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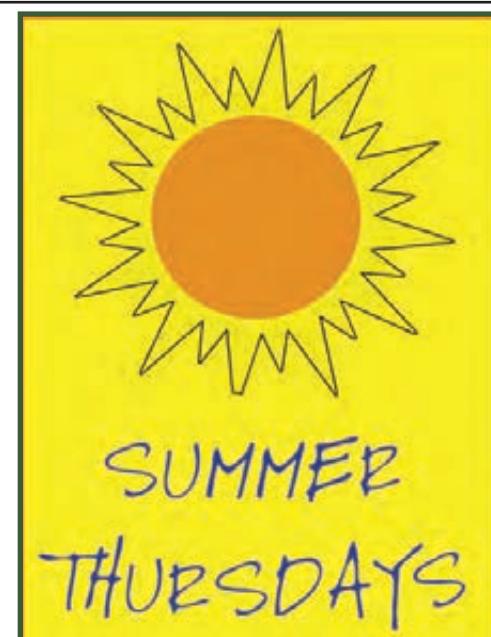
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Karaoke coming back for an encore

OK. So maybe in June you were a little shy?

You were tempted to sing your favorite song in front of a Thursday morning audience, but just didn't have the courage to do it.

Well, you're going to get a second chance.

"Summer Thursdays" is coming back to the East Activity Center auditorium on July 12 and karaoke with Lenny Segall and Kathy Ahrens is returning for the second straight month.

The first Summer Thursday took place in June because the Good Neighbors Association is taking the summer off and a temporary replacement was needed for Get Acquainted Coffee.

Summer Thursdays was created to keep the free coffee and a donuts going for June, July and August. "Karaoke with Lenny and Kathy," which normally meets one Sunday evening each month, was brought in to help entertain the crowd. But it was actually On Top of the World residents who did the entertaining because karaoke means "you" are the singer.

More than 50 people attended the first Summer Thursday. People visited community clubs for tickets and scheduling information, listened to morning community announcements, visited with vendors and tried their luck at raffle drawings.

A few brave souls got up in front of the crowd and sang their favorite songs. No one had to memorize any words to sing. Lenny and Kathy provided songbooks to pick out music and then the words appeared on a movie screen over the auditorium stage. The singers and the audience were both able to follow along, and in some cases, the audience sang with the singer.

The music for the morning ranged from Frank Sinatra to Jimmy Buffet, and from Bette Midler to Louis Armstrong.

Coffee Corner purchased the coffee and donuts and most people appeared to have fun, especially members of the Travel Club, who danced at their table while selling tickets.

Summer Thursdays will return Aug. 9. The source of entertainment has yet to be decided.

The Good Neighbors Association will be back in September to host Get Acquainted Coffee. A band or musician will be brought in to entertain us.



Pictured on top of this page, On Top of the World Travel Club representatives get into the karaoke spirit while the song 'New York, New York' was being sung in the East Activity Center auditorium. Pictured above, Bill Higgins sings 'Margaritaville' and gets help from the crowd who sang along, too.



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New tennis courts fading into the picture



In the month of June, On Top of the World began to see its first glimpse of new tennis courts coming alive at the East Activity Center. Pictured above is the base for the new courts, and you will notice the new courts will come in a perfect rectangle, not the same zig zag from past years. To the right of the tennis courts is a dirt area which will eventually become the pavilion and restroom area. For more updates, view the Box Office Website at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Look for a link to the Pavilion Park Project.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

New suspense novels arrive

By Katy Gerritt

In June, the On Top of the World Library added several books by favorite authors.

David Baldacci's "The Fallen" has arrived as well as "17th Suspect" by James Patterson.

The Queen of Suspense, Mary Higgins Clark has a new book, "I've Got My Eyes on You."

The latest thriller by Stuart Woods is "Shoot First."

Nancy Thayer has a new novel. "A Nantucket Wedding" is getting very good reviews from our readers.

We also have "To Die But Once" by

Jacqueline Winspear.

And if you enjoyed the novel or movie "Cold Mountain," Charles Frazier has released "Varnia."

We are open our usual hours in July, with the exception of Wednesday, July 4. The library may be closed for renovations in the lower area of the East Activity Center at some point during July, so be sure to come in and get some books to read over the holiday.

Otherwise, we are open Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3 p.m.

The Good Karma Book Club met on Thursday June 7 to discuss "The Guern-

sey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society."

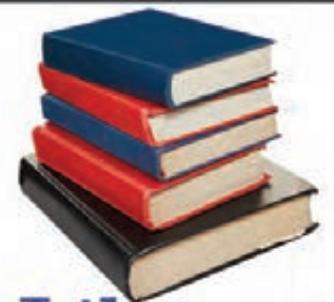
The group thoroughly enjoyed the book, which was written as a series of letters. A film of the novel is due out on Netflix in the next few months. We all thought it would be great to travel to the Channel Islands to see the site of the story.

On July 5 we will meet to discuss "Memory Man" by David Baldacci.

We will meet on July 19 for our book share meeting. Bring what you are reading now to share with the group.

We meet on the first and third Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

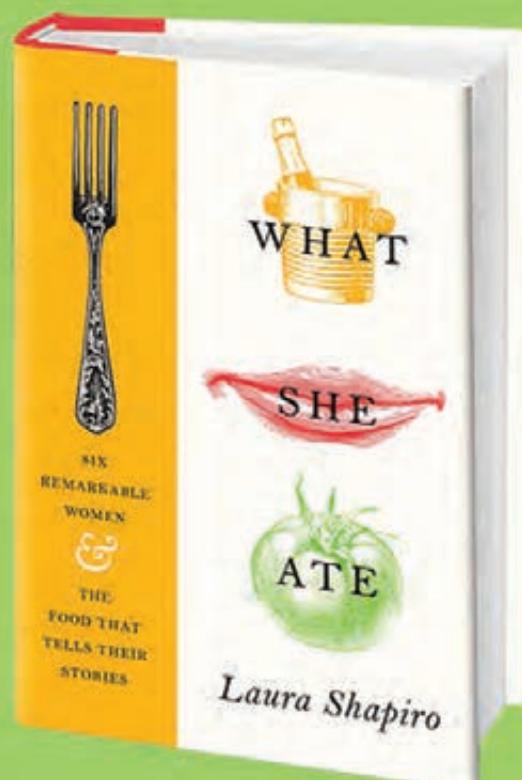
Come and join us!



Library

Hours

**Mondays 10-12
Wednesdays, Fridays 1-3**



Good Karma Book Club

10:30 am, Thursday, Aug. 2

Come join the Good Karma Book Club in August.

During the month of July, read "What She Ate" by Laura Shapiro and then attend our group discussion of the book at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Or, if this book doesn't sound like your style of writing, then read "Still Life" by Louise Penny for our September meeting.

Good Karma Book Club will meet twice in August.

At 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, the meeting will be a book share. This your chance to talk about another book you are reading.

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Concerns vs. Service Requests

Often times it can be difficult to distinguish between a concern and a service request.

Equally as difficult is deciding when to put something in writing, call the service line, or visit the Community Service Office (CSO).

When trying to decide, a good rule of thumb is to identify: is your concern about a possible rule violation within the community; will it require action from management company service personnel; will it require additional information or some action on your part; or will it require an in-person visit.

Once you have established this, you may decide on the appropriate course of action that is required based upon your specific circumstances.

By being prepared before you visit the CSO, you will ensure that your visit is streamlined and speedy.

As a reminder, CSO staff members are not equipped to deal with disputes between neighbors. However, they are always ready and available to assist you with any of your service-related needs.

Also, the Community Service Office now has copies of the 2018 Pinellas County All Hazards Preparedness Guide available for pick up.

Disturbance or Interference

The Management Company has received letters from residents over the last few months and the primary theme seems to be about neighbors and their behavior.

Quoting the rules, "No owner or resident of any unit at On Top of the World, and no visitor to same, shall do or permit to be done anything that interferes with the rights, comfort or convenience of any other owner, resident or visitor in On Top of the World.

"Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, no owner, resident or visitor may use or play, or permit to be used or played, in any unit or elsewhere in On Top of the World any mechanical, electrical or other device, including, but not limited to, any musical instrument, stereo, amplifier, radio or television, between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and the following 7 a.m. in a manner that disturbs any other owner, resident or visitor in On Top of the World."

As a secondary matter, some of these types of concerns also mention misunderstandings over items left in walkways.

To clarify: "Common areas and common elements of the community, including, but not limited to the grounds, streets, parking areas, sidewalks, walkways, balconies, entrances, halls, passages, stairways and corridors, shall not be obstructed or encumbered and they shall be used only for the purposes intended.

"No garbage cans, supplies, or other articles belonging to any unit owner, resident or visitor shall be placed either temporarily or permanently outside any unit. Nothing shall be hung from the windows



or balconies, or placed upon the window sills. No linens, cloths, clothing, curtains, rugs or mops shall be shaken or hung from any of the windows, doors or rails. No fire exits shall be obstructed in any manner."

Additionally, please be reminded that cigarette butts should not be discarded outside your unit, over the railings, or left in the grass, walkways, sidewalks or any other common area.

Your continued attention and cooperation in following your community rules goes a long way in ensuring a well main-

tained, safe, and secure community.

Important Information

The Community Service Office hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the need is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

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

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

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

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you

have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests. For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

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

Again, dial 911 for a health-related emergency. 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.

 An advertisement for coffee. On the left, there are several alarm clocks. On the right, there is a coffee grinder, a cup of coffee on a saucer, and a pile of coffee beans. The text is as follows:

Morning alarm clock going off?

You have 4 choices

From the time your alarm goes off...

1. 16 minutes to drive to a burger place for coffee.
2. 15 minutes to drive to a donut place for coffee.
3. 5 minutes to drive, walk, run or bike to the Good Karma Café for a cup of hot, fresh coffee for only 55 cents.
4. Go back to bed.

(times are approximate and depend on ambition)

Despite challenges, your board sees a



July 2018 is 50 years since the very first resident moved into the Colonial Building (B-4) at On Top of the World.

Looking back, I feel fortunate to have been there, working away my summer break as grounds maintenance staff (me and one other person).

The first resident to move in was Lena Mae Jackson. She was so excited to be there that she moved in several days before the electric was turned on. She liked to point out that she was born and raised in Odessa, Fl., before electrification reached her family's farm, so being in her new condo without electricity was not a big deal to her.

Throughout the coming months, I'll be writing future segments about the history of the On Top of the World Community and its evolution into a community with a city-sized population.

Annual Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting in person or who submitted a proxy.

The Annual Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was held at 10 a.m. on June 8, 2018, 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 two hours with no break. The Board presentation took one hour; the remainder of the meeting was devoted to answering questions submitted by residents.

The Chairman addressed a question submitted at the December 2017 meeting requesting that camera surveillance be considered in building center cores and garbage rooms. This topic does not have a quick answer and required further research to analyze the impact on privacy rights of residents and see if there is any case law developing on the question of surveillance.

Given the infrequent problems of some residents acting irresponsibly when disposing of household garbage, does it justify both the initial and recurring costs to install and maintain such a system?

The general consensus of the Board is that it does not. Should conditions change in the future, this matter may be revisited.

Another question dealt with charging stations for electric vehicles. The legislature took this matter up in the last session. The law now provides that if requested,



On Top of the World Chairman Kenneth Colen goes over some of the community improvements from the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

the Association must make provisions for charging stations. However, the cost of the accommodation must be paid for by the person(s) requesting the charging stations. 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 greater.

A report was presented on the status of recreation improvements and construction for the past 12 months of activity. To recap the last year to date includes: four (4) buildings have new roof systems, and two (2) buildings had 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 (4) elevator equipment replacements and two (2) elevator cab rehabs. Ten (10) buildings had their front elevations repainted, while eleven (11) back elevations were waterproofed. Asphalt improvements included three (3) primary parking lots and three road sections. Three (3) buildings received new code compliant aluminum railings.

Ten (10) new laundry room ventilation systems were installed and 540 new curbside trash receptacles were purchased.

Leslee Colen reviewed planned recreation improvements at the East Activity Center for the coming fiscal year, including the addition of a pavilion and barbecue grills, as well as installing new tennis courts, shuffleboard courts and horseshoe

pits. As of this writing, the project is well under way with an anticipated completion date of late October 2018.

In addition to all these additional improvements, both East and West Activity Centers, together with the entry gates, will be surveyed in the next several weeks to update the many improvements that have occurred. Please be mindful of your safety when walking near survey stakes and markers.

Sharon Licata discussed awnings and their failure to meet current building code for wind uplift. It was noted that awnings with weak or failing attachments are causing damage to the building structure and need to be removed at the owner's expense. Awnings are an owner's private property existing in the common areas.

To date in 2018, only 134 awnings remain (out of more than 2,600). The Board extended the sunset date for removal to Aug. 1, 2018, for all non-compliant awnings to be removed. After that date, awning inspections will be added to the estoppel inspection checklist for compliance before the Association will sign off on the transfer of property (resale or inheritance). This is similar to the washer/dryer inspection procedure in place since 2016.

The risk associated with improperly installed washers and dryers 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 disclose 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.

Parkway General Manager Dessa Barabba explained the Association's inspection service enforcement of 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!

A quorum was obtained before the meeting and by a majority vote of ballots and proxies, 1907 votes were cast with 1627 voting "Yes" to waive reserves (85.3 percent) and 109 voting "No" to establish reserves (5.7 percent). There were 171 ballots and proxies disqualified because they were improperly completed.

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positive outlook for fiscal year 2019

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 added into the Association's budget. Looking at it another way, an added \$73.84 a month onto your CSF!

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 is 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/Community Information](http://www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com/Community%20Information) 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 ap-

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pliances, furniture and it may even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired.

The HO-6 should have personal liability, loss of use, and loss assessment coverage bundled in with it.

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

Because of the volume of requests, a form for each and every building address has been posted on www.OTOWClearwaterinfo.com. Simply open the Website, click on the "Community Information" tab and follow the link to the Wind Mitigation forms. You, or your insurance agent, will need to enter in the name of the insured and the unit number. Otherwise, the form should be good to go.

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

All of the buildings with roof replacements in 2018 to present should have an updated wind mitigation form on the Website by August. They are all accessible at: <http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/wind-mitigation-forms.aspx>

Elevated Headaches

Your Board and the management company understand the dependence residence have on elevators. Even the shortest interruption may cause a major inconvenience for residents.

To prevent service interruptions to the greatest extent possible, the management company directly employs a State licensed elevator service technician. Additionally, all 83 elevators receive their preventative maintenance monthly, equating to 12 times yearly for each one!

This ongoing regimen ensures that the equipment is in the best position to service the community reliably and safely.

The State adopted ASME A17.1, which requires a maintenance control program (MCP) and the maintenance performed in accordance with the MCP.

A routine examination, a minimum of once a year, is required to be performed and reported to the Bureau of Elevator Safety for elevator certification.

No situation is identical to the next, for example: Recently, the elevator in Building 29 suffered a service outage due

to damages to an underground telecommunications line. A contractor for Duke Energy inadvertently cut the line in the process of working on a power feed that was in close proximity. In compliance with code, an elevator may not be operated without an operational two-way emergency call system. As a result, operation of the elevator needed to be discontinued until the telecommunications provider could repair the emergency call system.

Building 50 elevator was recently given an elevator equipment upgrade. Despite that control system change out, a newly installed component failed in such a way that it did not report a problem through the internal diagnostic (similar to the diagnostic codes in your car's computer), making it very challenging to locate and correct the faulty component. The management company worked diligently with the equipment manufacturer in order to troubleshoot and resolve the problem in the shortest time possible. As is the case with any electronic device, even new parts can and do fail without displaying any trouble code.

Building 22 elevator had an on again off again problem difficult to catch in a failure mode so the fault could be replicated and resolved. Working with the manufacturer, the Elevator Controls Engineering Department suggested (punted) that a software update and contact/relay replacement could provide a work around. Fortunately, that did eliminate the problem.

By far, the most frequent cause of service calls is elevator time out. This occurs when a door is blocked open for a short period and the door fail-safe shuts down the elevator until the service technician manually resets it.

Recently, we had such an instance when a resident blocked the door with a stack of OTOW newspapers (good to know the News can be useful) while she shuttled her groceries from the car to the elevator. This inconvenienced a neighbor on the third floor needing to use the elevator and resulted in the service call out. A related story is the baseball bat found in the elevator hoist way pit. We speculate that it was used to prop the door open!

Landscape and Architectural Controls

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

Inasmuch, 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.

Please remember that any building or landscape modification must receive prior approval from the Condominium 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.

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: July's schedule for coating improvements will see the contractor transition again to rear waterproofing projects with buildings 67 and 70 anticipated next.

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.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in July as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front façade coatings. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors. Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

There are no large scale projects scheduled for the month of July.

Jerry Colen lecture to focus on why our Civil War started

Happy Independence Day!

I grew up on Long Island where my siblings and I spent long summer days at the beach.

In between waxing our surfboards and slathering our bodies with Coppertone, my parents would try to lure us away to visit an historical site over the summer.

We visited Williamsburg in Virginia and Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts, among other places, but one vacation I will never forget was our trip to Gettysburg.

I recall it was the week of July 4th, 1967, and we spent a full week exploring battlefields, attending lectures and filling up on Pennsylvania Dutch fare.

Yes, I was a "Foody" then, too!

I was only 8 years old, but awestruck by these hallowed grounds, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and more.

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was not the featured speaker on Nov. 19, 1863, in Gettysburg? Edward Everett, a former senator and president of Harvard College, was known for his public speaking and he was given the honor. He and President Lincoln were invited to dedicate a national cemetery which, sadly, was much needed after three years of Civil War.

Edward gave a powerful two hour speech that day. Lincoln's speech, "The Gettysburg Address," was not nearly as long, two minutes and only 272 words, but very memorable!

Did you know Lincoln was ill before, during and after that speech?

One of his Cabinet members, John Hay, noted Lincoln's face had a "ghastly color" and he appeared "sad, mournful and haggard."

When Lincoln boarded the train back to Washington, D.C., he was feverish with a severe headache, followed by a rash. Later he was diagnosed with a mild case of smallpox.



It's inspiring to know Lincoln was sick, yet delivered possibly the most memorable speech in American History!

If you too are interested in history, specifically the Civil War, please join history buff Jerry Colen for a lecture entitled "Prelude to the Civil War." His presentation will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, in the East Activity Center Art Room. The session is free to residents and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please fill out the registration form below and return to the Community Service Office.

Depression

More than Just the Blues

The Community Service Office will be hosting a series of educational seminars this year with Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services.

Last month the topic was "Aging Successfully." The seminar was interesting as well as the discussion that followed.

The next topic will be, "Depression – More than Just the Blues." The seminar will be held on Wednesday, July 18, in the East Activity Art Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

With the recent CDC report on suicide rates, this is a timely topic and I'm sure Leslie will make time for a questions and answers period.

Please attend to learn more about the symptoms and cause of depression and when to get help. Registration in the Community Service Office is optional, but appreciated. It gives SCA staff an idea of how many chairs to set up.

Vision/Hearing/Blood Pressure

Free vision, hearing and blood pressure screenings are available here at On Top of the World the third Monday of the month, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

As a reminder, the clinic will be posted in my monthly column, as well as the On Top of the World television station. We have moved the clinic to a more visible location at the front right of the auditorium.

2018 Fall Festival & Expo

Club Sign Up

Once again, the Community Service Office will be offering On Top of the World clubs a complimentary table outside at this year's Fall Festival & Expo, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet new residents to increase your membership, sell arts, crafts and souvenirs, or just come out to join in the fun!

Please stop by and see me at the Community Service Office to complete a registration form as we only have a few tables left!

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 51 of this newspaper. Only the first 30 people registered may attend the class.

Florida License on Wheels

The FLOW Bus will be here on Mon-

day, July 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., parked at the East Activity Center's North Parking lot. FLOW volunteers provide a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration or purchase a specialty license plate.

Activity Card Renewal

Commencing July 1, Activity Cards are up for renewal and the Community Service Office will add some additional evening hours and Saturday mornings to our schedule for your convenience.

The hours and days are as follows: Thursday, July 5, and Thursday, July 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Extra hours also will be on Saturday, July 7, and Saturday, July 14, from 8-11 a.m.

In addition, SCA Facility staff will give you a two week reprieve and only a gentle reminder to get your card updated from July 1 thru July 15.

Activity Card Information

When renewing your activity card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's 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.

EAC Pool Closure

The East Activity Center swimming pool will be closed from July 16 to 20 for maintenance.

Ever Wonder

Why our country turned itself into a horrible battlefield

Civil War buff Jerry Colen will be lecturing on what led to the Civil War. His presentation will take place 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 25, in the East Activity Center Art Room. The session is free to residents.

The Civil War is believed to have started on April 12, 1861, when Confederate Troops opened fire at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. But what led up to this event?

Take a journey with Jerry Colen as he explains events prior to this landmark day and why historians believe war was unavoidable.

Your name: _____

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Visit the Community Service Office for more information.

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SUMMER CLASSES

All classes in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

Frida Kahlo

Tuesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. – Noon • Instructor: Dedee Aleccia

One of Mexico's greatest artists, Kahlo began painting after being seriously injured in a traffic accident. Throughout her adult life, she suffered ongoing health issues, tolerated a marriage of volatility and infidelity with Diego Rivera, and connected her Mexican identity with the political ideals of the communist party. Her self-portraits reveal both her physical and emotional suffering and provide an intimate insight into the people and events that gave her the strength and impetus to face hardship.

Registration Number: 8045

The History of the Supreme Court

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Rick Kistner

In 1789, George Washington signed the Judiciary Act created by Congress which established the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court grew in stature and power under the leadership of John Marshall, whose opinions were the basis for Constitutional Law and established the Court as a co-equal with the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government. Our session will examine the history of the Court and many of the controversial decisions that have shaped American life as we know it today.

Registration Number: 8046

The History of the Wizard of Oz

Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Instructor: Richard Stefanik

Frank Baum wrote the first Wizard of Oz novel in 1900. He then wrote several more novels about Oz and produced theatrical stage productions before the making of the classic 1939 movie. This class will discuss the history of the Oz story along with the characters and actors involved in the movie.

Registration Number: 8047

Carole King and Her Tapestry of Song

Tuesday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie

Carole King's talent at the piano was obvious by age four. Her hit songwriting was established by her early 20s, leading to a blockbuster career as one of the most prolific and influential pop songwriter/recording artists in history.

Registration Number: 8048

A Perfect Storm: A History of Florida's Hurricanes

Wednesday, August 22, 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Instructor: Nano Riley

Did you know John's Pass (named for the pirate, John Levique) was created by a hurricane in 1848? Did you know the hurricane of 1928 caused the Lake Okeechobee dike to fail, killing an estimated 2,500 people, mostly farm workers? This class looks at famous storms and the latest predictions for intensity due to climate change.

Registration Number: 8049

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

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

CARD GAMES

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Sunrise Room

BUNCO

Wed. June 18, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Veranda Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Craft Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, 12:30 pm, Craft Room

Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Starlite Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Rainbow Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

PINOCHLE

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Craft Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Veranda

SAMBA

Mondays, Noon, Kitchen

Thursdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Kitchen

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Veranda

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Veranda

Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Veranda

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Veranda

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Veranda

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Veranda

NY/NJ Club: W, 6:30 pm, Art Room

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Veranda Room

PING PONG

M,T,W,H,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Sunrise Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room (July 11 in Veranda)

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Learning Lab

LADIES EXERCISES

T,H, 8 am, Sunrise Room (Stretching 7:30 a.m.)

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Sunrise Room

TAI CHI

Chi Kung: T 3 pm Sunrise Room

Intermediate: Tuesdays 3:45 pm Sunrise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Learning Lab July 3, 31

Tuesday, 10:15 am, Art Room, July 10, 17, 24

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

GROUPS

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

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

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

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

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

(Closed 12:30-2:30, Mondays and Thursdays)

LAPIDARY

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9 am - Noon, Jewelry Room

LAWN BOWLING

Mondays-Saturdays, 9:30-12, Open Bowling

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3

WOODSHOP

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wood Shop

* Auditorium, Starlite Room will be closed July 30-31.
 Small Card Room, Yellow Room, East Exercise Room,
 Computer Room, will be closed all of July.

East Activity Center Rooms

Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room,
 Art Room, Small Card Room,
 Yellow Room, Exercise Room,
 Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.

West Activity Center Rooms

Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room,
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15	16 Health Screenings Eye Blood Pressure 9:30 AM - Auditorium Neighborhood Watch Meeting 1 PM - Sunrise Room
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Chilled Chicken Summer Salad



SUMMARY: A skilled chef knows that excellent food requires high-quality raw ingredients. This month's recipe features chicken and insights on changing quality standards for U.S. poultry.

Ingredients

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 ½ cup kamut*
 1½ cup no-salt chicken broth
 ½ cup chopped celery
 ½ cup chopped onion
 ½ teaspoon lemon/pepper spice
 ½ teaspoon coriander spice
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
 ¼ cup Good Foods® Feta Cucumber Dip (available at Publix)
 ¼ cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 cup seedless red grapes, halved

* Kamut is an ancient whole wheat grain. It may have been carried in Noah's Ark during the Great Flood. It has been found in the Pharaoh's tomb in Egypt. But you, my dear chefs, can find it at Whole Foods and other health food stores. It is a favorite of mine and it's good with soups, stews and roasts. Kamut is chewy with a slight nutty flavor. It is healthy with lots of fiber and iron.

Directions

1. Rinse chicken and place in steamer over boiling water. Cover and steam until juices run clear, about 30 minutes. Cool and cut into bite-size pieces. My dear chefs, this is one time a dull knife works well. When meat is torn (rather than cut), the mayonnaise clings better to the meat.

2. Cook kamut in broth in a covered pan for 45 minutes. Drain. Cool. Mix with chicken.

3. Add celery, onion, mint and spices.

4. Mix dip, lemon juice and mayonnaise. Mix into chicken. If you'd rather not use the cucumber dip, increase mayonnaise to ½ cup.

5. Add grapes and fresh mint. Stir. Chill for several hours before serving. It is a great dish for entertaining. It can be prepared the night before to free the cook to be with the guests the next day.



A good chicken recipe starts with good chicken.

I find most chickens to be dry and flavorless. While challenging to find, there are select brands of high quality chickens in various grocery stores in our area.

Quality brands raise chickens without antibiotics. They are not fed animal by-products, but are raised on a vegetarian diet of American-grown, pesticide-free grains.

Furthermore, they are raised in humane conditions of a low stress environment with proper shelter, comfortable resting areas, sufficient space and the ability to express normal behavior.

Isn't it common sense that a higher operational standard produces a healthier, tastier chicken?

In a 2014 Consumer Reports survey, 80 percent of respondents considered better living conditions for farm animals to be important or very important, outranking no antibiotics and no genetically modified organisms in feed.

And shoppers are willing to put their money where their mouths are: A 2012 ASPCA study found that 67 percent of respondents were willing to pay more for a humanely-raised chicken. Humanely-raised meats are expensive. Smart chefs, like us, wait to buy

The Science

bulk when products go on sale.

When is the last time you really looked at a food label and understood it?

Many consumers misunderstand food labels. Check out <http://greenerchoices.org/> by Consumer Reports for details on the meaning and value of labels.

Here are some examples ...

Cage-Free: No meat chickens are caged in the U.S. Neither does it mean that the birds have access to the outdoors. No inspections are required.

All Natural: The product is minimally processed and contains no artificial ingredients, but no inspection is required to verify that. It does not address conditions under which an animal is raised.

Free-range: There is no definition of "outdoors." There are no requirements as far as the size of the outdoor area (it can be a small concrete slab), the size of the door to the outside, or the amount of time the birds spend there. Chickens can still be raised in crowded conditions. No inspections required.



Steroid Free/ Hormone Free:

All chicken is free of steroids and synthetic hormones. These are not approved for U.S. poultry.

No Antibiotics: Chickens raised without antibiotics in their feed, water or by injection. It is good to see more brands have this label now.

These labeling issues have contributed to the rise of third-party animal welfare certification programs. They aim to codify practices to ensure farm animals have access to adequate space, nutritious food and appropriate medical treatment.

Food standards are shifting for much of the poultry sold in the U.S. Some industrial food giants, such as Perdue Farms Inc., are beginning to adopt some of these higher standards. This should lead to more choices at lower costs.

Eat to your health and happiness! Email questions and suggestions to marieshealtyfood@gmail.com.

Addition information / Links / Credits

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/what-you-really-get-for-the-high-price-of-humanely-raised-meat-2015-11-19>
<http://www.thepoultrysite.com/articles/2812/chickens-do-not-receive-growth-hormones-so-why-all-the-confusion/>
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Computer Club gives software to members



Computer Club member Tony Sinopoli explains what Kerish Doctor software does.

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club recently provided a new benefit to members—some free computer software.

The program, called Kerish Doctor, helps keep computers in tip-top shape.

The club bought licenses for every current member and installed the software on laptop computers during a recent meeting.

“Kerish Doctor is an excellent piece of software to keep your computer operating at maximum efficiency,” said club member Tony Sinopoli, who proposed the idea to give the program to members. “It is certainly worth the cost.”

Among other functions, Kerish Doctor optimizes Internet connection speed, protects computers against malware, and monitors one of technology’s biggest enemies, high temperatures.

The software runs in real time, so once installed, it automatically keeps computers safe and secure.

Club members, who haven’t yet received their free copy, may do so during the Monday-Friday morning help sessions.



Computer Club

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Visitors are welcome.

Club members may come to the

Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, for free assistance with computer issues. Assistance with iPhones or iPads is available every Monday morning at the same time.

Additionally, for those who want to learn about Facebook, the Kindle reader, or the Android operating system, help is available on the first Friday of every month. Those sessions also take place in the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m.

Major changes have been made to the On Top of the World Box Office Website. See Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club if you want to learn how to find the site, which hosts information on all OTOW clubs along with community information and thinking games.

The Computer Club, and all your favorite clubs and groups, have a page on the Box Office and each page is full of information.

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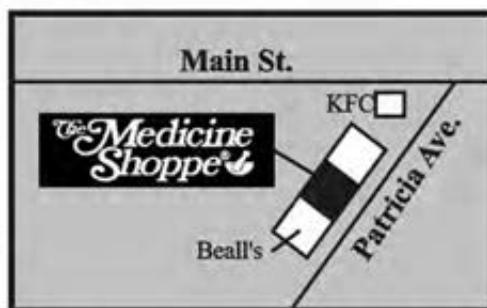
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Canadians should get a little familiar with Foreign Investors Real Property Tax Act

Q. We are Canadian citizens who are Snowbirds here in Florida. We have been told about something called FIRPTA (Foreign Investors Real Property Tax Act). Can you explain it for us?

A. This is a very complex question and although I shall briefly discuss it here, you should probably talk to an attorney who understands it more.

If you are a foreign owner of U.S. property, and you wish to sell it, or if you are a purchaser of real property that is owned by a foreign investor, you should consider discussing this with your attorney.

Your attorney should be someone who understands FIRPTA and also understands real estate law.

FIRPTA is a Federal law which allows the Internal Revenue Service to collect income taxes from foreign investors who own real property in the U.S.

Under FIRPTA, a foreign seller of U.S. real property is subject to a tax withholding at the time of the closing on the sale of property.

To insure collection, the purchaser of the property is required to withhold 15 percent of the sales price and submit it to the I.R.S.

If the sales price is more than \$300,000 but less than \$1 million, the withholding amount may be less than 15 percent.

There are exceptions to the withholding requirement.

(1). The transferee (purchaser) intends to occupy the property as his/her residence for 50 percent of the days it's in use for two consecutive 12 months periods;

(2). The purchase price is less than \$300,000.

If the transferee meets the residence requirement, and if the purchase price is less than \$300,000, and if the transferee is willing to sign an affidavit to those two



effects, then no withholding is required.

It must be understood that if the property is being sold for commercial purposes, then the above listed exemptions do not apply and the 15 percent must be withheld.

To check further, please go to www.irs.gov and in the search feature type in FIRPTA.

Q. We are Canadian citizens. We have a Will, Power of Attorney and Living Will prepared for us by our Canadian attorney.

Do we need a U.S. Will?

A. You might be wise to have a U.S. durable power of attorney who only deals with U.S. matters.

As for needing a U.S. Will as well as your Canadian Will, this depends on the nature of the holdings you have in the U.S. Typically, I suggest that foreign citizens should at least consider a U.S. Will dealing solely with U.S. property and where the U.S. Will does not override any of the provisions in your Canadian Will.

SCAM ALERT: I keep getting messages on my cell phone, either from a man or a woman, and the messages all tell me I've been preapproved for a \$250,000 loan.

Of course, you realize, I never spoke

with anyone about any getting such loan. That's how I know this is a scam.

The way the scam is designed, I am supposed to get excited and tempted to call back and ask them to send me the \$250,000 loan by cashier's check or certified check. After all, they already preapproved me!

But please everyone, let's be smarter than that.

I am not going to respond to this voice message and neither should you.

It would not surprise me if some of my readers have received this same message. Do not ever respond to those kinds of people. They are not your friends and they mean you harm.

You will never get approved for a loan you never requested to begin with.

SCAM ALERT: Please remember that the I.R.S. will never call you to demand money for unpaid taxes, nor will it ever demand a credit card payment and certainly not an I-Tunes payment.

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(I'm kidding about the food, folks.)

SCAM ALERT: Lately, I've been getting cell phone calls where the phone rings only once and then stops ringing.

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Jackie Gleason was so much more than just a Honeymooner

When a train pulled into Miami Station in September of 1969, it was met by the mayor and hundreds of fans.

On the train was Jackie Gleason and his entire CBS-TV crew moving to Florida for a new season.

Jackie was a comedian, actor, writer, composer and conductor, spanning more than two decades on film, TV and Broadway.

Most people will remember Jackie for his weekly TV variety show, which introduced the very popular "Honeymooners" featuring Audrey Meadows and Art Karney. The interesting part about the Honeymooners was 99 percent of the show was shot in the kitchen with Jackie pacing back and forth yelling at Alice. Art would

drop in to make it a three-way screaming match.

Jackie owned the show and it ran for many years in reruns. It can still be seen today on YouTube.

Fans will also remember Jackie co-starring with Burt Reynolds in "Smokey and the Bandit" and Paul Newman in "The Hustler."

On Broadway, Jackie appeared in a show called "Take Me Along."

Not many people know Jackie enjoyed another career as a music producer for "mood music" albums. His first album, "Music for Lovers Only," still holds the record for the longest stay on the Billboards Top 10 Charts, 153 weeks.

Jackie's first 10 albums sold more

than 1 million copies each. To date, his output spans some 20-plus singles, nearly 60 long-playing record albums and more than 40 CDs.

In 1975, Jackie married Marilyn Taylor, one of the June Taylor dancers who were featured on his weekly TV show.

In 1986, Jackie was diagnosed with diabetes and phlebitis, but he knew his condition was much worse. He told his daughter, "I won't be around much longer" while dining at a restaurant. He passed away on June 24, 1987 from colon cancer. He is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in a lavish above-ground mausoleum. Etched into the marble stairway is the inscription, "And away we go."

Walter Balderson



Inside Showbiz



Voice Experience

In the picture at left, from left to right, are Joseph Calzada, Joanna Pope, Nora Kory, Mary Catherine Wright, Asmik Arutiunians and Kennithia Mitchell. Below are Nora and Mary Catherine singing a duet.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

VoiceExperience made a visit to On Top of the World in late May, but this time their show was not a part of Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee. VoiceExperience wanted to put on a regular show for our residents and at the same time gain some valuable experience performing in front of a live audience. They did all this and more. VoiceExperience is a program 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, VoiceExperience has helped thousands of singers find their career path through educational programs and workshops, where emerging artists work with the best names in opera, musical theatre and song.



Bingo!

No bingo in July, August or on Labor Day.

Donate? Recycle? Or Get Rid of It!

Website guide can help you decide what to do with your junk

By Kathleen Santosuosso
How do I get rid of this?

Has this crossed your mind as you looked at your expired and unused prescription drugs, old clothing, photos, microwave oven, old mattress, obsolete T.V., broken vacuum cleaner or books?



Where can you get rid of it?

To find out, simply check out a simple to use, A to Z Guide for Recycling and Disposal in Pinellas County.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Visit Pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/getridofit.

2. Type in the name of an item you're looking to recycle or dispose of.

3. Enter your address to find drop-off sites near you. You will see your options for getting rid of those unwanted items.

For example, when you type in vacuum cleaner, you are told that you can

put your vacuum cleaner in the garbage. You can also take it to Best Buy. On that link, it states that Best Buy will recycle the vacuum cleaner at no charge.

Now you've also learned not to put your vacuum cleaner in the recycle bin!

As another example, type in clothing, which would include shoes and other specific items. As you scroll through your options, you will see where to donate, sell and even ways to reuse old clothing.

Old clothing never goes into a recycling bin.

If you do not have a computer to search this county Web site, our friends in the On Top of the World Computer Club will help you every Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Our Computer Club members ask you to bring paper, and a pen or pencil, so you can write down options for getting rid of your unwanted items.

Jan Tracy, from Pinellas County Waste Management, will talk to us about recycling right on Feb. 5, 2019, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

You can pick up an easy-to-follow handout, "Recycle Today 2018," at the Good Karma Café and the Community Service Office. It's free!

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Baby Boomers

By Kathleen Santosuosso

On Top of the World Baby Boomers banded together for their annual Memorial Day Picnic in May.

This year, the picnic took place outside the West Activity Center. More than 20 Boomers enjoyed a variety of healthy dishes, including quinoa salad, corn soufflé, bacon-lettuce-tomato salad, German potato salad, guacamole, fruit, cheese and sausage with sauerkraut.

There were not too many desserts, which led some to speculate that our nutritional habits have evolved along with our healthier lifestyles.

Of course, there were plenty of adult beverages.

In May, paddling Boomers traveled to Bradenton for a guided tour of DeSoto National Memorial Park led by a U.S. Park Ranger on the Manatee River. A last-minute picnic followed the kayaking adventure. As usual, there was plenty of conversation, both on and off the river.

Boomers are getting tickets for Baby Boomer tables at Entertainment Committee events. Join us for "Voices of Jazz" on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Voices of Jazz is a Jazz Big Band with woodwinds, brass, guitar and piano. They also perform their big band tunes in the greater Tampa area.

For those who want to learn to play acoustic music together, the place to be is the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. Joyce Monahan and others, including ukelele players, learn new songs and practice the tried and true tunes.

The Baby Boomers Club is an association of friends. There are no age restrictions. Being a Baby Boomer is not an age - it is a state of mind. We have no dues,



Baby Boomers paddled by kayak at DeSoto National Memorial Park and then held a picnic.



officers or formal rules. You do need to have a valid OTOW Activity Card.

You don't join the Boomers, you join in. Once you have decided to "join in," you are added to our Baby Boomer email list. You will receive emails about fun events and activities.

Boomers seek out experiences to

keep them active and enjoying life. Boomers can be found biking, bird watching, dancing, festival attending, food sampling, golfing, jamming, kayaking, learning, movie going, mosaicking, parading, partying, picnicking, socializing, sunset watching and wine tasting.

If you'd like to become involved,

please join us. The Baby Boomers will be meeting Thursday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. in the Art Room.

Each meeting is followed by dinner at a local restaurant or Clearwater Beach for the sunset. Everyone is welcome.

Even when bad weather is approaching, look for important notices from On Top of the World on the Box Office Website. Last minute information can be posted under the "Lighthouse News" section at the top of the home page.

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Phyllis Brooks, Mary Lou Wall, Ellen Fier, Betty Baker, Barbara Hinson and Linda Carter rehearse for a summer cabaret-style show which will take place in the East Activity Center auditorium this month. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Rare summertime show in the East Activity Center

Friends and family will give former resident one last curtain call

By Doug Kates

For more than 20 years, Doris Atkins performed with Jesters and Theater Workshop on our On Top of the World stage.

She loved performing. She loved making new friends. And most of all, she loved this community.

So when Doris passed away two years ago, her daughter, Maxine Sutcliffe, felt her mom deserved better than a final curtain at a funeral home.

She felt her mom would have liked one last show.

So here we go On Top of the World ... live theater is coming back to your community for a very rare summer event.

Let's call it "Life is a Cabaret - A Tribute to Doris Atkins."

And let's open the curtain in July.

"Singing, designing costumes and making new friendships were such a significant part of my mother's life here," Maxine said. "Even when she couldn't perform any longer, she still came in a wheelchair to all the shows."

Doris, and her husband, Bill, moved to On Top of the World in 1984 and immediately joined Jesters.

After three years of behind-the-stage responsibilities, she made her stage debut in 1987.

Doris decided to specialize in impersonations.

She couldn't sing. She couldn't dance. But when she was asked to lip sync a famous song, she took the time to study the actual singer and impersonate her on stage.

Some of her "characters" included Shirley Bassey, Ruby McIntyre and Gloria Gaynor.

Doris was best known for playing Liza Minelli.

Overall, Doris appeared on our stage 22 times. Her last performance was singing, "I will survive," in 2011.

"My mom said, 'joining theatrical groups was one of the best things she ever did.' She said, 'it opened the road to many friendships and an enormous amount of fun.'"

In theory, creating a one-day show for this summer sounded like a great idea, but since Jesters and Theater Workshop perform in the spring, Maxine had no idea if anyone was going to be willing to be in her July show. It wasn't theater season. There are fewer residents around. And there would be only seven weeks to rehearse.

So what kind of reaction did Maxine get?

Extremely positive.

In fact, there will be residents on stage for this show who have not participated in a Jesters or Theater Workshop show for many years.

They told Maxine they just wanted to be in a show with Doris one more time.

And that's exactly what's going to happen.

Maxine is finding ways to include everyone who wants to get involved. There will be singing, dancing, comedy and perhaps one skit.

Through the help of video cameras, technology and visual aids, Doris will be

making her final appearance, too. It will be a surprise, but one of her past appearances will be projected into this tribute show.

"She would be so happy to see all her friends in this show," said Susan Carlson, who performed with Jesters and Theater Workshop this past spring, and didn't hesitate to say "yes" to a summer show.

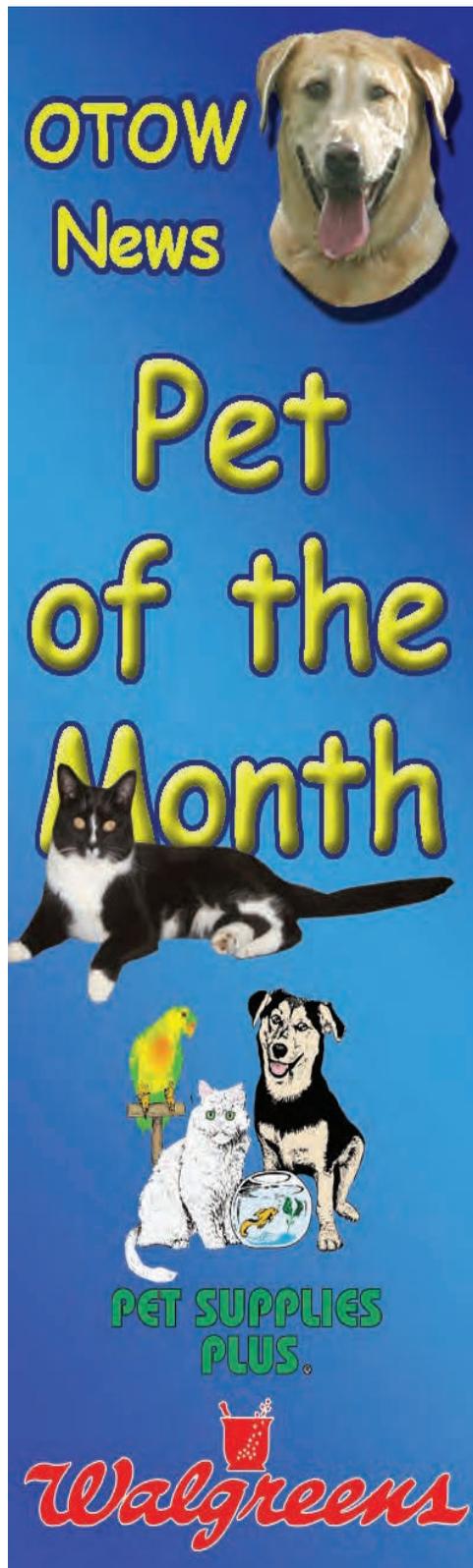
Doris made and saved many of the costumes she hand-crafted over the years. Those costumes will greet the audience upon their arrival and may line the stage.

Maxine said, "My mom would want her costumes to be there."

Maxine said her mom would also want a lot of music and a lot of dancing, and would make sure the tribute isn't just for her, but also a tribute to living in this community.

The show will be Sunday, July 29, from 2-4 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium. No tickets are necessary. Just show up and enjoy. Refreshments will be served after the show.

(more coverage on page 33)



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Pet of the Month

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Skeeter



Skeeter is a 10-year-old female sun conure who lives with Stan Morris in the Valencia Building. Pets come in all types and sizes, but one thing is for certain, they give us much more than they take. Whether it's a tweet, a purr, a bark or a waggly tail, they give their owners smiles and purpose. That is where Skeeter comes in. Skeeter says time to get up at 7:30 a.m. every day, including weekends and holidays, and gets very noisy when it's time for bed. She loves to snuggle on her owner, share a banana in the afternoon and, unlike dogs and cats, can actually say a few words. In case you don't know already, Skeeter will tell you she is a "pretty bird."

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 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. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month 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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Art Guild makes a donation to Fine Arts Center



Art Guild

By Mary Slack Maynard

Over the years, the On Top of the World Art Guild has built a wonderful library of reference and how-to books.

The library includes books on a wide range of subjects from covering the work of many classical artists to instruction books on techniques, such as pencil drawing, Chinese brush, watercolor, and acrylic and oil painting.

Recent renovations in the Art Room required a reconfiguration of the storage space. With the decrease in available space, the Guild decided to evaluate the condition and usefulness of the books with an eye to reducing the volume as much as possible.

Guild members John Fier and Librarian Sally Knapp took on the task of this evaluation. They found that some books



John Fier and Sally Knapp look over some of the art books in the Art Guild library. Some were donated to the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

had become outdated and some were in bad physical shape.

The Guild made the decision to donate some of the books to the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Out of well over 200 books, 70 were selected for donation. The Art Guild library remains a very useful and up-to-date reference for all members of the Guild.

Acrylic Painting Class

This fall, two acrylic painting classes will be offered by the Art Guild. One will be for beginners and one for those who have some painting experience.

The classes will be slow-paced for those who are new to painting or are experimenting with new approaches. Various techniques and fine art principles will be demonstrated and Rosemarie Lugg

wants everyone to know that the classes are “meant to be enjoyable.”

While the classes and instruction will be ongoing, all possible accommodations will be made for those who are not able to start the class at the beginning, but want to learn to paint.

“Patience is important,” says teacher Rosemarie, and a patient teacher is a great asset, particularly for those who are new to painting.

Rosemarie definitely has the patience in teaching those who take her classes.

Rosemarie’s training was in elementary education, which included teaching art. She always had an interest in painting, but did not get “serious” about it until after she retired.

She began her art education by taping the “Bob Ross Show” and playing the video back in segments while practicing the techniques. Eventually she purchased tapes and books by others, and took lessons from some “very good artists.”

She says she practices a lot.

She has sold a number of paintings privately and through galleries, and feels that her main recognition comes from her portrait work.

Those who participated in the previous class had a wonderful experience and are looking forward to the fall. Watch the Art Guild articles for the starting dates for this and other classes.

People who stay active feel better about themselves

There’s more to life than just getting old.

That was the message Leslie Noland relayed to residents who attended an “Aging Well” seminar in June.

In a handout provided to residents, Leslie explained that once upon a time, having a successful life simply meant living to the oldest age you can reach.

But not anymore.

“Now, more attention is focused on quality of life and life satisfaction.”

According to research, people are happier when they continue to do the same activities they did when they were middle-aged.

And when the time comes when those middle-aged activities are no longer an option, then it’s time to find new activities.

The key here is staying active.

Activities give us a reason to wake up in the morning. We can set goals and encourage ourselves to learn new skills.

Staying active means a better attitude, and having a better attitude means taking better care of ourselves.

Staying active doesn’t mean there won’t be some problems in our future. However, a positive attitude means we are more inclined to get preventative health screenings, more open to better nutrition and more dedicated to daily exercise.

Leslie talked about memory loss. She said, beyond belief, memory loss does not



Leslie Noland, a community educator with Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, talks to On Top of the World residents about ‘Aging Well’ during a seminar in the East Activity Center in June.

come automatically with age. There are many causes of memory loss and these may be treatable or even reversible.

Getting your Vitamin B-12 level tested is a good start.

As you get older, it is also important to get enough sleep, stay slim, limit alcohol intake, stop smoking, practice good

nutrition, understand the medications you are taking, learn something new and stay socially involved.

Happiness reduces stress.

Laughing reduces depression.

Spiritual fitness improves your physical health and psychological health.

So if you’re getting up there in age,

remember one thing. You may wish you were younger, but older people are more respected for their wisdom.

So stay active. Use your knowledge. Learn something new.

Keep a positive attitude and you will find yourself “aging well.”

Summer knitting meetings turn into show-and-tell for summer trips



Knitting

By Cheryl Butcher

It happens every year in the Knitting Group.

As summer nears, our Snowbird members head north and attendance at our weekly group meetings dwindles.

In the winter months we can have as many as 20-25 members sitting around the table working their needles and turning out the most amazing products.

But during the summer, we could have as few as six.

This year, however, we have picked up four new members for whom we are very grateful. As a result, we are still meeting with a good number of people in attendance.

So where does everyone go during the summer? Well, that's what we talk about while we are knitting!

Laverne Iorio is back from Chicago where she visited her family.

Marie Orlando developed wanderlust and spent a few days in Las Vegas, fol-



Despite being summer, there are plenty of knitters in the Knitting Group. New members have joined, which will make each Wednesday more fun.

lowed by a trip back home to Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., to see her granddaughter at prom.

Theresa Mayne visited Las Vegas and went back to see family in Ludlow, Mass.

Cheryl Butcher took a milestone trip. She and her husband Tom traveled to Washington and Oregon to visit friends in Seattle and the Willamette Valley Wineries in Oregon. With that trip, Cheryl has now been to all 50 states.

Tom is one short - he still needs Ha-

waii.

Cheryl and Tom also took a short cruise that landed in Havana, Cuba, for one day.

The summer is really just beginning so I'm sure there will be many more trips to report later. We have to wait for everyone to get back so we can hear how they went.

Always remember, the Knitting Group will gladly accept donations of yarn or fabrics. If you know one of our

members, she'll be glad to take it or drop it off at one of our meetings.

We are always welcoming new hands to join us. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the Veranda Room of the East Activity Center every Wednesday 9-11 a.m. 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 Association.

Press Association meeting Aug. 2

The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

If the president, new vice president and new secretary are in attendance, we will welcome in our new board. Press members will also discuss moving the Appreciation Luncheon to March.

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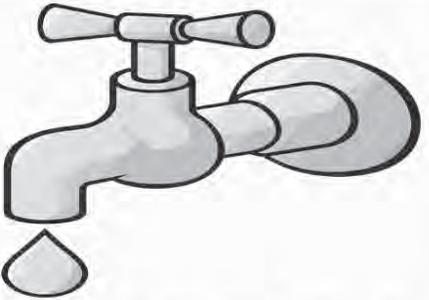
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Republican Club learns about Amendment 1 (Homestead Tax Act) prior to upcoming election



Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty shares information about the Homestead Tax Act with members of the On Top of the World Republican Club in June.

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

The On Top of the World Republican Club welcomed guest speaker Mike Twitty to its June meeting.

Mike is the property appraiser for Pinellas County. He provided us with a great deal of information about changes to the Homestead Tax Act and other personal exemptions, including exemptions for veterans.

You can contact the Exemptions Department at 315 Court St., second floor, Clearwater, FL, 33756, call the office at (727) 464-3294 or fax your information to (727) 464-3408. Hearing Impaired can dial (727) 464-3370. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mike also discussed Florida Amendment 1 - increased Homestead property tax exemption. There was an abundance of information to hear. If anyone needs some of the pamphlets that were on the table, and didn't have an opportunity to get them, let a club member know and we can be provided one at our next meeting.

Also in attendance at our June meeting was Leo Karulli, a restaurant owner who is running for State Senate District 16. Club President Bea Pacelli gave Leo five minutes to speak to our group.

Our June meeting was our first meeting in the Veranda Room. We were attempting to determine how that room



Republican Club

would work for our club. We had more than 39 attendees with several being new members.

After the meeting, club members expressed disappointment the room was too small and people in the back of the room were unable to see information on a screen in front of the room.

It was determined our club meetings will return to the West Activity Center Sunrise Room in July and for the rest of the year.

At our Tuesday, July 10 meeting, the guest speaker will be Chris Latvala, State Representative of District 67, which includes Clearwater and Largo. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Hope to see more of you there.

Please contact Bea at 1-312-217-4940 if you have any questions.

Mark your calendar, auditions for 2019 Jesters show are coming up in October

By Sue Calinski

Pool time, picnic time and planning time is what the Jesters Creative Team has been up to for the last couple of months.

We are putting together the bones of what we believe will be another blockbuster show for the On Top of the World stage! It is very exciting to see our ideas take shape to form a different show each year!

We will once again entertain you with dancing, music and the Jesters' own brand of comedy.

We've deviated a bit from the format of our last few shows, but you can be assured there will still be plenty of laughter, surprises and fast-moving action.

You may want to consider becoming a Jester this year. The cost is \$5 for the whole year, which will allow you to not only be a part of the 2019 show, but also attend some of our special dinners and other events.

This year, we will be looking for dancers, singers and those who can act and do comedy. Some of the dancing will be vigorous, but will not have complicated choreography.

Auditions for all who plan to be a part of the show will be held in early October. Watch this OTOW newspaper, as well as your building bulletin boards, for more in-



formation as the time gets nearer.

Not interested in being on stage?

There are always places in our shows for anyone who is ready to make the time commitment to the Jesters. You don't have to appear on stage. We always need people who are artistic to help with props, scenery, costumes and set designs. There's also room for people to help backstage with setting up props, costumes, getting actors on stage at the right time and a myriad of other duties.

If you're willing to work a bit, we have a spot for you!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a part of the Jesters but



Do you enjoy dancing? Can you dance in front of a live audience? If you answered yes to both questions, then you should consider joining the Jesters Club and be a part of its 2019 show. There will be dancing, singing and a skit or two. Plus, the club always needs help with backstage functions. (OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

will not be back to OTOW before early October, please notify Lee Catalfomo at lee61951@gmail.com to make arrangements. It is important that we know who will be available when it's time to do the casting in October. If you don't tell us you

want to be in the show, after October may be too late.

So don't miss out by not responding! Brush up on your dancing, acting and singing before October and be a part of our 2019 show!

Chorus is not taking the summer off - join us for a concert on Sept. 13

By Stan Swanson

Summer usually means a break from rehearsals for the On Top of the World Chorus, but this year brings a change for some chorus members.

Several singers from Chorus are getting together weekly over the summer and preparing to present a mini-concert this fall as an example of what you can expect from the 2018-2019 choral season.

The "Summertime Singers" are also hoping to encourage other OTOW residents to join the Chorus in time for the Holiday Concert season.

The Summertime Singers will be on stage during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee the morning of Sept. 13. They will be performing a medley of Hollywood's best movie music. You will enjoy all the memories, romance and adventure as the cinema comes alive on the OTOW stage.

Songs will include "Love Can Build A Bridge," "My Heart Will Go On," "Yesterday" and many more, including an original piece by Chorus member Stan Swanson.

Current members of the Summertime Singers include Ilene Bargerstock, Rod Bargerstock, Cindy Cheung, Julia Contella, Les Ermold, Carolanne Futej, Janet Gentile, Patty Hayes, Karen Hector, Bernee Krausem Carolyn McLaughlin, Sandra Richarme, Betty Ross, Stan Swanson and Marilyn Zylstra.

There is still time for you to join the Summertime Singers, who meet every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

You can call Stan Swanson at 386-366-0109 for more information.

"I love music and singing," said Chorus member



Pictured above are the Summertime Singers, who are getting ready for a brief Chorus concert on Sept. 13 as part of Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee.

Dana Garlick. "But I'm not brave enough to sing alone. Chorus gives me a chance to sing with friends."

The first full Chorus rehearsal for the holiday season concert will be held Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 7-9 p.m. in the main auditorium. After that, the Chorus, under the direction of Beth Kendall, meets every Monday morning (beginning Oct. 8) from 10-11 a.m. in the Starlite Room and every Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m. in the main

auditorium.

The Holiday Concerts will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2.

If you would like to know more about Chorus, please call Stan at 386-366-0109 or the chorus president, Carolanne Futej, at 727-278-4410.

Chorus is open to all OTOW residents, regardless of your singing experience.



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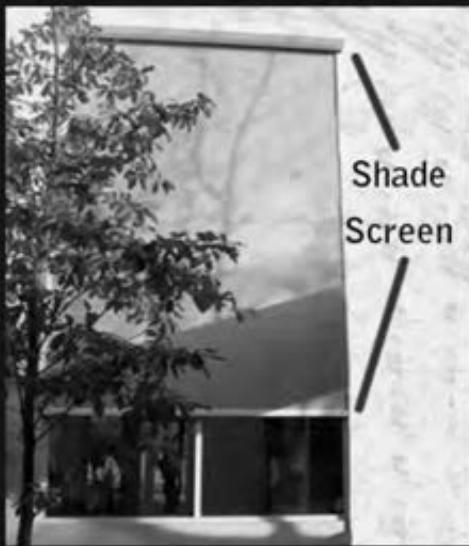


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We are going to nine Ruth Eckerd Hall shows

By MaryAnn Fontaine

Wow! Hard to believe it will be July when you read this.

Things are a little quiet at the East Activity Center, but we, along with other groups, are there on Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. to give information on upcoming events. You can get flyers and sign up for all coming events.

A group of fun-loving ladies recently had a night out at Hudson Show Palace and we had a great time.

A smaller group saw "Ain't Retirement Grand." As usual that was also a great show.

Our next trip will be Aug. 12 to see "Honky Tonk Laundry." If you would like

to see that show please come on Thursday, July 5, or Thursday, July 12, to purchase tickets. I have to confirm ticket reservation by July 19.

I have added nine shows to Ruth Eckerd Hall. They are "50 Years of Rock & Roll" on Nov. 3, 8 p.m., \$45; "Lord of the Dance" on Nov. 13, 8 p.m., \$76; "The Piano Guys" on Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., \$64; "Celtic Thunder X Tour" on Dec. 15, 8 p.m., \$69; "Salute to Vienna" date to be announced; "Bronx Wanderers" on Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m., \$39; "Tony Orlando" on Jan. 31, 1 p.m., \$35; "The Beach Boys" on Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., \$55; and "Paul Anka" on March 1, 8 p.m., \$61.

We also travel to "Adults At Leisure

Shows" at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Cost is \$17 per person.

For show details, please come to East Activity Center on Thursdays or email me at fontainemaryann@yahoo.com.

Information is also on our OTOW Box Office Website. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the Box Office link.

Remember all tickets to Ruth Eckerd and Hudson must be purchased one month in advance.

Our first club activity will be an Ice Cream Social on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmember.

Have a great summer.



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When not keeping fit, Aqua Aerobics class celebrates birthdays with low-calorie cakes



Aqua Aerobics

By Irene Pappas

On Thursday, May 24, the Aqua Aerobics Club celebrated May birthdays.

More than 30 people went to Applebees for the party. Everyone appeared to have a good time.

The party was orchestrated by Elsie Jean Anderson, who is also one of our instructors.

More parties were set for June and July, because you just can't swim and keep fit every day. Once in a while you have to have some fun.

Water Aerobics meets 9-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center swimming pool.

This is a free class which benefits strength, balance, and reduction in arthritis inflammation to name a few rewards.

If the outdoor temperature is above 64 degrees and below 212 degrees, we will be in the pool.

Everyone is welcome to come join our class and see first hand it's benefits.

Pictured at right is one of our May birthday ladies, Gail Hochhauser. Elsie Jean is holding the birthday cake.



All residents invited to an Aug. 23 dinner where you wear your favorite sports team attire

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club is planning for its first "Summer Sports Festival" to take place next month.

The event will be 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The festival is open to all On Top of the World residents. You do not have to be a member of our club.

Felice will be our caterer and she will be making Italian, tuna and turkey sandwiches. Your selection will be made at the time you buy your tickets.

We will also provide salads, dessert, coffee and ice. In addition, we have a hot new disc jockey appearing for the first time at OTOW.

Tickets are just \$10, so put on your favorite sports team jersey, hat or tee shirt. Bring your dancing shoes. Come and enjoy this open event. The Snowbirds won't



New York - New Jersey Club

know what they are missing!

Next on our schedule will be "Dessert Night" on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m.

in the EAC. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

This is a meet-and-greet over New York Cheese Cake and coffee. Representatives of the OTOW Theater Workshop Group, Italian Club, Irish Club and others will discuss upcoming events.

In addition, we will have nomination of officers.

If you are interested in volunteering please stop by the ticket table on Thursday mornings in the EAC and ask for Pat Hayes.

Next we have our first "Southwest Night" featuring line dancing from a guest DJ.

Dinner will be catered from Felice. Mama will be serving barbecue chicken, pulled pork, baked beans and dessert.

Western dress attire is encouraged but not required. All cowboys and cow-

girls are welcome.

The event is Friday Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for members and \$18 for non-members.

Our last event for this fall is our "Harvest Dreams Dance" on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner will be by Felice, including ham, turkey, stuffing and dessert. Coffee, water and ice will be provided.

We have booked Denise with a Twist to be our DJ. Please bring your Valentine along with a gift for "Kimberly House."

Tickets are \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.

We are continuing to sell new memberships for just \$5. Please stop by on Thursday mornings during the summer and meet Vicki and myself. We would be happy to meet new members. The club is open to all OTOW residents.

Coming this fall ...

Singing together as a group is one way to find joy



By John Koning

To the casual observer, the On Top of the World Jolly Club might seem contradictory.

While costs rise all around us, the Jolly Club is free. We are a truly modern club, yet we hold fast to some very old fashioned ideas.

Let's start with the Jolly name. It is an acronym for Joy, Oneness, Love, Laughter and Youthfulness.

Joy comes from tolerance. We find it when we support each other and our OTOW community.

Oneness is the conviction that there is no "us and them." We are all in this together.

Love is the act of supporting each other regardless of our differences.

Laughter is the key to a long and happy life.

Youthfulness comes from healthy relationships, an active lifestyle and a balanced diet.

One of the new ways the Jolly Club will promote inclusive activities is with "Singing With the Stars." Unlike traditional Karaoke, where one performer sings



while others watch, we will all sing together to lyrics on the screen, along with the artist who made the song famous. If you love campfire singing, church singing or singing in the shower, then this is for you!

You can see samples of "Singing With the Stars" on the Events Page of our club's modern, mobile-friendly Website. While you're there, why not join our rapidly growing club. It's easy and secure to join online. Just go to webejolly.com and we'll guide you the rest of the way with links.

In January, a bunch of us are going on our second Jolly Cruise. There's a link for



that on our Website too, at webejolly.com.

See you in October when we'll be back to OTOW!

Remember, in whatever you do ... don't worry, be Jolly!



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no party affiliation voters and Independents.**

Building coordinators meeting July 24

By Valerie Martin

A summer Building Coordinators meeting has been set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 24, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

In this session, we will start by sharing useful information and advice for the benefit of all.

"Table talk," for small groups interested in problem solving, will follow.

We will also have Joanne Frey, the president of the Good Neighbors Association, as a guest. She will be bringing beverages and snacks for us to enjoy.

The Building Coordinators Project seeks to make things easier for those who volunteer in our buildings. We use communication shared information to achieve this goal.

If your building does not have a building coordinator, and you would like to learn more about this role, please hand in your contact information to Nancy Rogers in the On Top of the World Community Service Office and we will be in touch.



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Experience the difference

Two past presidents discuss their favorite parts about being a leader for a year

As this July On Top of the World newspaper hits the newsstand, it is a special weekend for Canadians and Americans alike!

A time when we can show our national Pride in each of our countries and, at the same time, celebrate the close friendship we share together.

Let's take a moment during this special weekend to remember those who sacrificed their lives and those who continue to serve in both of our beloved countries to allow us to enjoy our lives and the freedom we celebrate each and every day!

Last month, I paid tribute to a few who have served as presidents of the Canadian Club. It is these people who molded the great and successful organization we enjoy today.

This month, I will continue to recognize our past leaders. I am very proud to follow in their footsteps.

To remind you, our readers, I asked each person the following questions and from their answers have been able to write about them.

What year were you Canadian Club President?



What was your proudest accomplishment as president?

What activities do you enjoy?

What other OTOW clubs do you belong to?

Any other thoughts on the OTOW Canadian Club and its future?

This month, I pay tribute to two of our very active Past Presidents. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for the OTOW Canadian Club.

Brenda McLauchlan was our president for the 2016-2017 season and lives in Ottawa, Ontario.

Listening to membership requests, she changed the President's Ball to a less formal event known as Canada Day in the USA.

She is very proud to have been our president during Canada's 150 Year Celebration as a Nation (even bringing in a representative of the Canadian consulate who recognized our actions).

Brenda enjoys lawn bowling, golf, knitting, reading, listening to classical music/symphony, traveling and theatre. She made her successful stage debut with Theater Workshop last year.

Brenda believes that the Canadian Club is a valuable contributor to the OTOW Community, offering three major dinner dances and many other activities throughout the year. She continues to be an active and valuable member.

Shirley Hunter was the president in for the 2014-15 season as we celebrated our club's 40th anniversary! She lives in Lindsey, Ontario.

Shirley introduced the Happy Hour Cabarets, which have become some of our most popular events, growing from 35 to more than 100 people attending. The cabarets were designed as an audience-participation event with members providing the entertainment.

Shirley enjoys golf, lawn bowling,

biking, volunteering, organizing Happy Hours and other functions, playing cards/games and dancing.

She is currently the vice president of the OTOW Lawn Bowling Club.

Shirley strongly feels that the Canadian Club is a great way to meet and make new friends in the OTOW community.

The secret to the success of our club is we welcome new members and are a friendly-oriented group.

If you feel isolated, then come out and join the Canadian Club.

Thanks Brenda and Shirley for always being there to support us!

Finally, please mark your 2018 calendars with three event dates that will take place early in our Canadian Club year:

On Friday, Nov. 30, will we hold registration night, which is also a wine and cheese party.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will host our annual Christmas party and dinner dance.

On Friday, Dec. 21, we will have a Christmas Carol Cabaret.

More details on all three events will be included in future articles.

Have a great summer, one and all!

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If you enjoy having fun but do not know the game of Blackout, stop by the East Activity Center on Thursdays, 8:30 AM-10 AM, for a short training session. This a game that is easy to learn and fun to play. There are no dues and is open to all On Top of the World residents. We practice 6 PM on Thursday evenings and play starts promptly at 6:30 PM in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. This game is easy to learn game. You bid tricks, have changing trump cards and a descending amount of cards in each hand. You play 7 hands a round with 5 rounds a night. The 3 lowest points players then move on to another table so this is a very social game and you can meet many people playing this game.

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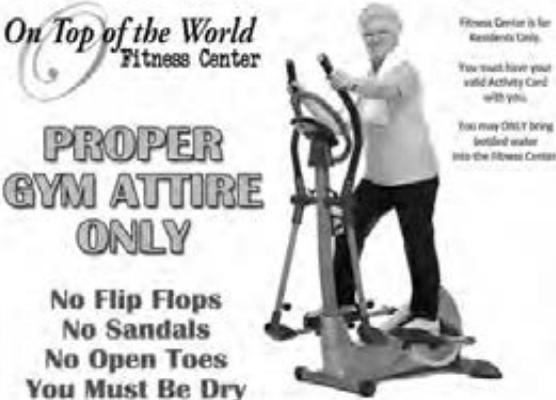
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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

PRAY FOR AMERICA

will be in the East Activity Center Veranda Room for July. We will meet 10 a.m. to noon, on Saturdays.

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At each weekly meeting, members have a private weigh in session, followed by educational and support programs covering topics such as nutrition, fitness and wellness. The group also has guest speakers.

The group at OTOW does not have a monthly club fee, however, the national membership requires a \$32 annual fee and \$3 monthly dues.

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



Travel Club rents the Jolly Trolley



Travel Club

By Tom Jamrozy

Members of the Travel Club enjoyed a new experience when we chartered the Jolly Trolley for a day trip in June.

The trolley picked us up at the East Activity Center and took us to the New England Ale House Grill for lunch, where we had a great time.

We then took the trolley to the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art where we had guided tours through the exhibits.

This museum has many artists on display and has all types of artwork, sculptures, textiles, oils, and a hands-on section for children, so you may want to check into this for your grandkids.

We continued our travels with a stop for ice cream and sat outside at picnic tables talking about the experience of the day. It was a great day.

Our Lunch Bunch for June was held at Sea Sea Ryder in Dunedin.

This month, we will have our Lunch Bunch at Roosterfish Grill on July 11. Our day trip on July 18 will be another Jolly Trolley adventure to St. Nicholas Greek Cathedral with a late lunch/early dinner at Bumpas.

The Travel Club has its entire itinerary for 2018 on display at its sales tables. If you want to join us, stop and see us on a Thursday in the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10 a.m.

Our club is continuing its search for officers for 2019-2020 so if you are interested, you can speak to us at the tables or come to our next meeting on July 6, at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Come and jump onboard the Travel Club.



Pictured above are members of the Travel Club as they visit the New England Ale House Grill for lunch. The members arrived at the restaurant by taking the Jolley Trolley. The picture at left is everyone getting aboard.



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Ice Cream Social and music by 'Bus Stop' on July 21

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!

Come out and mingle with new and old friends, and have fun!

Bring your own beverages and snacks to the shows and dances. Ice and coffee are provided.

Entertainment and light refreshments are provided at the Sundays-In-The-Parks.

Shorts are not permitted at the dances unless otherwise noted! You will be asked to leave if you are wearing shorts.

The Entertainment Committee complies with the Americans with Disability Act at all our events. Please advise us if you or your guests have special needs, such as wheelchair, walkers, etc.

The Entertainment Committee is delighted that our guests are enthusiastically enjoying our shows, dances and Sundays-In-The-Park. We thank you for being respectful of other guests so that they can also enjoy the fun and entertainment.

It is Entertainment Committee policy to insure that all guests to our shows and dances have a safe, secure and enjoyable experience.

On Thursday evening, July 19 at 7:30 p.m., "Unique in Concert" will present an exciting and fun show for just \$15. The band will feature live music from the '60s

to the present.

On Saturday evening, July 21 at 8 p.m., "Bus Stop" will be featured at a dance for \$10 a ticket. This dynamic group plays smooth renditions of past favorites and current hit songs for dancing. "Bus Stop" is a favorite band in the Tampa Bay area and has now appeared at OTOW several times.

On Sunday afternoon, July 22, at 2 p.m., we present a free Sunday-In-The-Park in the EAC auditorium. Ralph Rogers presents an exciting variety of favorite music to listen and dance to. After his show, free light refreshments will be provided.

Buy a raffle ticket and win! Come enjoy the afternoon with your friends and neighbors.

Tickets for the shows and dances for the rest of 2018, including New Year's Eve, are on sale right now at the EAC on Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m., from now through mid-August. Check the dress code for each event.

Check the following sources for scheduling and ticket information and questions: The Entertainment Committee on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 or 732; on the OTOW Box Office, (www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com); and on all of the bulletin boards in the EAC, WAC and all resident buildings.

Call us direct at (727) 449-9243 or email us at: entcom2014@gmail.com.

The fun continues . . . be part of it!



Pictured at left is a member of the band 'The Unique Full Circle Band' which will perform here on July 19. Pictured above is Ralph Rogers who will sing during Sunday-In-The-Park on July 22.

Lambda Club will celebrate 9 years and yes there will be birthday punch

By Dave Beaven

Happy Birthday!

For many of us, that is not as welcome a sound as it once was.

Remember when you were a kid? You looked forward to all the fuss with presents, cake, ice cream and games. Or you were turning Sweet 16 and old enough to drive? Or how about 21 when you were legal for that first beer?

For many of us now, we tend to downplay our birthdays or at least the age we're attaining. The passing of years is more associated with more wrinkles and aches and pains.

It's different for an entity like our own community. On Top of the World just turned 50. That's noteworthy, especially as OTOW is still going strong.



Lambda Club

Likewise, Lambda Club is marking another birthday this month - 9 years of fun here. That's also definitely worth not-

ing.

During that time, members of the club have made many friends, gone to many different events here and around the area, helped each other out, and contributed to the strength of the community overall.

So we will be holding a traditional party with all the trimmings. There will be cake and presents, of course. Our bar will be serving up a special birthday punch to the crowd. And as usual, our Lambda chefs will be bringing in treats for the enjoyment of all.

Looking forward to many more years to come serving our OTOW family and friends.

Lambda is a social club for LGBT residents of OTOW. We are an infor-

mal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. We look to expand our circle to all LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their LGBT neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

To find out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

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

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Florida Attorney General candidate visits club

Democratic Club preparing residents for August primary



Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

While celebrating our country's independence on the 4th of July, it is a good time to remember that freedom comes with privileges and responsibilities.

Voting represents both. It is a privilege that gives each of us a political voice and it is our responsibility to the welfare of our country.

You can take this responsibility seriously by becoming informed voters.

Throughout the first half of this year, the On Top of the World Democratic Club has hosted several candidates who are taking part in this year's mid-term elections. Their appearances at our monthly club meetings help us become better-informed voters.

We also get the opportunity to converse with candidates in person and ask questions.

The guest speaker at our June meeting was Ryan Torrens, a consumer protection lawyer, who is a candidate for Florida Attorney General.

Ryan's message, of being an advocate for the people of Florida, was well-received by our meeting attendees.

Ryan sees the Attorney General's duty as being a protector of people, not just enforcement of laws. If elected, Ryan promised that he and his staff would hold town hall meetings throughout the state to help seniors deal with the increasing problem of scam issues targeting vulnerable seniors. These meetings would be staffed so people could actually file their complaints rather than trying to get through on phone calls or office visits.

Ryan also mentioned that current staffing for the Attorney General's office has not kept pace with the increasing population of Florida. As a result, the state is currently wasting taxpayers' money by paying outside private attorneys extravagant fees to deal with the necessary workload.

In response to a question about numerous Florida laws that don't have enforcement clauses, Ryan told us that the Attorney General can gain enforcement jurisdiction if an issue covers two or more judicial districts.

Ryan also stated he has a high regard for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which has recovered billions of dollars for citizens and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which often does work for the Attorney Generals



office.

Ryan ended his discussion by reminding us that he is running a statewide campaign and would appreciate our money and our votes. Contributions can be made to Ryan Torrens for Attorney General, and his Website is www.RyanforAttorney-General.com.

The Aug. 28 election will be a primary for U.S. Congress, Florida Governor, Attorney General and other offices. It will also be the final election for non-partisan school board and judicial offices.

The deadline to register to vote or to change your political party affiliation is July 30. Contact the supervisor of elections at 727-464-8683 for further information.

At our May meeting, we announced that future meetings would be used to collect new pairs of socks that would be distributed by the Pinellas County Young Democrats to homeless men, women and children. This announcement was repeated in the club's column in the June issue of the OTOW newspaper.

At our June meeting we collected 43 pairs of new socks for men, women and children.

If you aren't a club member, but would like to participate in our sock drive, you can give new socks to any club member who will bring them to our meetings throughout the year.

The schedule of future club meetings is as follows: no meeting in July. On Aug. 9 we will focus on candidates and ballots, and review for the August election.

On Sept. 13 we will focus on the Constitutional Amendments on the November ballot. The August and September meetings will both be held in the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 2-3:30 p.m.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey."

You can also send us an email at this site.



Pictured on top are members of the Democratic Club who attended June's meeting with guest speaker Ryan Torrens. In the middle photo is Ryan talking to the club about his run for Florida Attorney General. At right are some of the socks the club has collected for homeless people in Pinellas County.

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Don Sorensen scores an ace

Three different A Flight winners in three tournaments

By David Cox

With the rain we've had and all the work the Bright View maintenance crew has done, our golf course becomes more and more pristine every week.

Congratulations to Don Sorensen for a hole-in-one on May 23 on hole No. 3 from 148 yards out.

The following are results from the Men's Golf Association league tournaments for the past four weeks.

Men's Golf

On Wednesday, May 16, "A" Flight was won by David Cox and runner-up was Don Sorensen. In "B" Flight, first place went to Jerry Fugate and runner-up was Jack Gow. In "C" Flight, first place went to Ronald Murray and runner-up was Paul Witonsky.

In "D" Flight, first place went to Alex Miller and runner-up was Joe Gerardi.

On Wednesday, May 23, the "A" Flight winner was Don Sorensen and the runner-up was Lester Whynot. In "B" Flight, first place went to Ronald Huber and runner-up went to Ed Fox. In "C" Flight, first place was won by Bill Mooney and the runner-up was Les Gabel. In "D" Flight, first place went to Alex Miller and runner-up was Joe Gerardi.

On Wednesday, May 30, no tournament play took place due to weather.

On Wednesday, June 6, the "A" Flight champion was Jack Gow and the runner-up was Don Sorensen. In "B" Flight, first place went to Ed Fox and runner-up was James O'Neil. In "C" Flight, the winner was Ronald Murray and the runner-up was C.J. Messina. In "D" Flight, first place went to Joe Ventimiglia and runner-up was Chuck McAllister.

Five weeks already recorded in pre-season

The warm weather is here, but with sparse rain in June, the course had been very playable.

The course is also in the best shape it has ever been in. Make sure to thank our hard working golf crew.

The official season for the Thursday Golf League has ended, but a good number of hardy souls continue to compete each week.

Week one of the off-season was won by John Maloof. Bob Hunt finished second and Fran Majewski was third. Angelo Santucci recorded the low gross. Bob Hunt collected two skins on the most difficult par three holes. JT Norris, Don Baker, Jerry Fugate, Bill Higgins, Fran Majewski, Fred Schick and Bruce MacPherson all had one skin. The long drive competitions were won by Patti Cook, John Maloof and Angelo Santucci. Don Baker was closest to the pin.

Bill House was the week two winner. Bill Cook finished second and Scott Rogers had the low gross round and finished third. Don Hunter, Don Baker, Bill House and Bill Cook all collected a skin. He closest to the pin contests were won by Bill Cook, Don Baker and Bill House.

Week three was the week of low scores. Angelo Santucci took first place. John Maloof was second and Harry Barbin finished third and had low gross

Thursday Golf

honors. Skins were collected by Angelo Santucci, JT Norris, Bill Higgins and Harry Barbin.

Patti Cook took first place honors in week four. Don Baker was second and Bruce MacPherson took third place and low gross. Angelo Santucci, Patti Cook, Scott Rogers, Bill House, Don Hunter and Don Baker collected skins. The long drivers were: Deb Young, Fred Schick, Don Baker and Scott Rogers. Patti Cook had the closest to the pin shot.

Week five champion was Rick Muchler. Ada Maloof was second and Joe Ventimiglia took third place. Rick Muchler also had low gross honors. Don Hunter, Scott Rogers, Don Baker and Hedley Best collected one skin each. Closest to the pin winners were: Ada Maloof, Hedley Best and Fred Schick.

We will be planning several road trips this summer. These will be announced on the OTOW Box Office Website.

The league plays year round and welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

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

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

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BUILDING REPORTS



More than 40 people attended the first meeting of the new Neighborhood Watch group in May.

Neighborhood Watch group counting on residents from every building to help keep community safe

By Dave Beaven

On Top of the World now has a Neighborhood Watch and the group held its first open meeting on Thursday, May 24, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

More than 40 residents attended the first meeting to find out how they can make the community even safer through a mutual self-help effort.

Becky Balderson called the meeting to order. Becky is one of the founding members of Neighborhood Watch, which was started by residents drawn from all our OTOW neighborhoods.

Our community can truly be called a small city with almost 5000 condos spread throughout 91 buildings. And like any city, it's nice if residents keep an eye open.

Becky was in contact with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, which reported that they do occasionally respond to calls here.

That's where we all come in and why we are forming a Neighborhood Watch.

Instead of not getting involved, resi-

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



dents can be the eyes and ears of our community and make it the best it can be.

The group's goal is to get everyone involved building by building. Residents in each building are the ones who are most aware of what's going on.

When residents get together for building functions, it is a good time to communicate about not only social activities, but safety updates, too.

Neighborhood Watch would like to see each building have a contact person, who can facilitate making the building more secure, but overall it takes the active

involvement of every resident to serve this purpose.

During an event in the East Activity Center auditorium in June, Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Jessica Hughey gave a quick speech on what to do and what not to do as a volunteer for this group.

She said, most important, be aware of what's going on at your building and in your neighborhood. If something doesn't look right, it might not be right. Don't just ignore a questionable situation. Call the sheriff's office at their non-emergency number and tell someone what you see.

Other tips include, do not carry weapons if you plan on going for a walk to see what's going on around your building. Do not question someone yourself if you think something wrong is taking place and do not try to investigate an incident yourself if you feel something suspicious is taking place. Call the sheriff.

As a committee, the Neighborhood Watch founders are committed to sharing information in the OTOW community - the positives and what needs improve-

ment - based on feedback from the residents.

Currently, the group is distributing Neighborhood Watch stickers, which residents are encouraged to display in their condo windows.

In addition to making areas more secure, Neighborhood Watch also helps bring people together to help each other in other ways. Neighbors meet each other and can keep tabs on each others' welfare.

In other words, there is much to be gained by participating in our Neighborhood Watch group.

Here are a few points to remember:

- In an emergency, call 911.
- If you see something suspicious in your area, call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department non-emergency line at 727-582-6200.

You can also keep updated on our Neighborhood Watch by visiting our Webpage at areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place Monday, July 16, 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

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Spotlight falls on building treasurer, a Michigan native

Spotlight this month is on building treasurer, Laurie Cole. Although Laurie considers herself a “private” person, her smile is always warm and welcoming.

She wrote: “Before I moved to Florida, I lived in Michigan. I love the lakes and the summers, but the winters were so long I always knew I would leave as soon as I retired.

“Some years before that, I had a friend who had a place down here in Clearwater and invited me for a visit. After that I started coming down for a vacation every winter, driving down I-75 as fast as I could to spend as long as possible in the warmth.

“Pretty much as soon as I crossed the state line from Georgia to Florida, I could tell it was Florida, because the mostly bare trees of the north suddenly gave way to green ones. So I found On Top of the World, bought a condo, and moved here as soon as I retired.

“The longer I live here, the more I like it. I’ve walked all the parks here, bicycled the trails, love the beaches and the pools, and enjoy the many amenities OTOW has to offer, such as the line dancing clubs, and the many concerts.

“I’ve also done some traveling to Panama and Costa Rica and, of course, back to Michigan in the summer.”



Back to building news: I would love it if you would recommend people to highlight. I have posted a sheet on the bulletin board for you to list your birthdays, anniversaries, stories, and recommendations for spotlights.

Don’t be shy. If you would like to be highlighted so the other residents can get to know you, let me know.

It’s June and life seems a little slower. As a result, we are exploring new interests and seeking new experiences. We’re also taking the time to reunite with family and friends.

Dodie Alfred and daughter Robin Grisham had Robin’s daughter and her two sons visit from Georgia.



This recent building lunch at Eddie’s was attended by a number of Rural French inhabitants. A good time was had by all.

They enjoyed a picnic at Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park. They were met there by Robin’s grandson, who will be volunteering work hours each week as part of his studies at St. Petersburg College.

On another day, they enjoyed the

water park at Dunedin. Of course, there was plenty of good food to enjoy with other family members.

Anniversaries: David and Sandy Stuhr will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on July 23.

Malaguena Social Committee has planned some great events for remainder of year

Celebrate Independence Day with your neighbors at our July 4th Pot Luck Dinner, one of our most popular events.

It will be held in the West Activity Center on Wednesday, July 4, from 4–7 p.m. The Social Committee buys the fried chicken, (thanks to your annual dues).

It’s a pot luck meal, so you can bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert. We always have lots of terrific food and good times at our building pot luck events.

All new residents are welcome, and it’s a good chance to meet your neighbors. There’s no charge for residents; guests will pay \$5. We hope everyone can make this fun pot luck dinner.

Signs and sign-up sheets are in both lobbies, so if you haven’t signed up yet, please do, so we can know how much chicken to buy.

Our Oktoberfest party is planned for Oct. 27. This cookout is held outdoors in our beautiful back yard. Details, signs



and sign-up sheets will be posted in both lobbies.

If you’re a “grillmeister,” please let us know; we always need people to man (or woman) the grill.

Our Christmas dinner this year will be at Alfano’s Restaurant. As always, signs and sign-up sheets for each event will be posted.

The Social Committee plans and organizes all our events. The members set up and decorate for each event, buy supplies and collect the annual dues and perform lots of other tasks. If you’re interested in joining, contact any member of the Social Committee.

On a very different note, here’s an important safety message: I’ve spoken with several residents who think the fire alarms in the building are connected to the Clearwater Fire Department. The alarms are not. There are signs on each stating “Local Only. Call 911.” “Local Only” means the alarm rings **only in the building**. To report an emergency, you still have to call 911.

Have you taken a trip someplace interesting recently? Attended a family reunion? Checked “visit a fjord” off your bucket list? Taken up a new and interesting hobby? Your neighbors would like to hear about it and I’d like to write about it. Contact me, Phyllis King.

**Happy
July 4th
from the
OTOW
News!**



Attention OTOW News writers ...

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





Cele Radeloff (third from right) enjoys lunch with friends and neighbors at Applebee's.

Neighbors lend helping hand to long-time Siboney resident

Happy 4th of July from everyone at the Siboney building.

Recently, long-time resident and original owner Cele Radeloff treated seven of her friends and neighbors to lunch at Applebee's to repay them for their kindness.

She is not driving anymore, and her neighbors always include her when they go to Mass or Publix. She has been able to get around with the aid of Care Lift, Dart, and a new service, "GoGoGrandparent." Cele says "thanks, everybody!"

On Top of the World sure is a great retirement place to live — everything is so convenient.

A special thanks to Mike Foy for keeping up with the falling picture frames on the third floor. It seems they don't like being up on the walls. Our world traveler, Audrey Jones, put many beautiful frames together for this display.

I personally enjoy watching Jesters and Theater Workshop shows from previous years on OTOW-TV (channels 98.1 and 732). It's amazing how many of



our OTOW residents are so talented. Many of them still preform to this day. Thank you, Doug (our editor) for your efforts in compiling and airing these videos.

Things at our building are pretty quiet. A few new residents have moved in. On June 23, a few of us went to lunch at Benedict's. A small group, but we had a good time.

Be careful this 4th of July, and don't eat too many hot dogs!



A look back at the OTOW News July, 1993

- **OTOW Satellites:** The Satellites held their annual installation banquet on April 22, 1993, at the Countryside Country Club. There were 60 members and guests present. Ann Sawyers was in charge and did a wonderful job.
- **Great Lakes Club:** Eighty-eight members enjoyed our May 7 bus trip to the Old Heidelberg Castle Restaurant in Sarasota. On Friday, June 4, 1993, a Travelogue was held at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center. We enjoyed cruising the deep Caribbean Sea viewed from the decks of the cruise ship *Horizon*. For a change of pace, we also explored Alaska's spectacular Gulf Coast from the serenity of Prince William Sound.
- **Men's Golf:** Joe Thome aced the 225-yard 14th hole. Witnessing the event were Hal Moriarity, Charles Westfall and Joe Prior. The very next day, one of our "Super Seniors," Roy Fleming, put one in the cup on No. 17, a 174-yard poke. His feat was witnessed by George Wilson, John Emely and Earl Shaffer. This was Roy's third hole-in-one. One of our very fine golfers, John Skeia, aced the No. 2 107-yard hole at the Silver Dollar Golf Club. Jean Blake, Bob Ward and Al LaBrecque were the witnesses. John was our Club Champion in 1989.
- **Singles Club:** The May meeting was opened by President Muriel Landau at 6 p.m. Approximately 30 members then enjoyed apple pie, which was served by the gracious hospitality committee. The business meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Among other business, the minutes of the last meeting were read and a treasurer's report was presented.
- **Southern Colonial:** Many of our friends have already left for cooler climes. Carmela and John Muschis spent the early part of May in Orlando visiting their nephew and their daughter. They visited model homes and a discount mall. In mid-April, Rita Thornton and Margaret O'Neill took a 10-day bus trip to Branson, Mo. There was beautiful scenic country along the way. They visited Elvis' Graceland and also took a tour of Martin Luther King Jr.'s church.

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Fun, singing and good food at building karaoke party

Greetings everyone, and welcome to summer from all of us at the Flamenco Building.

Bob and Lorraine Gendron hosted another karaoke party in their home on May 12. Eighteen invited guests displayed their vocal talents and a great time was had by all.

Philip (Deacon) Martinez cooked his special slow-cooked barbecue pulled pork on Kaiser. Side dishes were included. Strawberry shortcake was a tasty dessert, a finishing touch to a very enjoyable evening.

We have good singers and great listeners. All in all, an evening filled with laughter and music.

Charlotte and Dick Smedley enjoyed a wonderful vacation which began with a two-week cruise from Tampa to Barcelona. From there they flew to London for four marvelous days. They had sunshine every day and warm temperatures. They arrived the day after



the royal wedding, so London was still in a festive spirit.

When they returned, they were sad to learn their dear friends Gerlinde and Dieter Steoinacker had sold their unit and are now back in Germany.

We also lost a dear owner when Anna Myers returned to Pennsylvania. We are looking forward to meeting new neighbors very soon.



Toni Reinwald and Dale Smith, at left, and Eugenia Jones and Linda Robb, at right, recently enjoyed a two-week cruise to Mexico and the Panama Canal.



15-day Panama Canal cruise left lasting memories

Paradise Rio Riviera residents Dale Smith and Toni Reinwald just returned from a trip through the Panama Canal.

On Top Of the Word resident Eugenia Jones and a friend, Linda Robb, joined them.

They flew to San Diego and spent one very enjoyable night in Old Town. The next day they boarded the *Celebrity Infinity* for a 15-night cruise.

They stopped at Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, and then cruised through the Panama Canal.

They continued by stopping at Colon, Panama and Cartagena, Columbia before returning to Ft. Lauderdale.



The time flew by, and everyone had a great time on the cruise.

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Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone calls were a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork over large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.



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Trips offer residents a nice summer break

Seems like everyone at Viennese Villas took a trip in June.

Mary Wolf and Steve Moore are home getting some rest after dancing their way across the pond on the Queen Mary 2. Then it was on to Italy for wine tasting and sightseeing, finally returning stateside for visits with family and grandchildren.

For Bill and Mary Carey, it was sunny California by way of Biloxi, Miss., and other interesting stops to visit family and friends.

Tennessee beckoned to Jerrie and Brian Lance who enjoyed all the sites to see in Nashville. There sure is a lot to see in that music-friendly town, including a leisurely dinner on the "General Jackson" cruising the Tennessee River.

Frank and Kathy DiGrazia's son's eatery was featured on the Food Networks program "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." His Tucson, Ariz., restaurant, "Rocco's Little Chicago Pizzeria," was a favorite of the host of the show. It will air again in the future, so try and catch it. Well worth a visit if and when you're in the area.

Our son Mike was here for a whirlwind visit which included the Orlando Photoshop World Conference.

Mike joined the On Top of the World camera group on a couple of photo shoots.



Photo of Cereus cactus bloom at night. (Photo by Mike Leonard)

One included the flower pictured at right, a night-blooming Cereus, which was found on the West Side of OTOW. This particular cactus plant, well-known to OTOW residents, only blooms at night and only once a year, which delighted Mike, as night photography is one of his specialties, along with nature, lightning and lighthouses.

It's nice to report "Ellie the elevator" is operational again after being out of commission for a short time. This period afforded us to get our exercise on the stairs! The newly-installed hand rails were very timely and greatly appreciated.

We understand the East Side pool will be closed this month for a few days

for routine maintenance. The West Side pool will be open for aerobics classes starting at 9 a.m.

The annual June OTOW annual meeting was well-attended. The importance for insurance was again stressed, along with hurricane preparedness.

Happy Birthday, America! Until next month, have a very happy and safe July 4th and remainder of the summer.

Remember, any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Granadans out and about for summer



Granada residents enjoy a recent lunch at Queen's Pizza. (Photo by Lee Seymore)

Summer is here, neighbors are joining neighbors out on the patios, walking to the pool and through the neighborhoods, golfing a lot and enjoying other activities.

Queens Pizza was the place to be for our monthly lunch in June and we continue to have our 'gathering on the green' social hour the last Thursday of each month. Our July lunch will be held at Red Lobster.

It's great to see our friends decorating their patios with the seasonal decor that many of us get from Hobby Lobby, Old Time Pottery and the dollar stores.

Gardening is also a big deal in our building. We decided to have our hedges removed in the front of our condo and it really opened up our front patio. Love the way it looks.

We have been living at On Top of the World since October, 2015, and I continue

to be in love with having the great weather year-round, the wonderful people that we have met through clubs, the pool, activities in the East Activity Center and our building and am so thankful for the experience that we call life.

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.
- The management company is not responsible for theft or damage to stored watercraft.

Let's meet the 'Dining Divas' leader



Valencia lunch attendees at Joey's New York Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Palm Harbor.

One thing about the Valencia building is that you can be sure that if it is a new month, there is going to be a building luncheon and ladies' luncheon. That's a given.

This past month, the group luncheon was hosted by Donna and Harold Hahnan and was held at Joey's New York Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Palm Harbor. This place will probably be visited many times by this group. Thanks, Hal and Donna.

One of our residents at the luncheon was Lillian Klant, who most know as the leader of the ladies' luncheon group, the "Dining Divas." Lil always comes up with a new and exciting place to bring the ladies for an enjoyable and friendly lunch.

Here is some information that few people in our building know about Lil.

Lil was born in Chicago, the oldest of

eight children. At an early age, the family moved to Corbin, Ky.

She had a Catholic education all the way through college, which was in Alabama. Her major in college was journalism.

She married her military fiancé almost immediately after college and started their family, eventually having five daughters and one son, along with many grandchildren.

In addition to teaching school in her early years, Lil and her husband owned and operated several businesses in Illinois and in Florida and traveled back and forth many times before deciding to move here permanently.

While living in Illinois they owned and flew their own plane. When they finally moved to Florida they got into boating.



Lillian Klant, head of the "Dining Divas."

Bible Study Club

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

The club meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, July 19 & 20, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room

Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by July 13.

Note: Class size is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

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Telephone: _____

You must bring a check for \$20 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.



Patricia Aden's apartment was the setting for a Brahman Building Memorial Day barbecue.

Memorial Day barbecue satisfied all on a rainy day

The Memorial Day barbecue was celebrated on May 29 from 1-5 p.m. at Patricia Aden's apartment for 12 residents of the Brahman Building.

The weather was a little rainy and windy, but everyone enjoyed the day together. Everyone had a great time and some of the newer residents were able to become acquainted with the current ones. Delicious sides were shared and enjoyed by all.

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.

We hope the weather stays decent



through July 4th, so we can proudly wave our flags.

Several new residents have moved into our building and we look forward to them joining and participating any time for coffees and other events.

God Bless our building and God Bless the U.S.A. Love and Hope, everyone.



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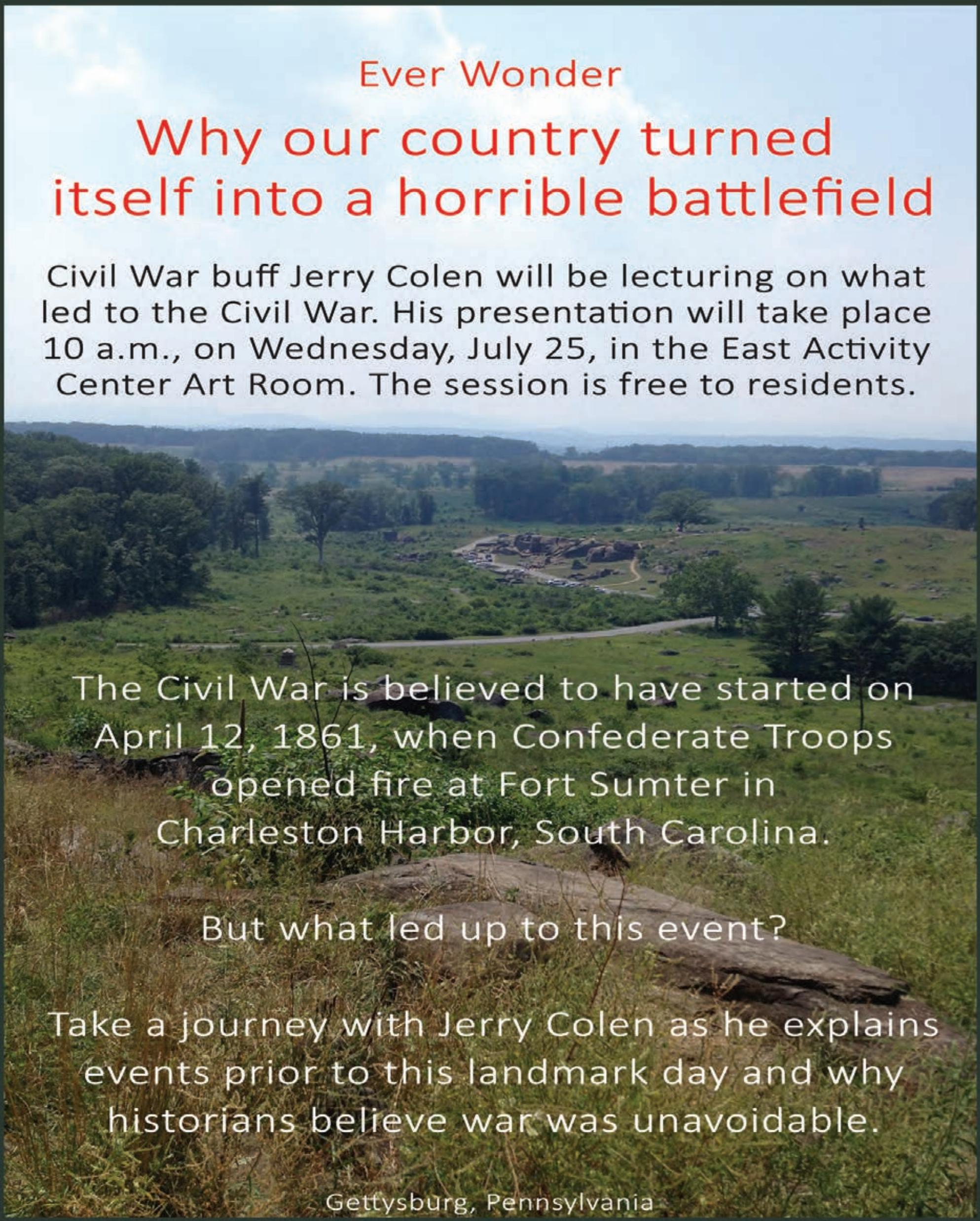


Could you use a little pick-me-up?

What are the symptoms of depression, and if you have them, what's next? Is it time to get help?



Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services present the seminar, "Depression: More than Just the Blues" on Wednesday, July 18, 10 a.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room. If you would like, just come and listen.



Ever Wonder

Why our country turned itself into a horrible battlefield

Civil War buff Jerry Colen will be lecturing on what led to the Civil War. His presentation will take place 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 25, in the East Activity Center Art Room. The session is free to residents.

The Civil War is believed to have started on April 12, 1861, when Confederate Troops opened fire at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina.

But what led up to this event?

Take a journey with Jerry Colen as he explains events prior to this landmark day and why historians believe war was unavoidable.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Alpine resident attends first Neighborhood Watch meeting



Kathleen Santosuosso
Austrian Alpine - 11



Katarina Tepesh, at left, and Austrian Alpine residents Jan Stiffler and Joyce Monahan play ukuleles during a recent acoustic jam session in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Austrian Alpine resident Jan Stiffler attended the first Neighborhood Watch meeting recently and found it a positive experience. Please see the Neighborhood Watch article on page 27 for the group's description of their purpose, in conjunction with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

The start of summer in Florida brought new roads and new beginnings to Austrian Alpine residents and their families.

Betty Myers traveled to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., for the promotion ceremony in honor of her granddaughter, who was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army.

The day began with a tour of the Pentagon followed by the promotion ceremony, refreshments, and lunch at

the Pentagon. Later, Betty and her family enjoyed a lovely dinner at Mount Vernon, planned by her granddaughter.

Kathleen and Joe Santosuosso biked through vineyards in Bordeaux, France, with fellow On Top of the World residents Penni and Dennis Telleck. The highest point of their pedaling (in meters and meals) was a peaceful, medieval lodging, Le Chartreuse, in St. Nexans.

Closer to home, Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segall hosted the June Thursday morning East Activity Center free coffee and donuts line-up with karaoke. This popular event attracted many OTOW residents who love to sing along to their favorite tunes.

Also on the music front, Joyce Monahan has begun weekly acoustic sessions in the West Activity Center

Learning Lab on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. Ukuleles, guitars, harmonicas and more join together in harmony.

Calling all Austrian Alpine volunteers! Please let me know your volunteer activities, both within OTOW and in the communities outside of OTOW. Some residents volunteer in other countries. Our September article will be about volunteering.

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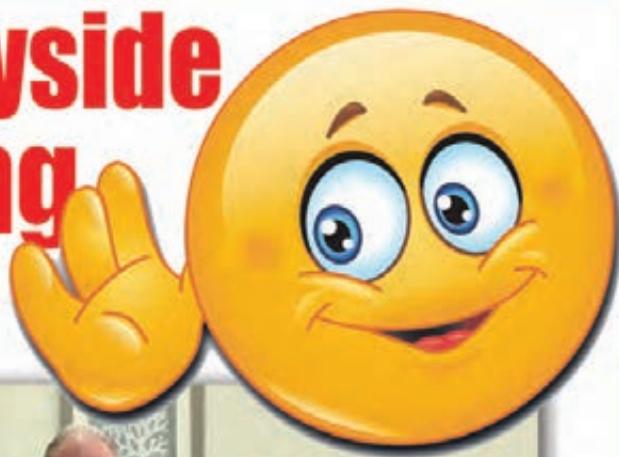
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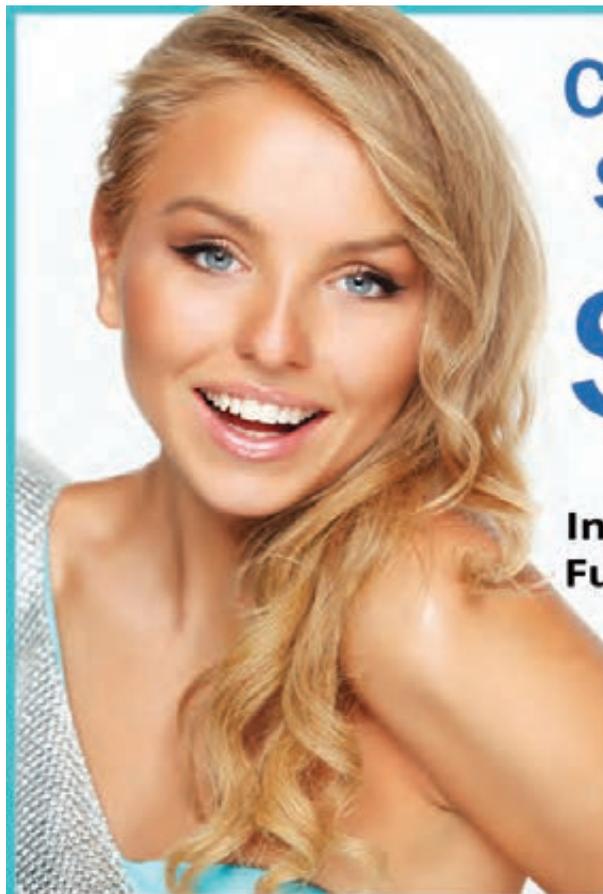
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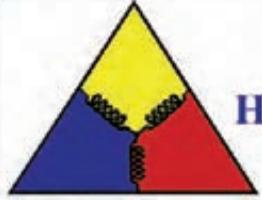
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Scenic road trip, surprise visit are Azores highlights

“See the USA in your...” Kay and Jim Spencer certainly took this to heart. Fresh off their journey down Route 66, they travelled up the California coast to the far Northwest.

Along the way, they stopped in a redwood forest and, of course, they drove through one of the giant trees, a “must-do” experience!

They also spent time in Yosemite where they saw Old Faithful and an unusual sight for those who winter in Florida — actual snow! They also stopped at Mount Rushmore.

Not yet exhausted, Kay flew to Santa Cruz, Calif., and a mother/daughter weekend amongst the wineries. Now fortified, her daughter went camping with her family while Kay finally relaxed in a lovely Airbnb nearby.

After 40 years, Bob Kelly decided he’s seen all there is to see along the “Snowbird Route” to upstate New York. He sold his Adirondack digs and has joined us “year-rounders” in his recently renovated apartment.

Bob told me this is “my happiest time, feeling completely free and looking forward to the next 40 years.”

Please welcome our newest Azorians, Sunny and Tumen Buyanmend. They left their home in Brooklyn, N.Y.,



and have moved into the Azores. They too will be utilizing their parking spot 365 days a year. Do I see a trend going on here?

Denise Pirrello surprised her dad, Tom Pirrello, for Father’s Day, since he and Marie were unable to travel to New York this year. Was she here for Daddy or the beach? Hmm... maybe both!

Remember these “Yankee Doodle Dandies” on their special day: Jennette Boyer, July 6; Dolores Parham, July 15; Jim Rostick, July 16; Carmel Tomich, July 18; Ann Setkowicz, July 26; Bob Scruton, July 26 and Catherine Mahoney, July 26.

Here’s wishing everyone a glorious July 4th!

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1. An owner or tenant may go online to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, click “Community Information” and print a copy of the Direct Owner Application for Approval and the Direct Owner Lease Application Checklist to aid in completing the application.
2. Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate Office receptionist.
3. And lastly, a written request must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment. Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail. Mail to the address listed below.

Mail or drop off all applications to:
 On Top of the World Activity Card Department
 2069 World Parkway Blvd E
 Clearwater, FL 33763



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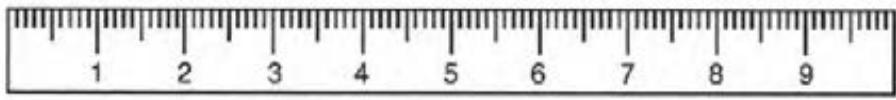
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Swiss Alps Chalet residents enjoy a recent dinner at the Clearwater Family Restaurant.

Swiss Alps summer plans include ice cream social

At the Swiss Alps Chalet Building, we had a small group this month at a dinner on May 22 at the Clearwater Family Restaurant. The seven of us who attended missed our Snowbird friends.

Plans for the future include an ice cream social in late August or early September.

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Cookouts are getting to be the 'in' thing



It's getting to be a regular get-together for residents of English Tudor.

Joanne Dameron pulled another one out of her hat with an early summer barbecue with Mac MacMillan turning over the burgers and franks and Yvonne MacMillan assisting.

Gary and Laura Coney joined us along with Laurie Cavanaugh, Dolores Messner and myself. Enjoying the food and fun were Josephine Plekash, George Landis and Mr. Roosevelt and Tina and Esmeralda McGill.

Welcome guests were Katerina Tepesh, a resident of On Top of the World, and John Pease, Laurie Cavanaugh's son visiting from out of town.

Virginia Jones could not make it, so a plate was filled and brought to her. Ed Solivan was also surprised with a meal from the picnic.

Most of all we want to thank Joanne for organizing the happy gathering.

On the last weekend of April, Joanne went to her son's wedding at Indian Rocks Beach. The ceremony was held on the sand under a flower canopy.



Hungry English Tudor residents take advantage of an early summer barbecue.



Joanne Dameron's son's recent wedding at Indian Rocks Beach featured a lovely flower canopy and great beach weather.

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 - Pool will be closed during inclement weather or when gates are locked.
 - No diving, jumping, running, horseplay or throwing objects, balls, floats or inner tubes.
 - Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
 - Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
 - Please shower before entering pool to remove lotions, oils, and sunblocks.
 - All pool furniture must remain in the designated pool deck area only. Personal pool or lawn furniture is not permitted on the pool deck.
 - Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
 - Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.
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East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Midday

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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.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Midday

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

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

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Thursday Midday

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

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

Friday Midday

Super Walmart

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

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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:
OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763

Building Number: _____ Unit Number: _____ Today's Date: _____

This change is: _____ Permanent _____ Temporary; Effective _____

Unit Owner Name(s): _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone Number: _____

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Forwarding Phone Number: _____

Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!

(Submit new form upon return)

A brief field guide to the birds of Norwegian Drive

One of the best parts of living in Viking is that we can walk down to Lake Arbor in a few minutes and enjoy time for reflection and entertainment.

If you are an avid bird watcher like I am (and have been since high school) or just a casual observer, you can be amused by their antics and often impressed with their aerial displays.

Walking down the pier is always interesting. Just don't touch the handrails, as the numerous birds have left their marks everywhere.

The largest number of birds goes to the Laughing Gulls. Their distinct black head is a key to identifying them as is their crazy "laughter," which they often join in chorus as they zoom over the lake.

Less numerous are the little gallinules. You can see them scurrying along in the grass in a frenzied, Groucho Marx-like pattern. Other shore birds may sometimes stop by. I've seen a green heron, as well as a tri-colored heron (It will always be the Louisiana Heron to me).

Of course, the ibises are all over the place. They are generally white with a curved orange bill with a black tip. Often confused with egrets, the latter has a smaller, straight beak.



The stars of this avian show, though, are the ospreys, often referred to as the fish hawk. They are large, 23 inches in height, with a wing span up to 63 inches. Unlike gulls, their wings are feathered at the end, and their tails fan out. Though you may see them any time of day over the lake, I've noticed that they really take over in early afternoon.

It appears that they are patrolling the lake as they circle it, rising and falling with the breeze. The gulls are generally absent when the ospreys fly. Smaller birds, like an occasional tern, tend to keep their distance.



Birds such as this large osprey, or fish hawk, can be seen frequently in the afternoons at OTOW's Lake Arbor. (Photo by Pat Ellingham)

The osprey's eyesight is very acute. They tend to fly right above the water and will skim the surface with their sharp talons. Sometimes they drop right into the water, even going below the surface. I've seen them just floating there. Once in the air, they hang there and shake their bodies like a wet dog will to get rid of excess water.

There are many other species of birds

around our building, like the crows, perhaps the smartest of all birds.

There are usually a couple of pileated woodpeckers near the end of the street. They are large with red heads and a black body. Blue jays are also here, as are grackles.

It would be fun to compare notes and see what other birds visit us.

New residents are welcomed to the Espana Building

For all you new folks, there is a great view of the July 4th fireworks display from across the lake.

Just bring a chair and come to the cul-de-sac on Philippine Drive and enjoy. You can also take a chair and sit by the lake. The display has always been spectacular.

We have new residents in two of our condos. Carol and Lou Michalik have moved into the southwest wing. Carol was born and raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, while Lou hails from Summit Hill, Pa.

They resided over 20 years in Dunedin and recently returned from Frankfurt, Germany, after living there five years. Lou worked in the mortgage department of a bank.

They enjoy traveling, biking and spending time with friends. Welcome to the



Espana. I know you will enjoy living here!

Another new resident is Loretta Gottsball. She is known as Lori. She was raised in Elizabeth, N.J., and retired from a career in software development for

financial services. She came to On Top of the World in 2007 and moved into a condo on Norwegian Drive. So she didn't have to go far to move to the Espana Building!

She belongs to the Computer Club and the Creative Writing Club. She told me that she has seven grandchildren – "six boys and one spoiled girl" — ranging in ages from 3 to 20.

Lori, we welcome you and know that you will enjoy your wonderful view of the lake.

Incidentally, several residents have told me that they did not know that we had our own Espana telephone directory. If you would like to have a copy, contact Les Meneilly or John Fier.

If you take a trip or have company, please let me know. Even though OTOW

newspaper reporters are required to write only three articles per year, I try to write one every month, so please help by giving me some info. Thanks!

This month I don't have a lot of info so I will add a hint on freshening your garbage disposal: While garbage disposals are incredibly convenient, they can also become incredibly smelly. Simply grind up a few fresh lemons in your disposal, and it will smell fresh and clean. For best results, repeat every few weeks to upkeep. A few ice cubes also helps to keep the blades sharpened.

Have a great July!

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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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This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less, including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. **If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

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