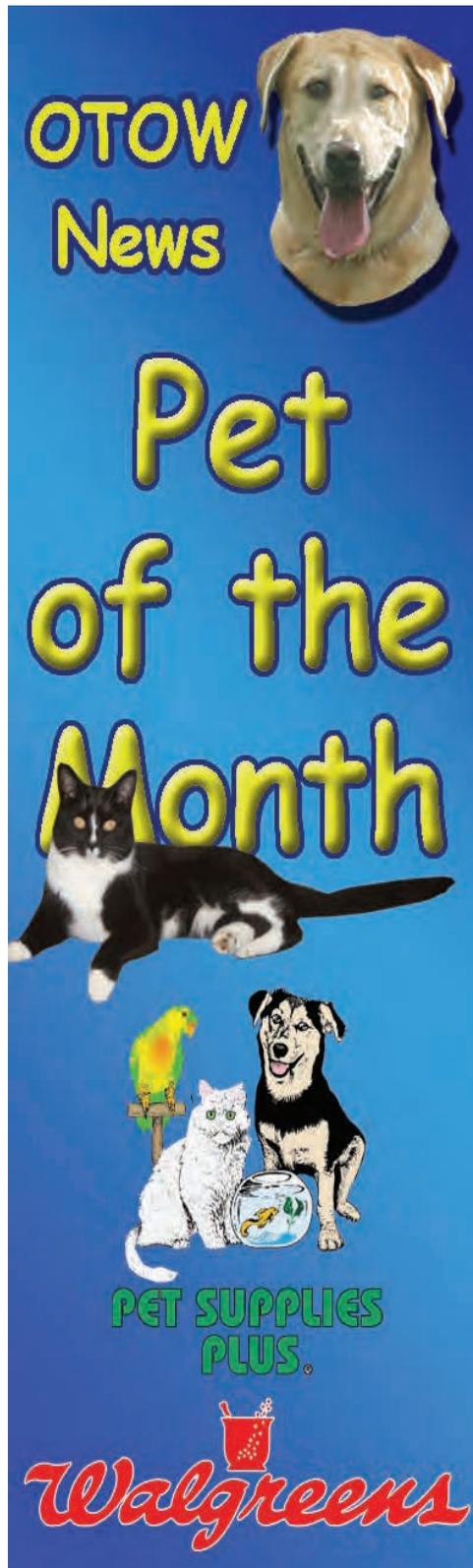
The East Activity Center auditorium and stage are tentatively scheduled to reopen on July 7.  
If there is a delay, events scheduled for the auditorium will be relocated.  
Watch OTOW-TV on the Box Office for updates.

**DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

**VOICE Experience  
July 25, 9:30 am, East Activity Center auditorium  
(Free Concert)**

	04 Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda  Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda  No.84 Malaguena Social 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room	05 Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Veranda  Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room  Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda	06 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Kitchen  TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room	07	08 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room  Lambda Club Activity Night 7:00 PM - Art Room
Group Meeting Room  Card Meeting	11 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium  Republican Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room  Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda  Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda	12 Coloring Book Club Art 1:00 PM - Veranda  Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda	13 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Kitchen  Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium  TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room  Ent. Committee. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium	14 Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room	15 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium  Ent. Committee. Dance 8:00 PM - Auditorium  Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room
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**Special Thursday Hours for Renewing Activity Cards: July 6 and July 13, 8:30 am-12, 12:30-7 pm  
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**OTOW News**

**Pet of the Month**

**PET SUPPLIES PLUS**

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*Blondie*

Hi. My name is Blondie and my brother's name is Guney. We are Lhasa Apso's. We moved from St. Augustine with our mother Pat Anderson of the Mediterranean Building, Guney and I are both 8 years old now. I have long hair and Guney has short hair. We both love to take walks and visit with all the people we meet. We sometimes bark at larger dogs, even though we don't know them. We love to chase the squirrels, but somehow they always get away. We also like it when our friends from Oklahoma visit for the winter. Sometimes they come in the summer, too. We all miss living in St. Augustine, with our own big yard to play and run in, but we like it here in Florida, too. Hope to see everyone out and about.

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 [otow.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:otow.newsroom@gmail.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. 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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Pictured at right is a tea set with strawberry decals made by our certified instructor, Jewel Chamberlain.

Stop by on Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. or Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and see our shop, ask questions or get started on a project.

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**O'Keeffe and Stieglitz: Pioneers of American  
Modernism**

**TUESDAY, JULY 19; 10:30 A.M. – NOON**  
**INSTRUCTOR: JOHN SCHLODER**

Join Dr. John Schloder, Director Emeritus of the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, in this exploration of two pioneers of American Modernism. Coming of age at this time, Georgia O'Keeffe's life was rich in intense relationships, especially with master photographer Alfred Stieglitz, and in extraordinary artworks of [often-eroticized] flowers, bones, skulls, and skyscrapers. Stieglitz himself was an avid collector of modern American and European art.

Registration Number: 8015 OT  
Location: Learning Lab, West Activity Center

**Made in America: Transforming Innovations**

**THURSDAY, JULY 27; 10:00 A.M. – NOON**  
**INSTRUCTOR: PATRICK BYRNE**

Putting politics out of bounds, this lecture will trace the arc of American innovation and its consequences, outline the reasons and effects of a lessening of our manufacturing lead, and sketch alternative visions of the future. In discussion, we will jointly explore several pivotal questions that we must answer, together, as a nation.

Registration Number: 8016 OT  
Location: Learning Lab, West Activity Center

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**Henry Houdini: Magic and Mystery**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8; 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**INSTRUCTOR: RICK KISTNER**

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Houdini was among the first wave of Eastern European immigrants to make the arduous trek to America. A man of strong social conscience, he devoted much of his later life to exposing fraudulent mediums and spiritualists but died tragically on Halloween, 1926. Our session will examine the life of this renowned man of mystery and his conquest of the entertainment world.

Registration Number: 8017 OT  
Location: Learning Lab, West Activity Center

**Jackie Robinson, Reluctant Pioneer**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17; 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**INSTRUCTOR: RICK KISTNER**

Seventy years ago Jackie Robinson was assigned to play professional baseball in Daytona Beach. His appearance sparked a vicious backlash by local officials and the public. Robinson persevered and became one of the game's great players, opening the door for African Americans to take their rightful place in the national pastime. Join us as we review the life and career of the truly extraordinary No. 42, Jackie Roosevelt Robinson.

Registration Number: 8018 OT  
Location: Learning Lab, West Activity Center

**Florida Songs**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24; 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**INSTRUCTOR: LYNNE MORMINO**

Did you know Florida has both a State Song and a State Anthem? Come and enjoy hearing the songs of Florida and discover the history of the times in which they were written. From the "Gandy Bridge" to "Moon over Miami" from "Tallahassee Lassie" to "Key Largo," Florida has a treasure trove of music!

Registration Number: 8019 OT  
Location: Learning Lab, West Activity Center

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## *Veranda Gift Shoppe is officially closed*

# Get Acquainted Coffee will be Thursday, July 13, assuming stage work is finished

As On Top of the World residents embark on summertime here, a few things have changed for the Good Neighbors Association.

Our club will only have a presence in the East Activity Center on Thursday mornings in July and August. We will resume our Monday and Thursday routine appearances in September.

Our regular Get Acquainted Coffee will resume Thursday, July 13, assuming work in the East Activity Center auditorium is finished and we are allowed back in. Watch the Box Office for updates.

Get Acquainted Coffee will remain the second Thursday of the month for August, September, October and November, but we have rescheduled in December for the first Thursday, Dec. 7.

We will post reminders in this newspaper, on the Box Office and on OTOW-TV, so no one will miss the delicious coffee and donuts we serve, and the important elections coming up for the Good Neighbors Board.

In speaking of the board, we have had two people commit to joining us, and an additional two people who have expressed more than a passing interest in becoming a part of our association's board. We could still use several more members for the board. We welcome all inquiries. All that is required is you have a valid activity card and a willingness to work for the



good of your fellow neighbors.

See Jim or Maureen Bjorgo in the EAC Kitchen/Craft Room on Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m. while renovation work is taking place. Or call them at 727-725-4048.

You won't regret volunteering for this worthwhile association of your friends and neighbors.

Our Veranda Gift Shoppe is now history. All the wonderful ladies and gentle-



Veranda Gift Shoppe volunteers and contributors gathered one last time in June to enjoy cake, cookies and beverages before the shoppe closed for good after 45 years in our community.

men who made gifts have now picked up the last of their goodies. We have either sold or disposed of all the fixtures, cabinets and the like to give space back to On Top of the World.

One last time, the Good Neighbors Association would like to thank each and

every person who helped close the shoppe. Without your help, this would have been an unmanageable task.

Thank you.

In closing, another thank you to everyone who has had a hand in the success of the Good Neighbors Association.

## *Questions and Answers about your basic TV cable*

In 2009, Brighthouse/Spectrum converted all units from analog to digital cable to provide each resident with the ability to access local channels 2-13 and PBS (once considered the master antennae) without being hooked up to cable as a paying customer.

This was essentially a special service provided by Brighthouse/Spectrum to the On Top of the World residents.

Each unit was retrofitted with digital cabling that enters through a port in the back of the building (in most cases the Florida room). On the West side, it enters thru the center of the unit. There is a cable outlet face plate at this port.

This is NOT Brighthouse/Spectrum "basic" service.

If you elect to receive any one of the Brighthouse/Spectrum cable plans, you will become a paying customer with an account and a monthly bill. You will not receive a discount from Brighthouse/Spectrum for the local channels 2-13 and PBS, and there is no On Top of the World "bulk accounts" to be linked to.

There are many scenarios that exist here in the On Top of the World community.

1. You may be receiving channels 2-13 and PBS, and you are not a paying customer.

2. You may be a paying customer who selected one of Brighthouse/Spectrum cable plans, and you receive

your cable through the one original cable outlet.

3. You may be a paying customer who selected one of Brighthouse/Spectrum cable plans, but has existing additional cable outlets that Brighthouse/Spectrum installed with additional wiring throughout the unit. This is a service that must be paid for through Brighthouse/Spectrum.

(Please note this could have been installed prior to your leasing or purchase of the unit if it was not done at your request)

4. You may be a resident of either scenario No. 2 or No. 3, and later request to shut off the cable or transfer it to another location. At this point channels 2-13 and PBS should be restored to the one cable outlet. In scenario No. 3, the additional outlets would then become non-active.

5. You may be a resident of either scenario No. 2 or No. 3. However, in this case, the service you requested off, remains on, and essentially any new residents to the unit will receive "free" cable for a duration of time until either the cable company becomes aware of the situation, or the new resident brings it to the attention of the cable company.

These are rare occasions, but they have been known to happen.

Once the cable company is aware, they will either re-

store the unit to the 2-13 and PBS stations or the resident becomes a paying customer.

Please know that On Top of the World Condominium Association does not resolve billing, solve cable issues or speak on behalf of Brighthouse/Spectrum.

There once was a number provided where you could call Brighthouse/Spectrum if you were having reception problems with channels 2-13 and PBS. This no longer exists.

If you are a paying customer and have issues to resolve, you will need to speak directly with Brighthouse/Spectrum either by phone or at a store location. The number should be provided on your billing statement.

Direct T.V. and Dish have always been available with the submission of a Modification Application. You will need to submit the license and insurance of the company of your choosing. The dish would be attached to your A/C platform if you live on the second or third floor or on your patio if you live on the ground floor. No installation is permitted in the ground.

Modification Applications are available at the Customer Service Office.

Please contact Verizon, Frontier, WOW, or other providers to determine what services may or may not be available to you.

# When it comes to estate planning, wills or trusts, you should really be represented by a Florida attorney

Q. At a lecture in Ocala, you and your partner, Rachel Wagoner, discussed who can be the executor of a Florida Will.

You, or maybe Rachel, said that any Florida resident over age 18, and not a convicted felon, could be an executor. You also said that if the person you wanted to be the executor was NOT a Florida resident, but WAS a child or other blood relative, that that person could also serve as executor.

I am from New York and my New York lawyer, who is, in fact, licensed by the Florida Bar to practice law in Florida, told me that only a Florida resident could be the executor (that's the exact same as personal representative) of a Florida Will.

So who's right?

A. Rachel and I are correct. Your New York lawyer is wrong.

Florida law is absolutely clear on this. In fact, it's so clear that I will now quote a portion of the Statute that clarifies this for your NY attorney. It's Florida Statute 733.304:

"A person who is not domiciled (resides in the state of Florida) cannot qualify as personal representative (executor) unless that person is (1) a legally adopted child or adopted parent; (2) Related by lineal consanguinity to the decedent; (Children, grandchildren, etc.), (3) a spouse or a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or



niece of the decedent, or someone related by lineal consanguinity to any such person, or the spouse of a person otherwise qualified...."

I know you said that your New York attorney is licensed to practice law in Florida, but that doesn't change what I've just written—he is wrong.

This is one of the reasons why I try to tell folks that to my way of thinking, a person who resides in Florida -- that is, who makes Florida his or her fulltime home -- is best served by using an attorney who practices law in Florida full time and who actually lives in Florida.

It's tough enough to stay current on the laws of one state, let alone two or more.

Heck, for a long time, I was licensed

to practice law not only in Florida but also in my home State of Ohio and in the State of Texas, where I went to law school.

I'm still licensed in those states, but only inactive, which means I can't practice there.

However, since 1967, when I began practicing law in Florida, I have never tried to practice in either of those states.

Why?

Because in my humble opinion, it is not possible to stay current on the laws of more than one state and that's particularly so if we are discussing Estate Planning and Wills or Trusts.

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They will undoubtedly say you've violated some law and you are going to jail unless you pay right then and there with a credit card or a debit card or even an iTunes card.

If you say all you have is a check, they're liable to say they will come and get it from you. Even though we are past tax season, these scammers will still call you and make demands. The only thing to do — the ONLY thing to do — is hang up the phone.

Sometimes, it really does take courage to do that, but you must. If it's an I.R.S. phony baloney call, they might even leave you a message with a demand that you call back. Don't do that under any circumstance.

And, by the way, that same advice applies to all of the other scam calls from the U.S. Marshall's Office or some court system. If you take the call hang up as soon as you learn who they claimed to be, or don't return any message left on your answering machine.

And yeah, if you call back, you will get someone saying it's the I.R.S. and if you ask for an I.R.S. badge number, I'm sure you'll get one. Just hang up the phone or just don't answer it.

tent and very persuasive, which is why my law partner, Rachel Wagoner, and I say over and over and over that if you aren't sure what to do, then speak with a friend, a neighbor or your attorney.

Rachel and I charge nothing to discuss these matters because we consider it a public service. I believe that your attorney won't charge you either.

Q. My grandson, who is 22 and is married, wants to visit me and bring a girlfriend, who is not his wife. He says his wife would understand, but I should not ask her about it. I love my grandson very much, even though I don't approve of what he's doing. What do you think I should say to him?

A. I think you should say whatever you want, although to my way of thinking the word "No" is a great word to try out on him. It takes courage to say "No" to someone you love, but try it. You'll be glad you did.

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# 'America's Greatest Clown' - Red Skelton

Red-haired and rubber-faced, Red Skelton was one of MGM's top stars for almost three decades.

He appeared in every form of entertainment, including burlesque, vaudeville, films, Broadway and TV.

Red was America's classic clown. He was inducted into the International Clown Hall of Fame in 1989.

He appeared on Broadway in the Ziegfeld Follies in 1946. In that show, he did his now famous "Guzzler's Gin" routine, which he did throughout his career.

Red was born in Indiana and was married three times. His first wife, Edna, became his manager after their divorce.

With his second wife, Maureen Davis,

he had two children – a girl and a boy. The son, Richard, died of leukaemia in 1958 just before his 10th birthday.

Red believed his life's work was to make people laugh. He had a 70-year career as a performer and entertained three generations of Americans.

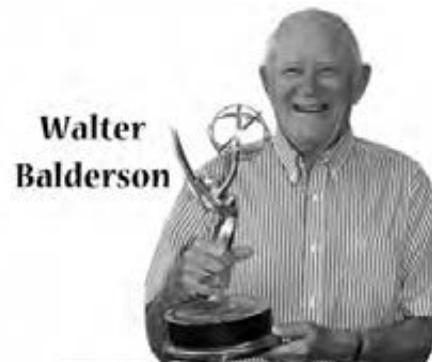
Red was most eager to work in television, even though the medium was in its infancy. The Red Skelton Show made its television premier in 1951 on NBC. When CBS offered a full-hour show in 1954, he switched networks. However, despite his high ratings, the show was canceled as the network began looking for shows that would attract a younger audience. Red moved back to NBC.

Red created three characters who were always a part of his show: Freddie the Freeloader, Mean Little Kid and Clem Kadiddlehopper. Freddie appeared on a 44 cent commemorative postage stamp in 2009.

In 1990, at age 80, Red gave his farewell performance at Carnegie Hall, his billing describing him simply as "America's Greatest Clown."

Red served in the US Army during World War II. He was a man of deep faith and ended every one of his TV shows with "Good night and may God bless."

Red passed away at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif., on Sept. 17, 1997.



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

# NEWCOMERS

Photos by Mary Lou Wall



Charles and Margaret Whitaker of Texas



Connie Warner of Michigan



Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday is the second Thursday of each month in the EAC auditorium.

Donuts and coffee are free and served 9-10 a.m.

Meet new residents to On Top of the World. Say hello to old friends or neighbors you have not seen in a while.

There is also entertainment, vendors and raffles.

**Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in July. Singer Sandy Nitch returns on Thursday, July 13, 9 am. Free coffee, donuts, entertainment, raffles and more**



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# Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee



Tony Orifici provided entertainment during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in June. Tony played guitar and sang hits from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The next Get Acquainted Coffee will be Thursday, July 13, 9 a.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium if stage renovations are completed. Singer Sandy Nitch will provide the entertainment.



On Top of the World residents sure like fresh doughnuts. Romaine Dowty, Miriam McCarty and Vicky Portsmouth put out 100 donuts during Get Acquainted Coffee in June and every doughnut disappeared. Helping is Vicky's granddaughter.

Lately, On Top of the World residents have been seen on the dance floor during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee events. Pictured above, Noland Shade and Pat Sprouse take advantage of a romantic song and enjoy the moment. Some line dancers also hit the floor. You never know when coffee and doughnuts will lead to a dance breaking out.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



## Get Acquainted Coffee

Free donuts and coffee served at 9 a.m., every second Thursday in the East Activity Center auditorium. Entertainment follows about 9:30 a.m.

In July

## Read 'Key West Tales' with the Good Karma Book Club then enjoy great music from VOICE Experience

The Good Karma Book Club has moved to the West Learning Center and will be meeting there from this point forward on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Last month we met author/television host, Cathy Unruh. Residents were able to meet her, ask questions and even get personal autographs.

We are currently reading a collection of short stories from "Key West Tales," by John Hersey. Read one or as many stories as you would like and join us for a discussion on Thursday, July 6.

At our July 20 meeting, you will have an opportunity to share reviews of books you are currently reading and swap books with other club members.

In the meantime, scout out a copy of "Blood Orchid" by Stuart Woods to be discussed at the Thursday, Aug. 3 meeting. Registration for the book club is required.

If you have any questions about the book club, or would like to register, please stop in the Community Service Office.

### VOICE Experience

Once again, as part of its community outreach program, the VOICE Experience foundation has chosen to perform a free concert for On Top of the World resi-



dents. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 25, 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Please note this is a Tuesday.

The VOICE Experience Foundation is a non-profit organization, established by world-renowned baritone Sherrill Milnes and his wife, soprano Maria Zouves. Its mission is to pass on the traditions of great singing and develop new audiences for opera.

Since 2001, VOICE Experience has helped thousands of singers find their career path through educational programs and workshops, where emerging artists work with the best names in opera, musi-



cal theatre and song.

Now under the umbrella of The Sherrill Milnes Voice Programs, VOICE Experience continues its dedication to the qual-

ity, integrity and perpetuation of the vocal arts through life-changing intensives, performances, and community enriching outreach events in New York, Georgia (with the Savannah Voice Festival), Florida and Illinois.

### One Blood

The One Blood Bus will also be here the same day as VoicExperience, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center's north parking lot.

Anyone who donates will receive a Tervis Tumbler. If you are able, please consider making a donation.

### OLLI – July Schedule

OLLI Classes from Eckerd College continue in July.

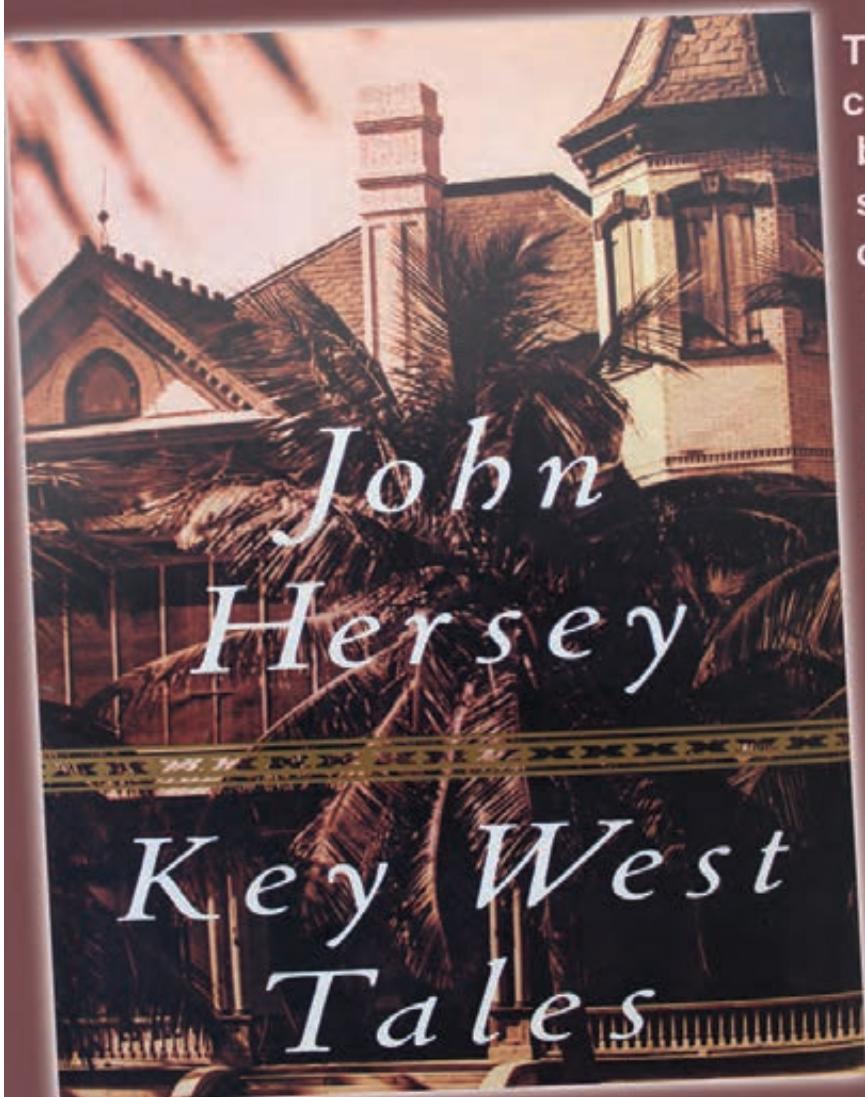
On July 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, is a lecture on O'Keeffe & Stieglitz: Pioneers of American Modernism.

On July 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, is a lecture on "Made in America: Transforming Innovations."

Both classes will be in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

See page 16 for more information on registering for these classes, as well as learning about three more classes which will be offered in August.

# GOOD KARMA BOOK CLUB

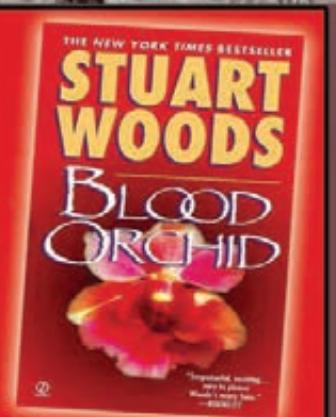


The Good Karma Book Club is currently reading a collection of short stories from "Key West Tales" by John Hersey. Read one, or as many short stories as you would like, and then join our club for a discussion on Thursday, July 6, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

The club meets again on July 20 and this is your chance to review other books you are currently reading, swap books with other club members or suggest books for future club meetings.



On Thursday, Aug. 3, our club will meet back in the Learning Lab to discuss "Blood Orchid" by Stuart Woods. Registration for the book club is required. If you have any questions about the book club, or would like to register, please stop in the Community Service Office.



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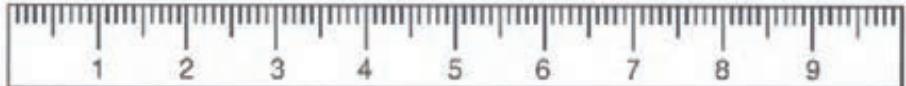
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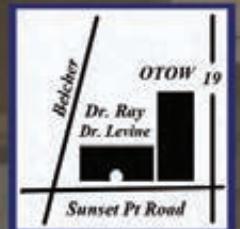
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Celebrity author visits Good Karma Book Club for story insight, presentation and autographs

By Doug Kates

Two months ago, most On Top of the World residents probably didn't know the difference between a house cat and a feral cat.

But then the Good Karma Book Club decided their novel selection for the month of June was going to be "Taming Me" by Cathy Unruh.

It opened the eyes of many residents who will never look at a stray cat the same way again.

Members of the book club read "Taming Me" and met in mid-June to discuss the plot.

Then Cathy accepted a personal invitation to attend a June 22 book club meeting in our new Learning Lab and everyone had their copy of "Taming Me" autographed.

That's when the fun stuff started.

Cathy started out by talking about her book, based mostly on a true story from a tropical island.

On this island, feral cats are free to mate, roam, mate, hunt for food, mate, struggle to survive, and ... yes ... mate.

The book is about a kitten named Lucy, who tells her own story about trying to stay alive on this island.

Lucy is then trapped, taken to a place where she is vaccinated and neutered, fed and pampered.

Cathy becomes Lucy's caretaker.

For the rest of the story, read the book.

After Cathy explained how her personal story was turned into a book, she talked to residents about a problem bigger than ferals roaming free on an island.

The problem is an overload of feral cats just trying to survive where we live today - namely Pinellas County and all over the country.

Cathy supports MEOW (Managing and Ending Overpopulation Wisely).

She told residents that volunteers go out and attempt to trap feral cats. The cats that are successfully trapped are vaccinated, neutered and fed. Volunteers care for the cats when they are not actually at a clinic. Then some cats are put up for adoption while others are set free back into the wild.

Now, to someone who is not familiar with feral cats and overpopulation, it might



sound cruel to let healthy cats go back into the wild to take care of themselves. But as Cathy said, there are so many feral cats today, there are not enough people and not enough clinics to take care of them all.

She said feral cats actually have a better chance of surviving on their own than they do waiting in a cage for someone to adopt them. In most cases, the unfortunate result is euthanasia, especially if a wild cat is not considered pet-worthy.

In Cathy's opinion, she would rather see feral cats survive on their own, possibly with help from caretakers, rather than trying to control the population by mass killings.

Cathy's goal: End the mating and end the feral cat population, as much as possible.

OTOW residents asked how they can help. Cathy said financial donations are always welcome. There is also a need for cat caretakers and people to transport cats to clinics for neutering.

For more information about MEOW, visit <http://meownowfl.org>.

Author Cathy Unruh was a guest of the Good Karma Book Club on June 22. Not only did she talk about her book 'Taming Me,' but she also signed autographs.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)





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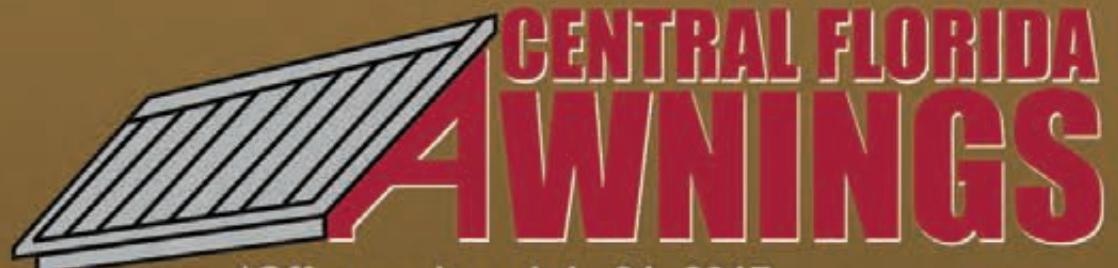
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# Eleven artists find 11 ways to create one piece of art - and all over lunch



## Coloring Book Club

By Karen Heaphy

The Coloring Book Club loves to use a variety of mediums and colors.

One day, we thought it would be fun to take one piece of art and see how each person would decorate it.

So a group of us gathered together on a Monday and we went to a local restaurant which let us use their back room. Everyone used their favorite medium and colors.

Sharing a meal together and our love of color set the stage for a fun afternoon.

The results were a glorious combination of color and technique.

At our next regular Wednesday meeting, members then shared how much they enjoyed the experience and now we are planning on future outings together.



Members of the Coloring Book Group met at Queen's Pizza and worked on a project together. The all colored the same picture, but with different techniques and results.

The Coloring Book Club meets once a week on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Each member works on their own projects with the medium of their choice.

Some work with color pencils, others work with markers. Some use crayons.

There are many different types of coloring books and each member uses one that matches their interests.

It is fascinating to see the different

pictures and colors used.

If you are looking for a fun group where you can relax and enjoy yourself, please join us on Wednesday afternoons where the only rule is to have fun.

# Advice for putting up a mailbox

Two things to consider when deciding where to put up a mailbox.

If you put a mailbox on your porch, no one will say a thing when you get up in the morning, put your bathrobe on, and get your mail.

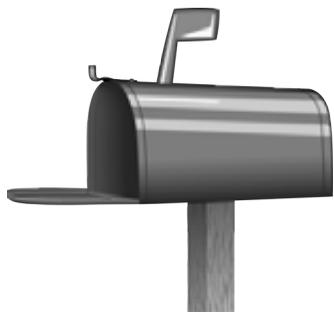
However, if you put a mailbox alongside the road, and you get up in the morning, put your bathrobe on, and walk to the road, someone will call the cops.

Today, a man knocked on my door and asked if I would make a donation to the community swimming pool.

I walked into my kitchen, returned to the front door and handed the nice man a glass of water.

I find it ironic that red, white and blue stand for freedom. But when I'm going 90 in a 40 and all I see is red, white and blue flashing behind me, where's the freedom?

Americans will cross over seas to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote.



Men are very polite. When a woman wears a bikini, skin is showing over 90 percent of her body. However, men only look at the 10 percent that is covered.

Relationships are like algebra. When you look at your X you always wonder Y.

Money talks. It's favorite phrase? "Good bye."

My therapist says I have preoccupation with vengeance. Well. We'll just see about that.

Marge Mayer



## Internet Humor

Do you ever get that feeling no one misses you or you feel forgotten? Then try missing a couple of car payments.

I understand a local department store has a clothing line for older women called "Sag Harbor." Really?

My therapist says my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. But I'm pretty sure she is just hitting on me.

Dolphins are smart. They train people to stand at the edge of a pool and throw fish.

My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up, but I wonder if anyone will recognize me after gaining 210 pounds since then?

The pharmacist keeps asking me for my birthday. But every year it passes, she never buys me anything? I'm pretty sure she's just hitting on me.

How in the world did the Chinese create a language based only on tattoos?

I think my neighbor is stalking me. Last night she was Googling my name and searching the Web for information about me. I have proof. I saw it all through my telescope.

Money cannot buy happiness, but at least I see my grandkids once a year.

# Auditions for 2018 show are set for October



By Sue Calinski

The Jesters never rest!

Even now, we are busy planning our 2018 show.

The creative team is meeting weekly, pondering the theme, and organizing music, skits and dances that we believe will fit in with our vision of what the show will become.

So while you are enjoying the freedom of the summer, the Jesters are hard at work, planning and scheming to provide you with another exciting show.

If you saw our 2017 show, you'll know that we like to use a lot of props and costumes. Both of those take a great deal of work to create, so we need to start early!

This year, the show should be a real knock out!

Auditions for the 2018 show will be held the first week in October. If you



Vicky and Tom Portsmouth perform together in a skit during the 2017 Jesters Show. If you would like to be in a skit for the 2018 show, attend an upcoming meeting and prepare for auditions in October.

are interested in trying out, feel free to contact our director, Lee Catalfomo at [lee61951@gmail.com](mailto:lee61951@gmail.com).

We have prepared a list of songs to choose from if you want to practice over

the summer. All parts will be assigned based on auditions. More information on specific times and places for auditions will be published in future articles.

Keep an eye out for more details re-

garding the Jesters' 2018 show!

Information will be in OTOW News, OTOW-TV on the Box Office, as well as on building bulletin boards.

# Lambda celebrates a 241st, 150th and 8 year old birthday in July

By Bruce Lovett

What do decorated deviled eggs, sumptuous sandwich platters, pizza, barbecued chicken, homemade clam chowder, fruit salad and scalloped potato ham casserole have in common?

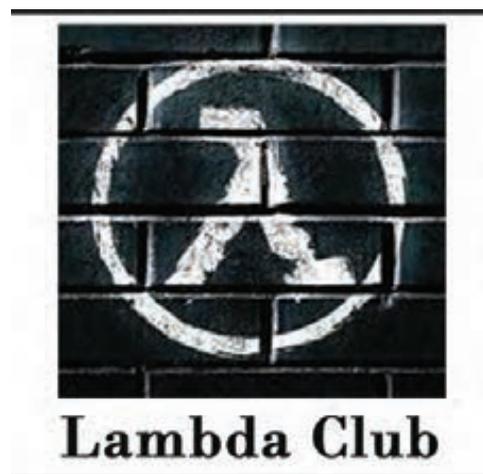
They all shared a table at Lambda's recent monthly June social.

At adjoining tables were cocktail snacks, like nachos, cheese and potato chips, and on the decadent dessert corner was cheesecake, brownies and strawberry iced strawberry cake.

It was a very colorful and diverse spread, much like OTOW itself, which consists of residents from most states, not to mention other countries, and crosses a wide variety of social classes and ethnic groups.

Lambda is just one reflection of our community.

Our club is an informal social group for the LGBT residents of On Top of the World. We have dine-outs, game nights



and numerous other activities in addition to our monthly socials, but it's actually our members who are the one constant of the club and the glue that holds us together.

Each month there is a theme. June was gay pride month, which explained the rainbow flags that decorated the hall and maybe even why the dessert table was so

colorful.

July is the month we celebrate birthdays. Not only will this great country be celebrating its 241st birthday, but our neighbors to the north will be turning 150.

Lambda itself has eight members becoming a year younger this month. We won't tell you who, however. Unlike the rest of the world, where social media prevails, we respect privacy.

Besides, even though we are a 55 and over community, we respect a person's right to lie about their age.

But more importantly, Lambda itself is having a birthday. This July, our club will be turning 8. So our social this month is a birthday party. It will be held on Friday, July 14, in the Art Room at the East Activity Center at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited.

We are always looking to expand our circle to all LGBT residents of the OTOW community and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who

would like to meet their LGBT neighbors.

In addition to our famous pot luck buffet, made as colorful and diverse as what you decide to create and bring, there will be balloons, cake and, depending on how much our "Crazy 8" punch gets drunk, there may even be a few clowns.

And what would a birthday party be without presents. To participate in our gift exchange, bring a small wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10), and you get one to bring home.

In addition, we will be collecting schools supplies at the social to donate to our county school system for use by needy students. Thanks for your help.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our official webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. We are also on the Box Office at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com).

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



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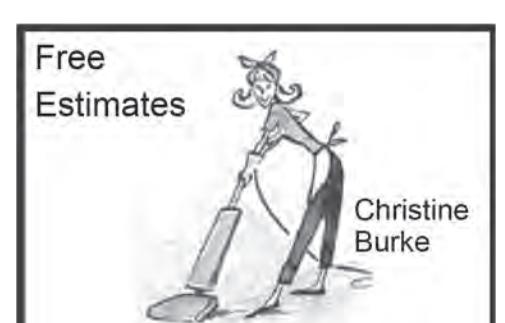
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## Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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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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# County Commissioner gives Democrats a brief review of the county budget



## Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

At the Democratic Club meeting in June, our guest speaker was County Commissioner Pat Gerard.

Pat was elected to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners in 2014 and represents District 2, which is a countywide district.

She will be up for re-election to the County Board in 2018. Previously she served three terms as the mayor of Largo.

Pat began her talk by giving us an overview of the Pinellas County Board and the extensive budgeting, including the airport, medical examiner, sheriff and supervisor of elections.

The county contains 26 municipalities, but approximately one-third of the county, both by geography and population, are in an unincorporated portion. This unincorporated area includes our On Top of the World complex.

A portion of the county budget, called the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), is paid by residents of the unincorporated area. This tax is devoted solely to providing municipal services, like law enforcement and code enforcement that are over and above the services provided to the county as a whole.

A question was asked about the impact of the state legislature's proposed amendment to increase the Homestead exemption, which is opposed by cities, counties and fire chiefs.

Pat discussed the substantial amounts of money that will be lost and the subsequent reductions in discretionary services, such as parks and neighborhood develop-



County Commissioner Pat Gerard speaks to the Democratic Club during the group's monthly meeting in June.

ment within the county, if this takes place.

Announcements at the meeting included various calls to action. If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at [www.on-topoftheworldnews.com](http://www.on-topoftheworldnews.com)

Click on "Clubs" in the left column, and

then click on the "Democratic Donkey."

Due to summer vacations being taken by numerous officers and club members, we will not be having a club meeting in July. Our next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., Aug. 10, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room, assuming July renovations finish on time. Check the Box Office for

renovation updates.

You can renew your club membership at our next meeting by paying your \$12 annual dues or sending a check payable to the OTOW Democratic Club to our treasurer Jack Starr at 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, FL, 33763.

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# Republican Club learns about efforts to feed Pinellas County's hungry children



**Republican Club**

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Pinellas County Public Defender Bob Dillinger spoke at the Republican Club meeting on June 13, at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center.

Bob provided some interesting information on some outreach programs he has been involved with for many years. One most interesting is "Nourish to Flourish." He stated that there are 7,000 chronically hungry children in Pinellas County.

Some mothers have to put their children to bed with no food. Other children often do not eat at lunch during summer

camps because they don't have food to bring.

This program brings food to children who go hungry when school is no longer in session and on weekends during the school year.

Nourish to Flourish has packages made up for children to take home over the weekends and when school is out. The cost is \$4.50 and is paid through the program with civic groups adopting schools to sponsor.

Bob suggested we should look into our communities to find programs and volunteers. One program he mentioned was "Pac a Sac," which is south of Ulmerton Road. The number of hungry children is staggering.

There is also "Beth's Closet" for girls at risk. "Hope Chest" serves abused, neglected or abandoned youth, and a Mobile Medical Unit brings care to where the homeless live.

Bob has accomplished a great deal during his career. This is his last term after serving our county for more than 40 years.

The Republican Club will have no meeting in July or August.



Pinellas County Public Defender Bob Dillinger speaks to the Republican Club in June.

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Volunteers assist seniors in making informed healthcare decisions. As the number of Medicare beneficiaries needing assistance increases, the need for volunteers increases, too.

The next class is the last week of June and meals and travel are reimbursed.

For information about volunteering contact SHINE Program Manager Sue Samson at [sue.samson@aaapp.or](mailto:sue.samson@aaapp.or) or call 727-570-9696 ext. 234.

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# If you enjoy trips to dinner theaters, see an Italian-American Club member for tickets



## Italian-American Club

By MaryAnn Fountaine

More than 30 Italian-American Club members and guests enjoyed an afternoon at the Hudson Show Palace.

After our lunch, we saw a two-person show, which was very enjoyable. The show was about two people living in an assisted living home.

In July, another group from our club will be going to see 8-Track sounds of the 70s.

So we are not just sitting doing nothing this summer!

We will be going to more dinner shows during the coming year. If you want to see our activities schedule for next season, stop by our table during ticket sales. If there are no renovations taking place in the East Activity Center, we will have a table in the auditorium from 8:30-10 a.m. on Thursdays. If renovations are taking place, look for us in the Kitchen. Craft Room, same time and day.



Just a few of us that enjoyed an afternoon at Hudson Show Palace. The show was full of laughs and music. We were amazed how just two people could put on a good show. We will be going again in July and more during the season.

The Italian-American Club is also sending residents to shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Visit our table for a list of upcoming shows and tickets.

Look for us and say hi. Get informa-

tion on what we are doing the rest of the summer and next season.

For more information, contact MaryAnn at [fontainemaryann@yahoo.com](mailto:fontainemaryann@yahoo.com). We also try to keep our Box Office Web

page updated. Visit the Box Office at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com). Click "Enter" and the "Clubs Page" link. Look for our glass of wine and grapes.

## Canada's 150th Birthday

# Looking for a party on July 1? Head to Canada

By Brenda McLauchlan

On July 1, Canadians celebrate our confederation of 1867.

This year, celebrations are extra special as we recognize our 150th birthday.

The On Top of the World Canadian Club is asking fellow residents to please take a picture of your Canada Day party and send them to our OTOW Webmaster ([canclubotow@gmail.com](mailto:canclubotow@gmail.com)) so that we can demonstrate pictorially the variety of celebrations across all of Canada.

Show your Canadian pride.

Check back to our Website ([otowcanadianclub.com](http://otowcanadianclub.com)) to see the results. We will post our best photos on our Box Office Webpage, too.

Canadians are noted for being reserved, quiet, peaceful and multi-cultural. This is an appropriate time to be outstanding and loud in demonstrating our variety

of celebrations.

Proudly show your Canadian pride.

Canada shares the world's longest undefended border of 5,525 miles, and common beliefs in freedom and justice with our American friends and winter hosts.

At all times, please give thanks for both these countries and for the peace and freedoms we enjoy.

Remember to thank the members of our Armed Services and Emergency Services who protect us wherever you see them.

A Canadian custom started by the Royal Canadian Legion is to wear red shirts on Fridays to demonstrate that we support our Canadian troops. This does not mean that we support war, but it does mean that we stand behind the people who are keeping us safe.

This custom is gradually showing up also in the United States. Take pride in our

Canadian leadership.

During your summer activities, do not forget to collect your baseball attire and bring it to OTOW when you travel south. You just might need it.

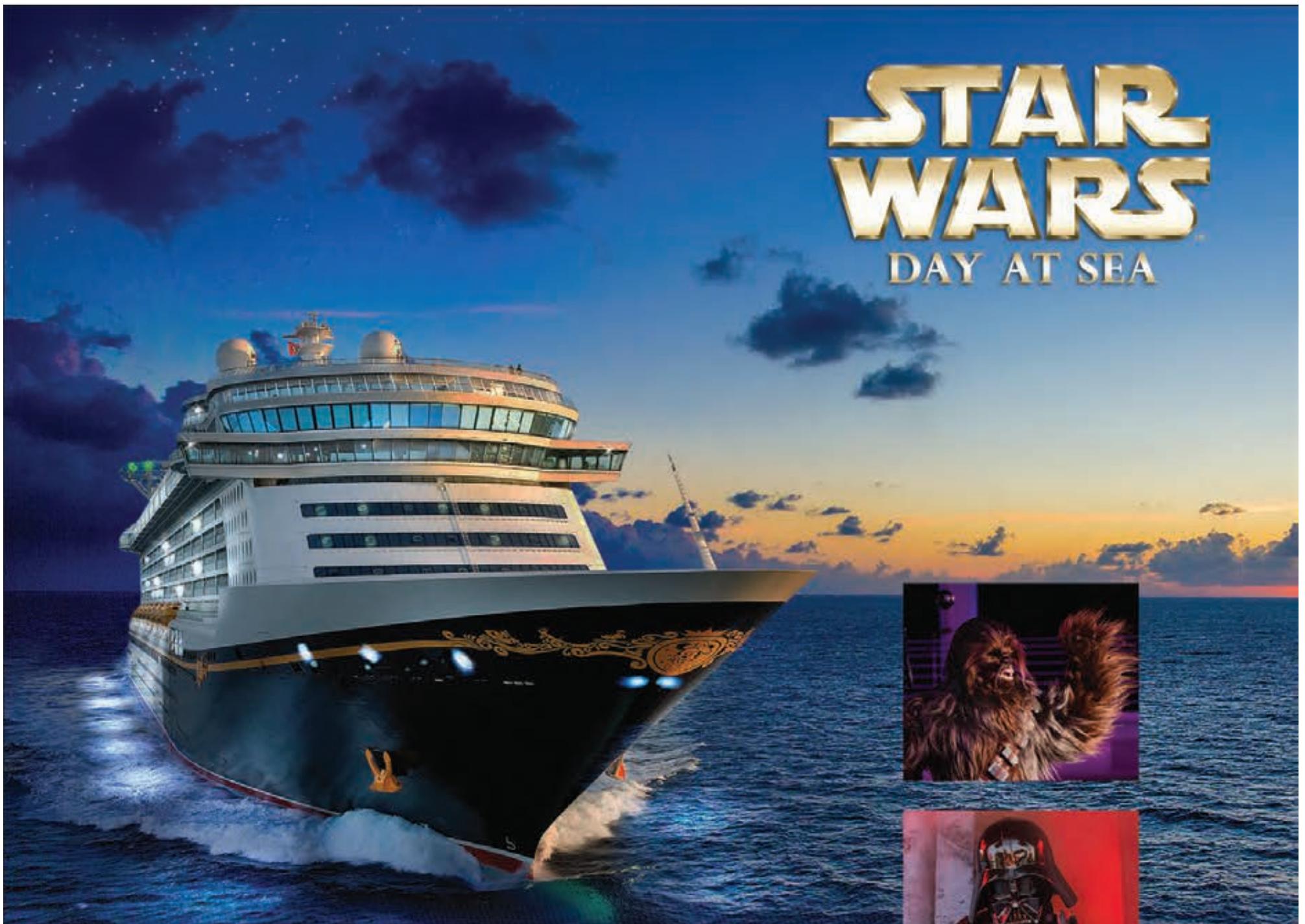
The next season at OTOW will start with the Canadian Club being part of the Senior Expo on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the East Activity Center. We hope that you can plan to be there and show your Canadian pride.

Future articles will provide more details of timing for the Registration Night (November) and Christmas Party (December).

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# Slots, sharks and Lunch Bunch highlight Travel Club activities in July



By Tom Jamrozy

Your July horoscope reveals that your future looks bright and your fortunes may rise if you hit a jackpot with us on the Victory Casino Cruise.

This trip was a big success in March so we are bringing it back on Aug. 29.

Last time, we had at least one big winner hit for more than \$1000. Maybe next time it will be you.

The cruise line sends a bus to pick us up at On Top of the World and will take us across the state where we will enjoy a buffet lunch, free drinks while gambling in international waters, free entertainment and the possibility of a big win.

We have other future events planned as well.

We have two trips offered in July with tickets still available.

We are going to the "Art of the Brick" exhibit in Tampa on July 7, which is an art exhibit made with Legos.

On July 11, we are going to the South Florida Museum/Aquarium/Planetarium.

Our July monthly meeting has been changed and will be held on July 14 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room, prior to more remodeling work in the center. Come and see what we are all about. We will have a slide show and a report from our travelers who went on the Azores trip that took place in June.

Our July Lunch Bunch will be on July



Nick and Eileen Nelson share a view of the Grand Canyon which was captured during a recent Travel Club trip to Las Vegas. One of the side shows was the Grand Canyon.

19 at Rumba's Bar & Grill on Tampa Road. You do not have to be a club member to come to our lunches. Just sign up ahead of time. Cost is \$5. When you show up at the designated restaurant, you get your \$5 back. Simply pay for your own meal and join in the fun and conversations.

We have added more trip outings since our last article.

From Sept. 14-15 we will be going to Fort Myers with the feature being a Mystery Train ride.

We will enjoy a motorcoach ride to the Courtyard Marriott in Fort Myers for an overnight stay, a 3 1/2 hour dinner/theater train ride with a five-course meal, and a mystery show "The Not So Great Train Robbery."

There will be a complimentary breakfast, and on the return trip home we will stop at the Ellenton Outlet Stores for a little shopping and lunch.

We have also planned our holiday dinner at the Island Way Grill for Dec. 5 and a day trip to Bok Tower on Dec. 15.

We are working on more to come so won't you join us?

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## Baby Boomers hope someday to host more outdoor events



### Baby Boomers

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Boomers gathered for food, music and adult beverages under a tent for our Memorial Day Picnic.

There was a steady stream of participants throughout the late afternoon and early evening.

Because of the popularity of this type of relaxed venue, we are all looking forward to hosting more food events at our future On Top of the World pavilion next to the East Activity Center.

Details to follow in future editions of OTOW News.

Many Boomers attended "Blast Friday" in Clearwater as part of a Home Cookin' III celebration, including local bands, such as Black Honkeys and Greg Billings.

The concert was packed with people singing along and dancing in the streets.

Music-loving Boomers were also entertained at a Sunset Beach Concert in Tarpon Springs with the music of the Trop Rock Junkies.

On Sunday nights, a number of



Baby Boomers hold an outdoor party at the East Activity Center as part of remembering our veterans on Memorial Day. Somewhere in the near future, the Boomers hope outdoor parties will become a regular event at a proposed outdoor pavilion next to the EAC.

Boomers continue to make their own music by playing instruments or singing.

Also, music lovers join the song circle at Nature's Food Patch.

The Boomers have had recent experiments with grills and smokers, all with good results. These experiments will con-

tinue. A competition might be in our future—we have two BBQ judges among us with Tom and Cheryl Butcher!

If you'd like to become involved in the Baby Boomers, please join us. The Boomers will be meeting on July 5 and July 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity

Center Art Room.

Boomer information is always available in the On Top of the World newspaper and we post current news on the Box Office. Visit [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), click the link for Club pages and look for our Baby Boomers logo.

## Six new books range from mysteries to Westerns to overcoming the odds

By Katy Gerritt

Your On Top of the World library has six great new books that you will want to be sure to read.

"The Hope Chest" by Viola Shipman is the story of Mattie, who has Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and is losing the ability to do anything for herself. Her husband cannot imagine life without her. Then a new caregiver, Rose, and her daughter, come into their lives. By sharing her memories, Mattie pulls them all together.

Danielle Steel writes a story of a long-widowed woman and her four adult children, who are looking for partners. The story follows them through their struggles and pain in "Against All Odds."

"The Devil's Triangle" by Catherine Coulter, is No. 4 in the "Brit in the FBI" series, and brings agents Nicholas Drummond and Michaela Caine together to form a hand-picked team called the Covert Eyes to tackle deadly international

crime.

J.D. Robb has No. 44 in the In Death Series with "Echoes in Death." Lt. Eve Dallas and her husband, Roarke, are driving home from an evening out when a naked, bloody woman stumbles in front of their car. Then the bloody woman's husband is found dead, too. A real who done it.

The estate of Robert B. Parker chose author Robert Knott to carry on the Cole and Hitch series of western novels. In "Revelation," dangerous fugitives escape from prison to find a hidden cache of gold and jewels.

"Mississippi Blood," No. 6 in the Penn Cage series, is based in Natchez, Miss. Penn's father has been accused of a serious crime, but does not want to defend himself as that might expose sins from the past and members of a clandestine KKK branch.

Library hours in July will remain Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays and

Fridays, 1-3 p.m.

However, in August we will be closed on Mondays only. Wednesday and Friday in August we will be open from 1-3 p.m. as usual. This gives some of our volunteers time to travel.

We have added a new feature to our large print book. There will be a neon green strip of tape on the spine. This will make for quick identification for readers who prefer large print.

Also, many thanks to those who add to our donation jar. This money is used to add more books to our shelves, which we know you appreciate too.

For those who like to read and discuss books, consider joining the Good Karma Book Club. We meet twice a month, the first time to discuss a book selected by the group and the second to discuss what else we are reading, authors whose work we enjoy and share reviews of books. See Nancy in the Community Service Office for more information.



## Library

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Pictured above, left to right, John Kannaly, Norman Lieberfreund, Lyle Johnson and Bob Jennings show off their Hawaiian-style dance moves while modeling the latest in grass and coconut fashion. This was the final dance for the old EAC stage. (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

## Resources for schedule information and tickets during East Activity Center renovations

By Marvin Flam

“Calling all On Top of the World Year-Rounders!”

Are you ready for some fun and excitement this summer?

Your Entertainment Committee has scheduled a show, a dance and a Sunday-In-The-Park for July, August and September.

Don't miss the exciting entertainment and fun!

Come out and mingle with new and old friends!

All OTOW residents with a current activity card are members of the Entertainment Committee. Just support us and we'll provide the fun!

We supply free ice and coffee at all shows and dances. You are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks, too.

We do not permit shorts at the dances and you will be asked to leave if you are wearing shorts.

Entertainment and lite refreshments are provided during the free Sundays-In-The-Park.

The Entertainment Committee complies with the Americans with Disability Act. Please advise us if you, or your guests, have special needs, such as wheel chair, walkers, etc.

The Entertainment Committee is delighted that our guests are enthusiastically enjoying our shows, dances and Sundays-In-The-Park, however, during these events, please be respectful of other guests so that they can also enjoy the fun and entertainment.

“Quality improvements” to the East Activity Center began in June and will be ongoing this summer. The Entertainment Committee is coordinating its shows, dances and Sundays-In-The-Park in respect to the renovations, but at times the auditorium may not be available. The Entertainment Committee is doing its best to

have everything scheduled take place.

For more information, or updates, visit the Entertainment Committee table from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays only, in the EAC. Information and ticket sales will either be in the auditorium or the Kitchen/Craft Room.

There will be several sources you can turn to for more information on events and renovations.

- You can call (727) 449-9243 and talk to someone directly.

- Email your questions to [ent-com2014@gmail.com](mailto:ent-com2014@gmail.com).

- Visit the Community Service Office in the EAC during weekly business hours.

- If OTOW-TV is up and working, information will be updated on a daily basis. As of press time, the channels were still 96, 98.1 and 732.

- If OTOW-TV is still down as of reading this article, you can go to the Box Office Website for community updates.

Visit [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), click Box Office and Enter.

- The Entertainment Committee also has its own page on the Box Office. Once at the Box Office, click Clubs and Groups.

As we navigate through renovations, tickets will still be available for all shows and dances for the rest of 2017, including New Year's Eve.

We have special ticket packages, with discounts for groups. We also have 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.

We look forward to personally greeting you in the EAC auditorium, and at all our events, for the remainder of 2017.

The fun in '17 continues....be a part of it!

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

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AUGUST 17 - THURSDAY SHOW – LOUSE BRAVO'S LATIN JUBILEE

AUGUST 19 - SATURDAY DANCE – BEACH PARTY—AT LARGE

AUGUST 20 – SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK – PHIL FERRAZANO





# SPORTS

## Ladies 18 Hole Golf

### One last tournament before some of the holes get shortened

By Pat Eastman

The last Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association Tuesday tournament of the season was held on May 23.

This also was the last time for the ladies to play the old 18-hole course. Now only nine holes are open for play because major modifications are taking place to holes 6, 12 and 13.

The 13th hole is getting a new tee box making the hole a shorter par 3. Holes six and 12 will also be shortened.

Since we are all getting older, maybe a shorter golf course will be better?

The winners of our last tournament were:

Flight A - low gross, Pat Eastman, low net, Katie Quelch and Sharon Hackenmiller.

Flight B - low gross, NatSue Dawson, low net Betty McKay.  
Flight C - low gross, Karen Oshona, low net, Deb Young

After the tournament, the ladies enjoyed a delicious box lunch thanks to Ellen Fier and Jackie Woloszyn. It was a nice ending to a great season.

Ellen Fier, left, and Jackie Woloszyn organized and served box lunches for the final tournament of the season.



## Thursday golf league mixing nine-hole course with 18-hole course to start 2017-18 season

It's summer in Florida and that means warm, wet weather.

It also means golfers need to be alert to the frequent thunderstorms and take necessary precautions.

Currently, only nine holes are available for play on the 18 hole course due to the drastic changes being made. The league will experiment by playing half of its competition on the nine-hole course. This should add some variety and make for some interesting scoring.

John Maloof, this year's league champion, added to his resume by making a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. This was No. 8 for John. The feat was witnessed by Ada Culbertson and the foursome playing ahead of them. Congratulations again!

Our first weekly competition was a two-person scramble organized by Harry Barbin. The team of Angelo Santucci and Don Hahs were the winners. Second place honors went to the team of Gina Yoon and Bill Higgins. Third place was shared

### Thursday Golf

by four teams: Deb Young and Harry Barbin, Ada Culbertson and John Maloof, Bruce MacPherson and Paul Meyers, and Ron Parham and Fred Schick.

Ron Parham was the week two winner. Ron also shot the low gross round and collected one skin. Pete Cosgrove finished second and Don Baker was third. David Rodgers had two skins. Patti Cook, Don Hunter and Bill Cook also collected a skin. The long drive winners were Pat Eastman, Angelo Santucci and Bill Goza. Pete Cosgrove was closest to the pin.

Week three champion was Ken Smith. Don Baker was second and Len Howell was third. Pat Eastman recorded the low gross round. Ken Smith took two skins with eagles. David Rodgers also collected two skins. Paul Bruyere had one skin. Pat Eastman, Steve Yauk and David Rodgers

had the long drives. Pat Eastman was closest to the pin.

Joe Wisinski was the week four champion. Fred Schick was second and Bruce MacPherson placed third. Pat Eastman not only shot the low gross round, but she had the longest drive, closest to the pin and collected one skin. Bill Higgins and Joe Wisinski collected two skins each. Ada Culbertson took one skin. The other long drivers were Don Baker and David Rodgers.

Week four winner was Paul Meyers. David Rodgers finished second and had the low gross round. Joe Wisinski was third. Paul Meyers recorded the only three skins.

PGA teaching professional Harry Barbin has organized an additional game for the summer that is played at East Bay Golf Course every other Monday. It is open to everyone, including friends from outside On Top of the World. If you are interested in playing, please contact Harry at hvgharry@aol.com or call 215-514-

1280.

Our golf league continues to play all summer. The league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 9:15 and 9:45 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

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

We play the course using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggol@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggol@aol.com).

We've also posted information on the Box Office Website. You can view it at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), click Box Office, Clubs and look for Thursday golf.



**Billiards Is Back**

**Craig Burnette shows off versatility in three tournaments**

Denny Balderson picked up a win and a second-place finish during recent action in the On Top of the World Billiards League.

In the first 10-ball tournament of the summer, Denny won the crown, followed by Dave Williams in second place and Terri Wittman in third place. There were nine players who competed.

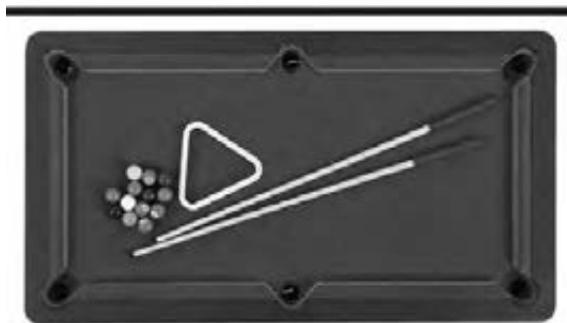
One week later, Denny was shooting for a repeat title, but was beat out in a playoff by Craig Burnette. Eddie Ramirez took third place.

Ten-ball uses a round-robin format with the champion being the pool player with the most wins.

In eight-ball action, there was an A Flight tournament on June 5 and a combined A Flight and B Flight tournament on June 12.

In A Flight, Tony D'Amico was the champion with Joe Ventimiglia in second place and Craig Burnette in third place. This was the first tournament in the Billiards Room after renovations were completed to the West Activity Center.

In the combined tournament, Nick Sapienza took first place, Eddie Ramirez was second and



**Billiards**

Craig Burnette was third.

On June 8, a Scotch Doubles Tournament took place. The team of Nick Sapienza and Phil Perez topped the field for first place. Second place went to the team of Joe Ventimiglia and Craig Burnette, and third place went to Vinnie Martinez and Andre Payne.



Craig Burnette took a first in 10-ball, a second in Scotch Doubles and a third in eight ball during the month of June.

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Visit the Good Karma Café in the East Activity Center to get your punch cards.

# Computer Club thrilled with new Lab

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club held its first meeting in the new Learning Lab in June.

Most club members said they're happy with their new room.

"I'm very impressed," said club President Phil Green. "It's new, clean and we have a lot of presentable facilities."

The room contains four computers, classroom-style tables, a cell phone/tablet charging station, and several easy chairs. Free wi-fi is available. There is also a large screen on one wall so club members can easily watch presentations.

"I like this room," said club member Susan Carlson. "It's clean and bright and the acoustics are good. I like the classroom



setting. I think it's a great room."

Because the Learning Lab is spacious, the Computer Club will now be able to accomplish a long-desired goal, which is to split into two or more groups during its Saturday morning meetings. The groups will dis-



Phyllis King makes a presentation in the new Learning Lab during a recent Computer Club meeting. A large screen is available for making presentations.

cuss similar, but distinct, topics.

During one such recent meeting, Phyllis King led a seminar on using Android-based cell phones and tablets, while Joe Wi-

sinski led a corresponding seminar on iPhones and iPads.

The Learning Lab is in the West Activity Center at the end of the building nearest the swim-

ming pool. OTOW residents do not need to be Computer Club members to use the facility.

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The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Visitors are welcome. Club members may come to the Learning Lab from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday for free assistance with computer issues. For more information about the Computer Club, go to [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com).

Anyone who wants to learn how to improve their OTOW club or group Box Office Webpage may get a password from Doug Kates in the newspaper office and then see Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club.

## When activity center renovations are complete, Line Dance Club will return to the East Side

By Regina Burke

The On Top of the World Line Dancing Club is planning on returning to the East Activity Center if renovations to the auditorium stage are complete.

Members are reminded that the 8:30 a.m. Saturday dance class and the 1 p.m. Tuesday dance class will return to the auditorium beginning July 8 if everything goes well.

Club leaders will make every effort to keep you updated if there are any changes. You can also get updates on the Box Office and on OTOW-TV if it is back on the air by this time.

As always, our club welcomes new members to join at any time. Our club is in session all 12 months of the year. Summer is a great time to give it a try.

The same dance programs are in effect all year and with many of our members away, there is a little more room on the dance floor!

We are also proud to mention that we have a total of six instructors.

And for those of you who have already been dancing for a while, there is still room in our 7 a.m. weekday class un-



der the expert guidance of Carol Babini, our dance instructor.

You'll have the opportunity to get additional practice for the Tuesday and Saturday dances in a small group setting.

Line dancing in the USA became popular in the late 1970s with dances such as Funkytown, The Hustle, YMCA Dance and the Electric Slide.

The 1980s brought out the Hokey Pokey, The Cotton-Eyed Joe and The Macarena.

The 1990s featured Billy Ray Cyrus's

Achy-Breaky Heart and Boot Scootin' Boogie.

The 2000s introduced the Cupid Shuffle and The Wobble.

Fireball is the latest party line dance to hit the dance club circuit. The popularity of those dances jump-started line dancing clubs all over the country.

Contrary to popular belief, and the popularity of some country line dances, such as Achy-Breaky Heart, line dancing did not originate from country line dancing. It's roots evolved from Contra Dance, a style of American folk dance.

Contra dance is actually a type of Square Dance.

In both styles, everyone typically has a partner and those partners hold hands and do intricate patterns up and down the rows. Another necessary component is that an even number of men and women is needed.

That's where line dancing is different. Any number of men or women can participate. All line dancers face in the same direction and do the same steps at the same time.

Like Contra Dance and Square

Dance, which has a caller to call out the steps, line dancers have a demonstrator who cues the steps and demonstrates it at the same time.

Line dancing was introduced to Continental Europe by U.S. servicemen, who shared line dancing, country dancing and partner dancing with the locals around their bases.

Line dancing is now popular all over the world.

We are fortunate to have a club right here at On Top of the World. Be sure to check out our official Webpage at [sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing](http://sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing).

We are also on the Box Office, where we have our own information page. Visit [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com).

You can also watch our videos on OTOW-TV channels 96, 732 and 98.1 around 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - when our TV station goes back on the air. You can dance with us in the privacy of your own home..

For questions or more information about the OTOW Line Dancing Club, call Ute Scheibe at 727-735-9865.

## Knitters treated to lunch by some of their fans

By Cheryl Butcher

The On Top of the World Knitting Club was recently treated to lunch.

Picking up the tab was an assisted living facility - Brookdale, Safety Harbor.

The OTOW knitters create lap robes and walker caddies for a number of nursing homes and other facilities in the area. Brookdale Safety Harbor is just one of them and the luncheon was management's way of showing appreciation to our group.

"We get self-satisfaction providing donations to others," the Knitting Club said. "But it's not our only reward. Sometimes we are rewarded by the recipients."

Nine knitters attended the luncheon and were met by staff and residents who kept streaming by the group to share their thoughts and gratitude for all of the beautiful treasures they received from our group.

New residents all receive a welcome gift and each contains one of the On Top of the World lap robes or walker caddies.

"It's compliments like these that keep our group going, as we 'pay it forward,'" the Knitters said.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

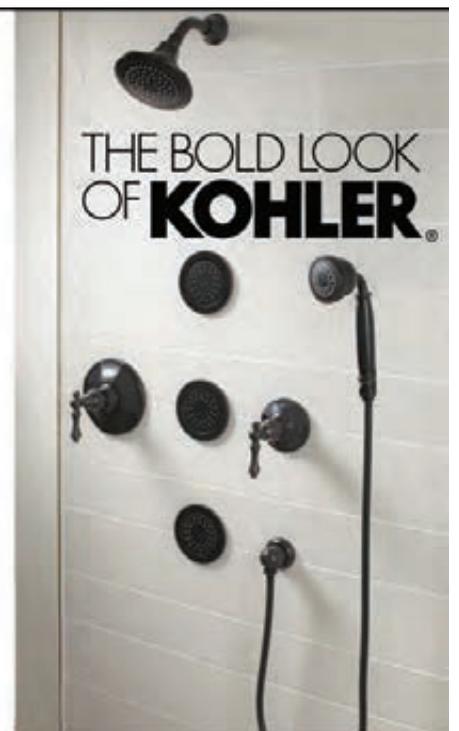
While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them as well as the Coffee Corner.

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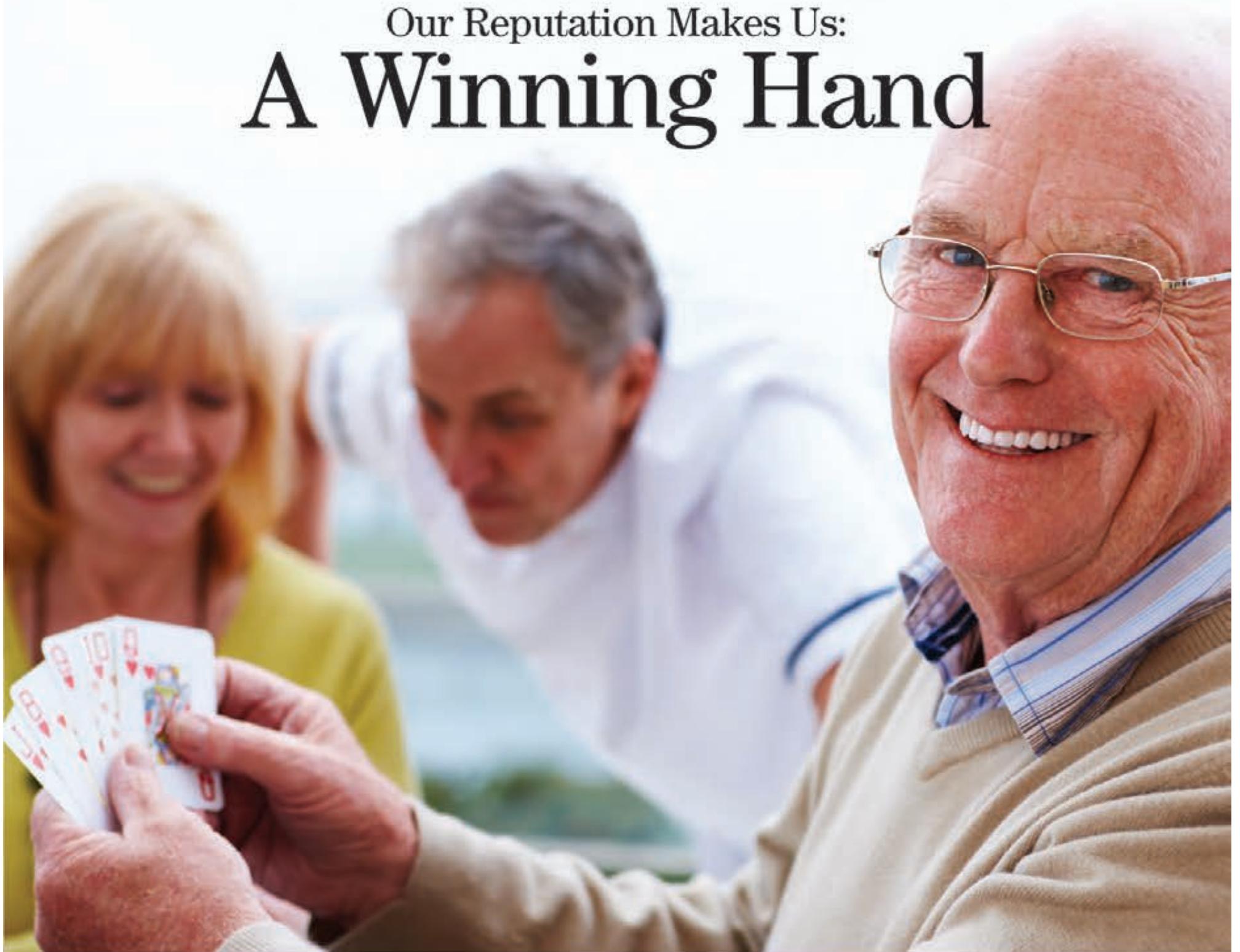
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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Safety is most important benefit behind adjustments to 18-hole golf course

For golfers who just can't hit 300-yard drives anymore, there is some good news.

Three of the holes at the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course are being shortened.

Hole No. 12 is getting a new green, and sand trap to keep play challenging.

OTOW Chairman Kenneth Colen announced at the June annual meeting that with the opening of the Duke Energy Trail Extension between Sunset Point Road and Enterprise Road, changes were being made at the golf course to enhance a separation between a portion of hole No. 18 and the trail.

Generally, the trail is positive for the community and provides even more recreational opportunities, but safety for people using the path and for residents of OTOW was the most important consideration driving the changes.

The new trail extension is far enough away from the golf course where golfers and walkers shouldn't mix. That is, with the exception of the No. 12 green.

Even if the On Top of the World Condominium Association had been consulted on the design of the trail by either Duke Energy or Pinellas County, the result may have been the same on the No. 12 Green. Sometimes we must take the good with the not-so-good and make the best of things.

In an effort to make things safer, three renovations were planned.

First, at hole No. 6, a brand new green is being created about 20 yards closer to the tee box. This is a water hole, and a pond is still in play, but golfers may want to try an 8-iron instead of a 5-iron.

Second, at hole No. 13, a brand new tee box is being built, which will be about 40 yards closer to the hole. This makes the shortest hole on the course even shorter and should be an easy opportunity for aces.

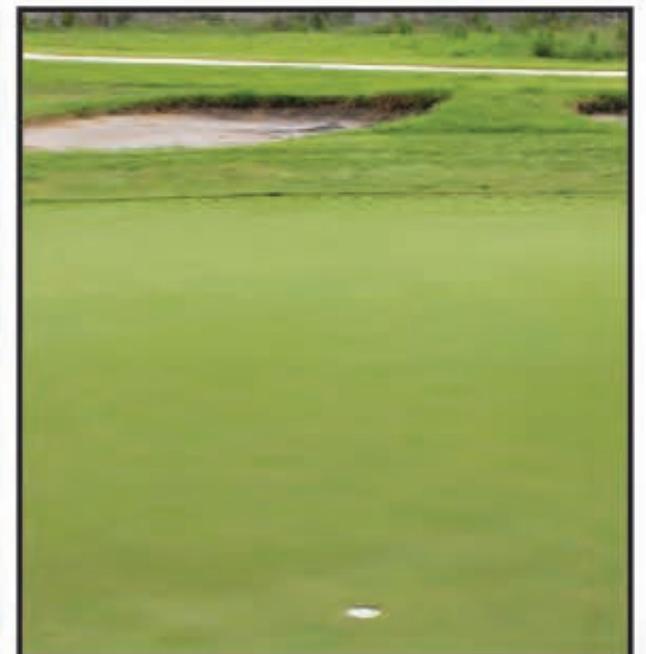
Third, at hole No. 12, the new green will keep golfers away from the trail, where the trail makes a turn and begins its final stretch to Sunset Point Road. If the green wasn't moved, people would be hitting their approach shots to the green with walkers and cyclists within 10 yards of the cup.

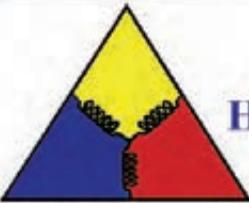


Mr. Colen also announced at the annual meeting, a new fence will be installed on OTOW property in an effort to keep people using the trail, on the trail, and not provide an opportunity to wander into our community. The fence will have two gates for golfers to use to continue their rounds, but will be locked at sunset to deter nonresidents from entering our property.

By shortening holes Nos. 6 and 13, both holes will now be completely inside the new fence.

Pictured above is the new and old green at the sixth hole. The darker dirt area in the foreground is the old green. The lighter-colored dirt area will be the new green. The new green will be inside a new fence. The old green will simply become grass outside the new fence. At bottom left is a diagram showing the changes to the 18-hole course. Pictured bottom right is the old hole No. 12. In the background (white path) is the new trail. You can see how close the trail would have been to the green.





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\$90,000	\$30,000	\$100,000	\$791.51
\$110,000	\$30,000	\$100,000	\$907.57
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## By happenstance or happy chance, here's a new reporter

Hello everyone! My name is Suzanne St. John. I'm the new building captain for the Contemporary. I'm thrilled to get the opportunity to facilitate neighborly responsibility and camaraderie in our building.

I've lived here year-round for five years, but many of my neighbors might not know me because I live on the second floor (so I can't sit outside and interact with passersby) and I don't have a dog (to walk and meet everyone along the way).

Our building hasn't had a captain, news reporter, or event coordinator for several years. I had been thinking for some time that I would like to volunteer for one of the positions.

At the same time, several of my neighbors were thinking of asking me if I'd be interested. Serendipity!

I've taken on all three positions because, as a retired teacher, I have good organizational skills and a sense of fair play when it comes to neighborly challenges. I love to write, and I want very much to get together regularly with my neighbors. Voilà!

Wary of going door-to-door, I introduced myself to everyone via the Contemporary bulletin board and



e-mail with the expert assistance of a neighbor who is in regular contact with our Snowbirds.

I planned a Memorial Day building get-together at the East Activity Center. I made up a fancy flyer and posted it on the bulletin board. I added a few red, white and blue pin-ups to pretty-up the board and bring attention to the flyer. Would anyone show up? I was nervous.

Everyone was to bring their own food and drinks, while I provided ice, paper plates, etc., and decorations. There was no agenda — just a social event where all could relax and chat.



New building reporter Suzanne St. John (left) and her roommate, Cindy Rice, enjoy a recent visit to Clearwater Beach.

I hoped the gathering would be more of a Wine & Cheese event than a "Whine & Jeez" session (wink!).

I had no reason to worry! Twenty people showed up! Twenty happy, delightful people! I am thrilled. Not bad for summer, when the Snowbirds are gone.

Next is a Fourth of July party. Three cheers for the red, white and blue!

I've met so many wonderful people who live here, including some who are new residents. I can't wait to start next month's report!

Hello to everyone at On Top of the World, and a special shout-out to my neighbors at the Contemporary. You're the best! Summer is here, so everyone to the beach!

## Baghdad residents dine out, begin storage room cleanup

Many residents from the Baghdad Building celebrated the upcoming new summer with a dinner at the Marlin Darlin' Grill, a restaurant on West Bay Drive which specializes in seafood prepared in a variety of ways.

We had an efficient and lively waiter that made the evening quite enjoyable.

Judy Stevens, who usually plans the monthly dinner gatherings, told that evening's attendees that she was stepping down from the organizational aspect of the dinners, but both Denise Duca and Barbara Riley will continue to arrange monthly dinners.

Residents attending the dinner outing included George Goldsmith, Tatiana Goldsmith, Julie Solfronu, Barbara Riley, Kacey Clarkson, Ruth Simon, Denise Duca, Janice Spoon, Kathy Bevan, Grace Strecker, Al McKay, Jim Bevan, Judy Stevens and Faye Theodore.

For those that are interested in dining out, be sure to look at the bulletin board for future dinner notices and a sign-up sheet.

If residents haven't looked at their storage areas in a while, check it out. Two years ago, one or two residents took a hard look at the storage spaces and shuddered.



That began the massive clearing out of personal items that were left for years by previous residents who moved away.

This past year, the Baghdad building was required to comply with On Top of the World storage area guidelines. So, a big thanks to Terri Starr, Nancy Cooper, Denise Duca and John Abbot for drawing lines on the floors to organize storage spaces for all residents, and for passing out notices to Baghdad neighbors that needed to tweak their storage areas so as to comply with OTOW storage standards.

Their job was performed very well



Baghdad residents enjoy a recent dinner at the Marlin Darlin' Grill in Largo.

and the storage areas look a lot nicer. If any resident is not clear on what can or cannot be placed in the storage areas, please read the notice attached to each storage room door. We appreciate your help.

And too, OTOW has collected a few of our outdoor benches. They will eventually remove the other benches from the core areas. So we continue to ask neighbors for donations to buy new benches — we are still short on funds. We would truly appreciate it!

Kathleen Clarkson and Vicky

Portsmouth are collecting monies on the Grecian side and Terri Starr is collecting monies on the Haitian side. Again, please consider this contribution; it helps everyone.

Finally, Vicky Portsmouth, the other Baghdad reporter, and I welcome any news that residents would like to share with our building neighbors and the OTOW newspaper. We welcome news stories about vacations, family or friend gatherings and activities — both large and small. Please feel free to contact us.

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Three Granada residents are shown at a recent luncheon at the Columbia Restaurant. From L-R are Pat Dalziel, Trish Burch and Lee Seymour.

## Always letting the good times roll at Granada

Granadians continue to have good times together, enjoying lunches out each month and our monthly get-togethers. We enjoyed our June lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse, with lots of joking and laughter.

While relaxing at On Top of the World, many of us sit outside visiting together, whether it's out front or on the first-floor patios.

When it's too sticky out, we get together in someone's condo for our monthly gatherings. With all the rain that we have been having, everything is nice and green and flowers are blooming beautifully.

We have been seeing many more birds around such as blue jays and ibis, which we often hear them described as "Jimmy Durante birds" or Florida chickens.

Lately, we have noticed a large egret walking around, coming up to the door, jumping on the lawn furniture and pecking inside our unit. I have seen this bird on World Parkway at two different



back doors. People are feeding them, and I think that's why they come up to the windows looking for food.

Now that the construction has been going on, we are waiting to see what OTOW will look like once it's all completed. The buzz around the pool and our building is one of anticipation, so we will have to wait and see.

Well, I'll write again next month. Until then, have some fun times yourselves!



### A look back at the OTOW News (July, 1992)

By Cele Radeloff

- The Saturday night dance was a "Roundup Time" dance with Sandy & Company playing Western tunes. Everyone was encouraged to wear their cowboy hats, jeans, boots, square dance clothes, etc. The dance was a big hit!
- The Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens (UPARC), as it was known then, was the recipient of \$2,000 from the sale of used golf balls. In 1983, the Coffee Corner asked for donations of used golf balls to be sold at 10 for a dollar. UPARC was very grateful to Nick DelVacchio and all the Coffee Corner volunteers who made this possible.
- Newspaper notes of interest: In the July, 1992, issue, eight churches in the area posted their Sunday services and weekly activities. Also, many of the advertisers that regularly appeared in the OTOW News then are no longer in business (as of 2017). These include Gay's TV, China Garden, Red Line Limo, American Ballroom, Golden Shears, Florence Dentures, Morrison's Cafeteria, Freedom Cleaners, Joel & Jerry's, and North Hercules Cleaners and Coin Laundry.

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# The Villa is busy celebrating holidays, birthdays and more

Happy birthday, America! It's been a busy time here at the Villa with birthdays, visitors and celebrations.

Very happy to announce our son Mike and his Colleen became engaged while visiting Acadia National Park in Maine. A 2018 wedding is planned.

Great seeing Trudy Barry back in the swing of things. Trudy had her five sons and wives visiting these last few weeks.

Speaking of out and about, we catch Connie and Jerry McDonald strolling on occasion. Nice seeing Connie up and about.

June found Rosalie Borselli off to Jacksonville visiting family. Rosalie is one very busy lady.

The annual On Top of the World meeting was well-attended. One item in particular that drew cheers and applause when mentioned was the forthcoming barbecue/picnic area with covered gazebo and seating. A place to enjoy our beautiful surrounding with friends and family will be well-used by all.

As seen in the photo, Chris Tuttle (sitting with our WWII veteran Charlie Coffman) recently celebrated her birthday



with some of her pals. Was a fun evening and a surprise for Chris.

OTOW is popular with bicyclists. Please give riders the right of way when driving. Please try to use a bike rack when possible, and chain your bike to the rack. There is bike rack by the downstairs entrance to the East Activity Center.

A reminder that it is activity card renewal time. Remember to bring along a valid ID and a piece of mail addressed to your OTOW home here and three bucks.



Chris Tuttle (at center, in dark dress) sits with WWII veteran Charlie Coffman at Chris' recent birthday celebration. A number of her pals attended the evening affair.

Answer to the person born in the log cabin: He is our flag man, Steve Maszurek!

Until next month, enjoy a safe, happy holiday. Any news fit to print, send to Fresca@maine.rr.com.

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# Co-existing with 'critters' is a summertime fact of life

The rains of summer have finally arrived. This is the time of year that the little critters like to show up on our window ledges, doorways, and in patio gardens. Sometimes it seems difficult to co-exist with them, but we usually make the most of it.

As seen in the photo, Dottie Graham and Marie Mikuliza found out the hard way when a little black racer popped her little head up out of Dottie's ixora hedge. They're really not dangerous. In fact, they keep the bug and lizard populations under control.

As I stroll around the building I see some nicely kept little patio gardens.

So, here we are in July. What's exceptional about July, other than it's very quiet around Loch Lomond? As we sit around on cool-ish evenings, here are some fun facts about July to contemplate.

Did you know that postage stamps went on sale for the first time in July, 1847? Want another first? How about that the U.S. State Department issued the first passport in 1796.

Eight years later, Vice President Aaron Burr shot and killed Alexander Hamilton! On the one hand, it's nice to know that Congress was at work in July, but also that the heat must have been irritating some people. Well, Hamilton is somewhat vindicated by the fact that his biography by Ron Chernow is a runaway best seller and "Hamilton" is a smash hit on Broadway.

The 1930s gave baseball some special milestones. In the very first All-Star game, the American League wins 5-2 in 1933. Baseball great Joe DiMaggio hits his first grand slam in 1937. Have you noticed that St. Petersburg College had named their athletic field at the corner of Old Coachman and Drew St, after Joltin' Joe?



Moving into the 1950s and 60s, the Lawrence Welk show went on national TV in 1955, and Dick Clark hosted American Bandstand for the first time in July, 1956. I don't know about you but I can get very nostalgic for 1950s TV.

ZIP codes were established in July, 1963, but does anyone know when that 4-digit extension was added?

Maybe you remember: President Garfield is shot. His struggle to survive lasted 80 days until his death on September 19th (1881).

The United States annexes Hawaii (1898).

The radio is patented by Guglielmo Marconi (1898).

Liquid rocket fuel is patented (1914).

Etch-a-Sketch goes on sale (1960).

The Skylab space station re-enters the earth's atmosphere. Pieces land in the Indian Ocean and in Australia (1979).

After being displayed for over a century, the torch on the Statue of Liberty is removed so it can be replaced (1984).

After an unsuccessful attempt to change its formula, Coca-Cola brings back the ever popular original formula as "Classic Coke" (1985).



Dottie Graham and Marie Mikuliza keep their distance while examining a harmless black racer snake that happened to visit Dottie's ixora hedge recently.

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# Large family events highlight Siboney news

Our building looks so beautiful now after being painted inside and out. The painters did a great job. Thank you!

Have you noticed the new black fence surrounding On Top of the World on both sides of Belcher Road? The trees are all trimmed and it looks great!

I just attended the wedding of my beautiful granddaughter in Sparta, N.J. There were 260 guests from 14 different states and overseas (a friend of the groom works in Paris and flew in for the big occasion).

It was an outdoor ceremony and the weather was just perfect. An unexpected highlight was the bride's sister singing "At Last" to a stand-up audience. The fireworks at the end of the evening were quite spectacular, too.

I should mention my 7-year-old great-grandson was a big hit with his break-dancing!

Did I mention that everyone went home with a boxed slice of pizza? Two years of wedding planning really paid off.

Doris Prekopa's condo has been a hub of activity with relatives arriving each



day to celebrate Doris' improved health. Among the visitors were two grandsons, a great-granddaughter and a great-grandson. Four of the guests were from Kansas.

They cooked, cleaned and redecorated the condo. Doris enjoyed every minute. Did I mention that some guests brought along their dogs?

Our luncheon at Joey's on U.S. 19 was enjoyed by all. Everyone loved the Italian cuisine, and the portions were quite generous.

The next luncheon will be at Home Plate in Dunedin. The chicken salad sandwiches there are "huge." Sign up to attend.

I attended my friend Ednamae Jordt's 95th birthday party in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. Friends and family came from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Texas and nearby Venice, Fla.

Although we could not use the kitchen due to renovation work, the caterer, Marguerite's, performed above and beyond. Everything was fresh, hot and delicious. Marguerite's is to be commended.

I was impressed by Ednamae's 12-year-old great-grandson, who said grace before we ate. Such poise for a youngster.

Did you go to Cody's for their annual anniversary special? I love their sweet potatoes!

Line Dancing now meets in the Sunrise Room on Tuesdays and Saturdays until the new floor is installed in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Don't forget to check out the new Learning Lab in the West Activity Center. Happy Fourth to all!



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## Reporter can scratch off one more bucket list item

As you may have noticed, there was not a monthly article for the Chetnik Building in the June issue. For most of the month of May, I took a solo trip out to the western United States to visit many of the western sites and numerous national and state parks.

For the drive, I rented a full-size car for \$4.95 per day for about three weeks, with unlimited miles (an Enterprise Rent-a-Car special deal for spring). The only catch is you have to take the car out of Florida and drop it off at an Enterprise location out of state.

In my case I drove out to Grand Junction, Colo., and at the end of my trip drove south to Albuquerque N.M., and flew back from there. I drove a total of 4,800 miles and it was a great trip.

I have always enjoyed taking trips to southern New Mexico and Arizona, but one of my "bucket list" items was to visit Colorado and Utah, as they have an abundance of sites to see and numerous national parks, particularly in Utah.

In any event the weather was great with the exception of some snow and sleet in the higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains. I had not driven in snow for about 40 years.

If you have not been out that way, but have a desire to take a trip, I highly recommend Arches National Park, Canyonlands, The Colorado National Monument, Capital Reef and several others that are relatively close by, like Bryce Canyon and Zion.

During my trip I took over 800 photos and have been putting some



small vignettes of clips together on YouTube. If you are interested in seeing any, just contact me and I will give you the link.

I got back in town towards the end of May and had the opportunity to join our monthly building luncheon group. Now that we are in the summer months our group is smaller but we still enjoy our get-togethers.

On May 25, we gathered at the Tarpon Turtle in Tarpon Springs and it was a very nice and friendly restaurant to have lunch.

We decided to change our monthly luncheons from the third Thursday of the month to the fourth Thursday. As usual, a sign-up sheet will be posted two weeks in advance on the bulletin board for those wanting to attend. We invite all Chetnik residents to attend.

Please contact me if you have items of interest to place in one of our monthly columns. I am always interested in talking with new residents or hearing about others' vacations and activities. Thanks to all who have given me positive feedback on the column.



A view of magnificent Arches National Park in eastern Utah, taken in May by Bill Jacobs.



Chetnik residents enjoy their meal at a recent luncheon at First Watch Restaurant.

## Trips and travels make up the news from the Azores

June and the residents of Azores are "busting out" and traveling all over.

Kelly and Celeste Fitzgerald took the ultimate genealogy heritage trip. They began their adventure in Iceland, the new travel hot spot. They loved the unusual lava formations thought to be trolls or elves in Icelandic folklore. The black stone beaches set against the hues of the North Atlantic ocean were amazing.

Next the two strolled arm and arm along the canals of Amsterdam on their way to view the Dutch masterpieces at the city's renowned museums.

The highlight of the trip was their arrival in Italy where they were joined by Kelly's sisters, Terry Fitzgerald and Dorie Price. The majestic beauty of the San Grallo Mountains and the dreamy Adriatic Sea in Abruzzo captured their hearts.

Kelly and Dorie were born in Abruzzo and still have family there. The visit was filled with "welcome home" celebrations, tremendous love and warmth and more food than they had ever seen in their lives.

Meeting long lost relatives was so moving that Kelly felt compelled to offer



a speech of gratitude, a new experience for such a reticent fellow.

Terry and Dorie finished their Italian sojourn soaking up the city life in the cafes of the Trastevere neighborhood of Rome as well as a visit to the Vatican.

John and Brenda Geanakos made their first trip to New York City. During their whirlwind weekend, they managed to visit the 9/11 Memorial and museum, take an interactive tour of the city, see the Broadway show of Carole King's life, "Beautiful," and view the city at

midnight from the top of the Empire State Building.

The highlight was their visit to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Here John discovered the ship manifests showing the arrival of both his paternal and maternal grandparents in the 1920's and '30s. They vowed to return to NYC after such an emotional and incredible weekend.

Chuck and Carole Kilgore attended their granddaughter's graduation from Texas A&M University followed by a trip to the mountains of Tennessee to visit Chuck's brother. Chuck said he "canned" some of the cool mountain air which he promises to release here in late August.

Speaking of cool air, Carl Maietta reported in from Maine where it rained for three weeks and the temperature never got out of the fifties!

The mountains beckoned Maggie Sayward as well. She spent time in the Adirondacks of New York visiting family and friends. The highlight was the "Apple Blossom" wedding of her niece. The trees were in full bloom, the sun shone in a cloudless blue sky and her niece looked as radiant as any June bride, as she and

her new husband recited their vows.

Jean and Gordon Fowlie were a bit further south, in New Jersey, attending the wedding of another beautiful June bride, their granddaughter.

Marie and Tom Pirrello spent Father's Day with their family in New York. Apparently, several family members "snuck" onto the return flight to Florida. They all ended up "beaching it" for a week on Longboat Key.

What's the common denominator here? Family. Whether newly discovered, near or far, they are always close to our hearts.

Lunch bunch news: Marie Pirrello regrets the ladies were unable to lunch in June, but promised to reschedule.

I see cake, ice cream and candles in the future for Jeanette Boyer, July 6; Dolores Parham, July 15; Jim Rostick, July 16; Carmel Tomich, July 18; Ann Setkovicz, July 26 and Bob Scruton, July 26.

Who did Bob Kelly see in Safety Harbor? Find out next month.

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# World-wise traveler offers views on Vietnam/Cambodia trip

Hi, everyone. I would like to thank one of our Paradise residents, Bonnie Mack, for sharing her travel experience on her recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.

"I'm sorry, I bet you wish we had won the war." Those were the words Bonnie Mack said to her tour guide on her recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.

Hearing about life under a regime that is in some ways more repressive than the one during her trip 10 years ago, there was little more she could say.

On the surface, one would find lovely hotels, good restaurants, and modern stores. However, under the surface one realizes that those are mostly for tourists.

On the other hand, the people are friendly and hardworking, and life appears to be good. 10 years ago, Bonnie's guide in Vietnam indicated that "Vietnam takes its cue from China." She visited China eight years after President Richard Nixon opened it for travel.

At that time, she thought China wouldn't change. When she returned to China 13 years later, she found that China had modernized and was moving toward more "glitz."

Bonnie expected more modernization in Vietnam than she found. In Hanoi, she saw residents still transporting their



goods on bamboo poles that straddle their shoulders.

Traveling is an eye-opening experience. Bonnie should know — this trip started her 51st consecutive year of international travel.

We would like to welcome Paradise resident Dale Smith's brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Sandra Smith, to our wonderful community. Bruce is a Major in the Salvation Army and is celebrating his retirement this month. They now reside on the west side of On Top of the World.

If you are new to Paradise, I would love to hear from you.

Have a blessed day in Paradise!



Bonnie Mack visits Halong Bay in Vietnam during a tour of Vietnam and Cambodia. (Photo by a friend of Bonnie)

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# Mom has long-distance relationship with son in Hong Kong

Do you ever wish your children lived closer to you? Do the distances from Clearwater to cities like Chicago, New York City, or Boston, at 1,193, 1,148, and 1,361 miles, respectively, just seem too far away?

Well, imagine that the distance was 8,773 miles, and you might think that was insurmountable. That is exactly how far away eight-year resident of Viking, Sandy Sanborn, lives from her son, David.

David lives and works in Hong Kong. He runs some Apple stores there. He does not speak Chinese but does have an interpreter who works with him. Many people speak English there, which is not surprising since Hong Kong was a British colony for 156 years, transferring its rule to the People's Republic of China in 1997.

David has a two-year contract to work there with the possibility of extending it to four years. After being there for six months, he was able to come to Florida to visit Sandy.

While he was here, David and Sandy went up to Spring Hill, where one of Sandy's other sons and his wife, Robert and Pat, live. They were able to spend time catching up.

Another essential trip was to Target. Sandy and her friend, Pat Drake, who may go to Hong Kong with Sandy in the future, found out that things we take for granted in the U.S. are harder to find in Hong Kong.



He especially wanted household items, like sheets, towels, and bedspreads.

Sandy said David makes friends easily. He seems to be having a good time exploring and learning the culture.

One thing she said that he didn't like when he first got there was the food. She said they eat a lot of different foods that we never eat, and he didn't have any idea what some of the foods were. In his first few months there, he lost almost 40 pounds. He seems to have adjusted to that now.

As with many major metropolitan areas across the world, the cost of living is very high. David has a two-bedroom apartment, which is unusual as sometimes six or more people might be sharing an apartment. He was surprised that his friends thought he was rich.



The sprawling metropolis of Hong Kong is home to more than seven million people, including Viking resident Sandy Sanborn's son, David, who lives there and works for Apple.

Sandy said he brought her a bill that looks like a dollar and says \$100,000 on it, but is apparently only worth \$12.

David has taken advantage of Hong Kong's location and has visited Bali and Indonesia. He plans to visit other places in the region.

Whether David stays there four years or not, he is having an experience few people get to have. How many of you would like to live and work in a place so far away from home, being immersed in a different culture?

Sandy and Pat hope to visit David in the future and experience Hong Kong themselves. It will certainly be interesting.



Sandy Sanborn with her son, David.



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# Unique potluck dinner to mark Bohemians' July 4th

The term "bucket list" comes from the scriptwriter, Justin Zackman, from the movie of the same name. It has become a commonplace term and one that stimulates the imagination.

For Carol DeLisle an item on her bucket list was to experience a train ride. To help her check this item off, she and four of her building friends took Amtrak from Tampa to Delray Beach, spent the night there and returned by train the next day.

The return trip offered more excitement than one could ever make up. Even the conductor expressed, she should not have gotten out of bed that day. When you see Carol, be sure to ask her what happened.

The building's June dinner outing was Ozona Pig. This quaint out-of-the-way place is one of the best-kept secrets in the area. If you are hungry for good barbecued food, be sure to give it a try and you'll understand why we keep going back.

The 4th of July will mark the date of our second annual International Potluck Dinner. We recognize that our building is a melting pot of many nationalities, so we use this day to honor all of our residents. We celebrate by preparing dishes that represent our ethnic diversity. This celebration, we think, represents the spirit of the day.

The 4th is also the competition of the men of the building versus the women in



our puzzle challenge. Each team is given a 500-piece puzzle and four hours to complete it. To date it is an even toss-up on wins and losses between genders.

The local soup kitchen weighed in the canned goods collected by the building on Memorial Day and was proud to share that it was a record amount of 71 pounds of food, even with our northern friends gone. Congratulations, fellow residents!

The building would like to recognize Lyle Mitchell. Lyle has kindly donated his storage room space for us to use for our First Aid closet. We use this space much the same as a library, where residents can check out items such as wheel chairs, walkers and canes as well as other necessary medical equipment. We appreciate your generosity, Lyle!

# Here's a chance to be the reporter for English Tudor

By Cecile Sangiamo

Our faithful newswoman and columnist, Kay Tenuta, has left English Tudor to be closer to her daughter in Illinois. Kay will miss the beautiful Florida climate but promises to "come on down" and visit us from time to time.

This means we are looking for a new building reporter with the urge to put their writing skills to work. Stop by the OTOW News pressroom and ask for Doug, or call 799-3216 if you are interested.

Joann Dameron took off for a few weeks on a motor trip to Virginia to visit with family. Eight cousins with 20 more of their families all got together for a wonderful party.

My daughter Maria and I met another friend at the On Top of the World East Activity Center parking lot



for the drive to The Palladium in St. Pete where we saw the "Tales of Hoffman," the 18th century opera by Jacques Offenbach. The main character of the opera is a man in love with three women, one of whom is a mechanical doll!



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See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

### Tuesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

### Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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### Wednesday Afternoon

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
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Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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### Thursday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
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### Friday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
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### Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid activity card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

# A big OTOW welcome to these new Espana neighbors

Happy 4th of July! Don't forget to come down to the lake and watch the fireworks. Be sure to bring a chair. Due to the recent scarcity of rain, I suggest that it might not be safe for our residents to use their own sparklers, etc. to celebrate the holiday. We don't need a fire!

We have new residents on the odd side of our building. I saw the moving van come in. When it left, I went right up to visit the new residents, who happen to be Carmen and Jose Diaz. They were friends with the lady who had just moved out.

In 2011, they came to Florida from Allentown, Pa., and in 2011 they moved to Mission Hills Blvd. in Clearwater. Now, after six years as Floridians, they moved to the Espana.

Jose worked for Alpo Pet Foods and Carmen worked for Pillsbury. They have six children who live in various parts of the U.S. Just in case you are wondering, this Carmen Diaz is not the actress Cameron Diaz, but our Carmen is still a wonderful lady!

I can see the moving vans when they come to the odd side of the Espana, but I am at a loss when it comes to the even



side. If you know of anything involving the even side of the building, please call me and let me know.

I know I am way behind in introducing new residents to you, but I intend to catch up. When I introduce new Espana residents, stop in and meet them yourself.

The Espana no longer has monthly meetings. There are two meetings a year now. To let you all know what is happening, our president, Les Meneilly, sends e-mails to those who have computers. For those who don't own computers, my articles in this OTOW newspaper will share



The "Pineapple Princess" of OTOW, reporter Clare Pebworth, grows appetizing pineapples such as this one. She has had several yields of pineapples over the past years.



information which I happen to be aware of with the rest of you.

I do not know how many of you have ever grown your own pineapples but I have done it for years. The attached pictures show the pineapples that are currently growing by my patio. Two are in the dirt and one is in a pot.

How do I grow them? When you cut the top off a pineapple that you have purchased, don't throw it away. Plant it, just

as it is, in either a pot or in the ground. It takes a long time before you see a pineapple start to grow, but it is great pleasure to watch it. Plus, a home-grown pineapple is tastier than the ones that you purchase.

Pineapples growing in pots make great gifts. I have given several to my friends and to my grandsons.

Hint for the month: For security purposes, be sure to take the keys out of the ignition when you are filling your gas tank.

## Memorial Day barbecue is a success



Our Memorial Day barbecue was celebrated on May 29 from 12-2 p.m. at Patricia Aden's apartment for 21 residents of the Brahman Building 74.

The weather was great and so was the food. Everyone had a great time and some of the newer residents were able to become acquainted with the current ones.

Pat Hayes and Esta prepared the food for cooking and took the orders. Pat took care of cooking the hot dogs and



Some of the 21 attendees enjoying the Brahman Building's Memorial Day barbecue.

hamburgers. Great job, Pat! Delicious sides were shared and enjoyed by all. Great cooks here in our building.

We missed our Snowbirds but knew they were also having a great time wherever they were by the Facebook comments and pictures.

We are hoping if enough residents are home for July 4th, the fun can be repeated.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin board for info and updates on the building.

As a side note: For the new residents, or current who never received one, we have the emergency packets to be displayed on your refrigerator or front door window. Please stop by my unit to speak to me and pick up yours.

## 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.

## OTOW Boat Owners & Future Boat Owners



- All boats must be registered through the Community Service Office.
- Registration fees of \$15 are due by the beginning of March, yearly.
- Boats will be assigned a rack spot number upon registration.
- Boats must be registered before they can be stored at Lake Arbor.
- Maximum kayak/canoe length is 16 feet. Maximum Jon boat length is 14 feet.
- All watercraft must be maintained in seaworthy condition.
- Unregistered boats are subject to removal and impound.
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# Pet featured in monthly newspaper contest



## ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

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Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

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This application can ONLY be sent to, or picked up, by OWNERS of On Top of the World apartments and only the OWNER shall process applications for renter Activity Cards.



I hope everyone in the Valencia building noticed that Mike Turbolino's little buddy, "Morgan," was selected as the Pet of The Month for the month of June.

I spoke to Morgan about this honor bestowed on her and in true form she was very humbled. She offered very few comments except to thank everyone involved in making this happen, especially Mike, who submitted her picture for consideration.

In the opinion of many in the building, including myself, this was a well-deserved selection. When the elections come around next January for the selection of Pet of the Year for 2017, Morgan needs your vote. Don't forget.

Let's catch up a bit. Back in April, our dining divas lunched at the Outback Steak House and judging by the many happy faces in the attached photo that just happened to come into my possession, it looks like these ladies had a great time.

Once again on June 14, Flag Day, our building assembled, saluted, and pledged allegiance to the raised American flag.



For a recent luncheon, the "dining divas" visited the Outback Steakhouse.



Valencia attendees at the building's annual Flag Day ceremony, June 14.

This has been a tradition and an honor for residents of the Valencia building for several years and is always popular and well-attended.

Afterwards, as a group, we went to the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor for a nice lunch, capping off a perfect day.

## ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

- As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.
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# Resident spends her birthday on an island



Hello from Rila Renaissance. Our neighbor, Gerri Jaeger, had a great 70th birthday celebration. Gerri and Richard Maxwell flew to the Grand Cayman Island for a four-day weekend.

Gerri wanted to relax in the sun on an island beach for her 70th birthday, so Gerri and Richard rented a condo on the beach. Gerri's son (who was celebrating his 49th) birthday and his wife also came with them. Gerri's son and his wife love to snorkel, so they spent most of the weekend in the water.

They all had a great weekend and came back refreshed and relaxed. Happy birthday, Gerri!

The lunch bunch ladies had their usual last Tuesday of the month luncheon. They went to O'Keefe's Irish Restaurant



The Rila Renaissance lunch bunch at O'Keefe's in June. The group meets at a local restaurant on the last Tuesday of the month. Check the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet.

on Fort Harrison Avenue in Clearwater. Thanks, Sue, for again organizing this month's lunch. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the core. Try to go with us — we have a great time eating delicious food and laughing. We do carpool if needed.

I see the white mailbox in the core has been removed. If you have any news, call me and I will come and get it from you. My telephone number is 726-0787.

We hope all our neighbors and their families have a great July 4th celebration.



Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell (at right) along with Gerri's son and daughter-in-law relax in the Grand Caymans. Gerri celebrated her 70th birthday there.



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This is the last stop in Alberta, Canada, visited by Roman Byzantine resident Barbara Novak during her recent journey to northern Alberta and the Canadian Rockies.

## Roman Byzantine residents happy with proposed project

Roman Byzantine inhabitants remain active this summer. We have seen the end of the drought, our gardens are fragrant and the rains have made everything clean and bright.

I have heard about some fun travels to family and friends from various residents.

Walter and Marguerite Laskowski attended their granddaughter's high school graduation in Georgia. Of the 733 graduates, their granddaughter placed 14th and graduated with honors. She was in the Magnet program and received quite a scholarship to attend Berry College in Rome Ga. The very proud grandparents are claiming bragging rights!

Barbara Novak traveled to northern Alberta via Edmonton. She then toured Saskatchewan and west to the Canadian Rockies and Calgary. She reported visiting 11 bridges in 11 miles, a Guinness book record, and a testimony to the many lakes and fishing holes in Canada. Of course, all of the waterways still had visible ice floes.

Many of our residents attended the annual meeting held June 9th. Some reported their happiness to hear about the changes to the recreation area behind the East Activity Center. Having an outside pavilion area with grilling, recreation games and restrooms will be enjoyed by many.

Now because we have a summertime lull, we will not have our building gatherings until October; however, posted activity dates will be on the bulletin board to sign up at your leisure.

Check the board and talk to



your friends about available dates for the activities.

Since we will not be able to meet, I have a few jokes to help you smile:

I saw my friend Sally was wearing a new locket, I asked if there was a memento of some sort inside. "Yes," said Sally, "a lock of my husband's hair." "But Larry's still alive." Sally replied, "I know, but his hair is gone."

Since I have moved to our retirement community I have a new set of texting acronyms:

BFF: Best Friend Fainted  
 BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth  
 CBM: Covered by Medicare  
 FWB: Friend with Beta-blockers  
 LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out  
 GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker  
 Battery Low!

So long for now.

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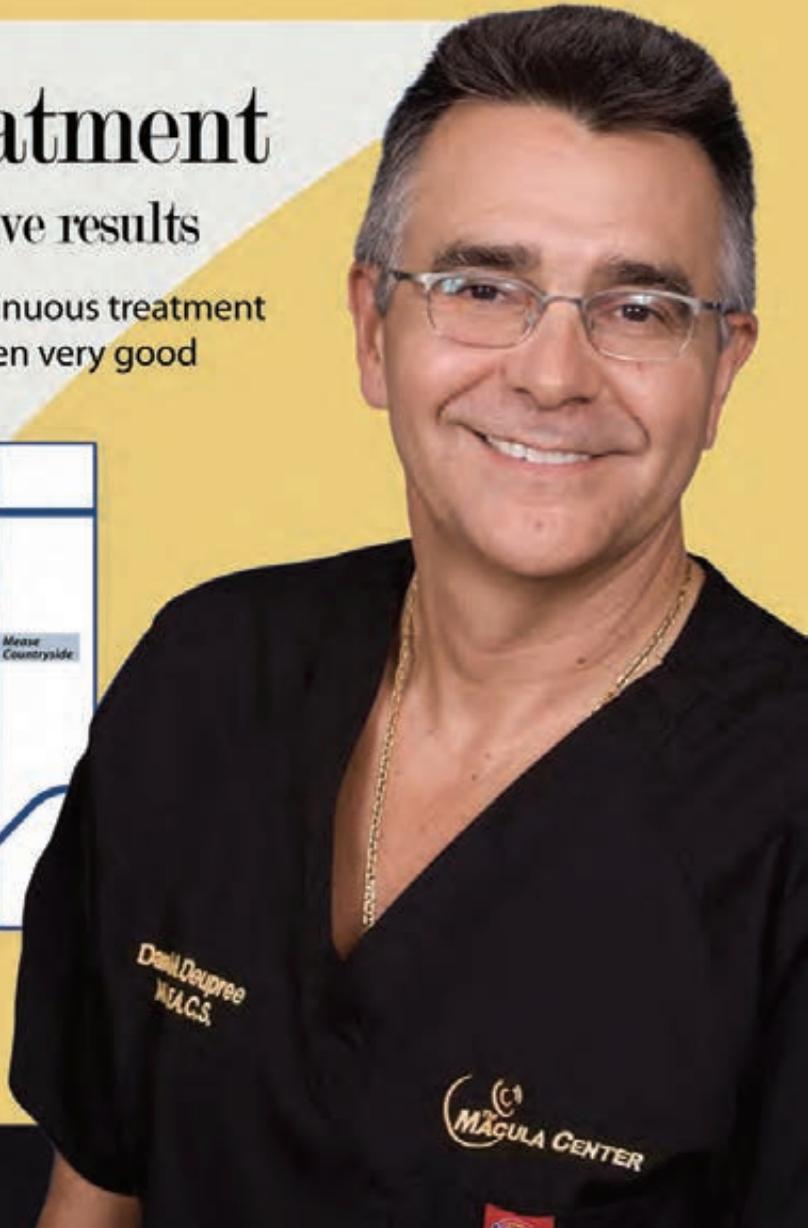
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