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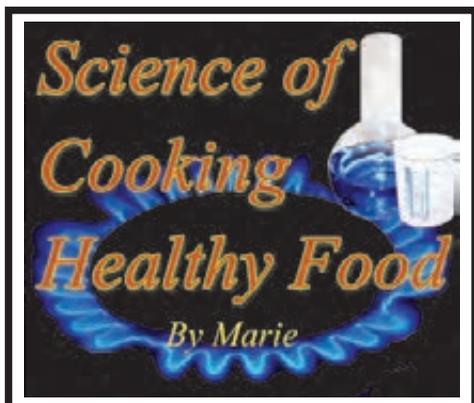
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Fourth of July is the No. 1 day for grill masters - 87 percent of Americans turn on their grills!



Meat is a very important part of any Fourth of July celebration, but there are ways to make your choice more healthy and taste even better. Here are some suggestions to make your meat more healthy and taste even better.

MARINATE YOUR MEAT

Marinades make sure flavors aren't over-ridden by smoke.

Adding sweet ingredients to the marinade helps form appealing, caramelized, crispy coatings on grilled meats.

Brush your meat with marinade frequently as it cooks. This adds moisture, traps smoke flavor and caramelizes gently as it grills.

Marinating inhibits formation of potentially carcinogenic heterocyclic amines (HCA) that form when grilling meat.

According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, marinating can reduce HCAs by as much as 92 to 99 percent (ii).



Marinated Pork Chops with Pineapple

VEGGIES AND FRUIT

Veggies and fruits are great for grilling and don't contain amino acids that form HCAs. (ii)

Fruits that stand up to grilling are pineapple slices and peach halves.

Just some of the vegetables good for grilling are: corn on the cob, zucchini slices, portabella mushroom caps, onions, bell peppers and eggplant slices.

DON'T FLAME-GRILL

Flare-ups happen when fat drips onto the heat source and catches fire. This causes carcinogenic hydrocarbons to form and accumulate on your burnt food.

Flames may char the outside of food and impart an unpleasant flavor.

To reduce flare-ups, select lean cuts of meat, trim excess fat and remove poultry skin.

Make sure the item you are grilling has been taken out of the refrigerator at least 20 minutes before it goes on the grill. This way

the meat will cook more quickly and evenly, thereby making it easier to avoid charring the outside.

Keep a squirt bottle of water nearby to quickly douse unexpected flare-ups. If it's charred, consider cutting those parts off so you don't consume any harmful chemicals.

CLEAN THE GRILL

Cleaning lessens likelihood of food sticking on the grates, excess smoking and bad flavors. This will help minimize flare-ups.

Spray white vinegar on the warm grates and let this work for a few minutes.

Using long-handled tongs, grip a ball of foil and scrub grates until the mess is gone.

AVOID EXCESSIVE HIGH TEMPERATURES

Prolonged high heat exposure — and the HCAs it creates — can be controlled by continuously turning meat. (iii)

The best thickness for grilling is 1 or 1.5 inches. Anything less will tend to overcook.

Being a grill master, you want to avoid dried out meat.

Arrange cooking zones for your grill. Have hot coals on one side to create direct heat where the meat grills for the first minutes. Then move the meat to the other side where indirect heat finishes the grilling process. This helps to avoid over-cooking that dries out meat.

Grilled food is delicious. Enjoy it, knowing most people don't eat grilled food often enough for the health risk of carcinogenic compounds to be measurable. (iv)

Ingredients

Marinade

- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed rosemary
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon canned pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

- 2 boneless pork chops
- Sliced pineapple

Links/Credits

(i) www.cnn.com (ii) www.onemedical.com
(iii) www.cancer.gov (iv) www.sciencefocus.com
Disclaimer: This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice. Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health.

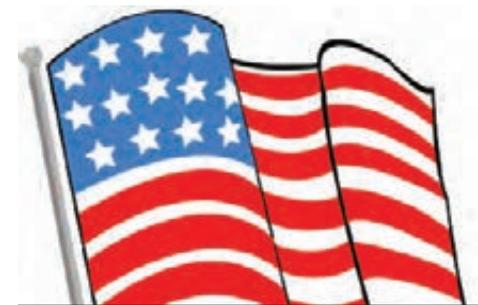
Directions

1. Day before dinner, mix all marinade ingredients.
2. Reserve 1/2 cup marinade in separate jar. Refrigerate for the next day.
3. Pour remaining 1/2 cup marinade on chops, placed in a Ziploc bag in refrigerator overnight.
4. Next day, drain pork chops and discard used marinade.
5. Grill over direct heat to sear, turning sides after two minutes each side. Finish with indirect medium heat about 4-5 minutes on each side. Baste continuously with reserved marinade.
6. Drain pineapple slices and pat dry.
7. Grill pineapple slices over direct heat, turning once and basting with reserved marinade.

Top 20 foods to be served on the Fourth of July*

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| 1. Corn On The Cob | 6. Pork Chops | 11. Ice Cream | 16. Stuffed Peppers |
| 2. Potato Salad | 7. Hot Dogs | 12. Chicken | 17. Pasta Salad |
| 3. Green Beans | 8. Kabobs | 13. Baby Back Ribs | 18. Dips |
| 4. Watermelon | 9. Fruity Pies | 14. Burgers | 19. Baked Beans |
| 5. Potatoes | 10. Lemonade | 15. Coleslaw | 20. Shrimp |

* Check out countryliving.com for a variety of ways to serve the foods listed above.



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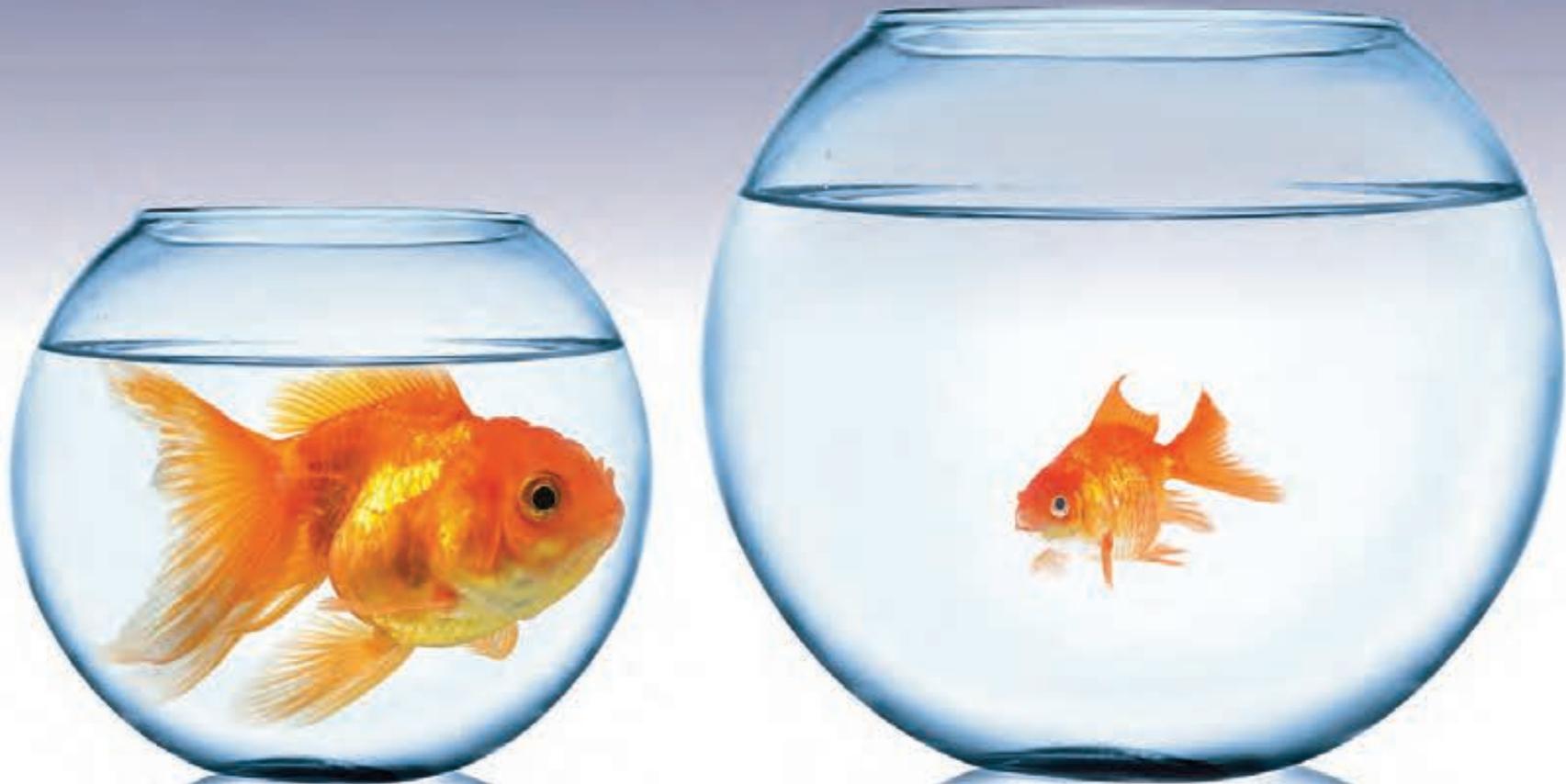
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Summer is made for mysteries and your OTOW library has plenty of new novels to satisfy you

Your On Top of the World library has several fun books for you to read in July.

Some of your favorite authors are writing summer mysteries, thrillers and suspense novels. They include, "The A List" by J.A. Jance, "18th Abduction" by James Patterson, "Someone Knows" by Lisa Scottoline, and "Redemption" by David Baldacci.

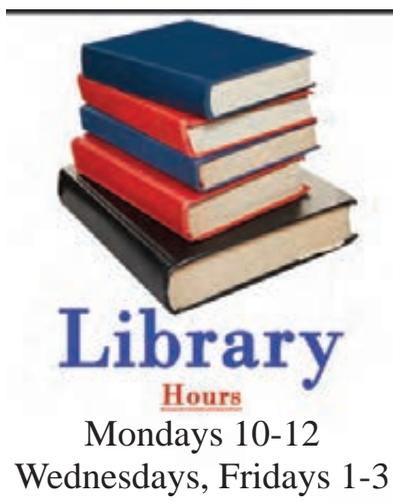
Another novel, by Rachel Hauck, "The Memory House," connects a young woman who lost her father on 9/11 with a woman who survived a tornado in the 1940s.

"The Last Year of the War" by Susan Meissner is the story of two young girls, one of German decent and the other of Japanese decent, who meet in an internment camp in Texas. Both families are repatriated to the native lands of their parents. They finally meet again many years later.

Dave Barry has written another entertaining book on aging, "Lessons From Lucy: The Simple Joys of an Old, Happy Dog."

The OTOW library remains open Mondays from 10-noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3 p.m. We are having a great summer sale on hardbound books - three for \$1. You can't beat the price.

Come in and see what we have avail-



able.

Also, if you like to listen to books on CD while driving, or like to listen to relax at home, we have a selection for sale that should appeal to you.

Remember, when you buy books from our sale shelves, you help support the purchase of new books.

And with a membership fee of only \$4 per calendar year, you have the opportunity to read close to home.

The Good Karma Book Club will be reading "Outlander" by Diana Galba-

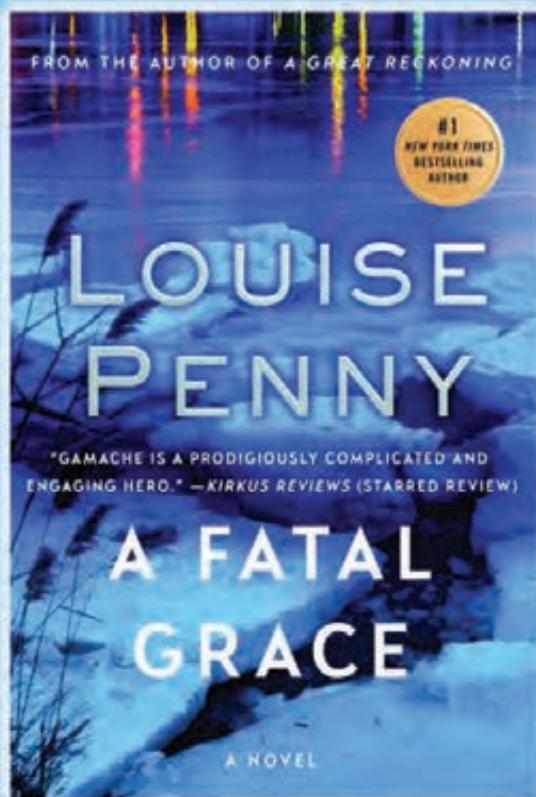


don as the July selection. There will be only one meeting in July, on the 18th, due to the Fourth of July falling on the first Thursday.

Typically, we meet in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center on the

first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. In August, we will be back to meeting Thursday, Aug. 1 and Thursday, Aug. 15.

So come join us if you like to read books and share your impressions.



Good Karma Book Club

August 1

At the Good Karma Book Club meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1, guests will discuss "A Fatal Grace" by Louise Penny.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab and share your thoughts. Open to all residents.

For more information, visit our Web page on the Box Office. OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

Click Box Office, and look for the Good Karma Book Club link.

The Good Karma Book Club will also meet on Thursday, Aug 15. If you have a book or author to recommend, this is the day to attend and speak up. All OTOW residents are welcome.

One of the final hurdles



This is your new pavilion dock, which is one of the final steps in completing the overall Pavilion Park project. Final touches to the park include finishing the dock, placing remaining sidewalks, finishing the horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts, adding a fountain, adding a kitchen area inside the pavilion, adding night lights and planting grass. As time passes in July, you may see the final work take place before your eyes. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



Survey Fun!



If you could choose one fresh item the Good Karma Café would serve once a week, what would that item be?



You can vote right now!



Go to otowboxoffice.com and look for the crab

East Activity Center elevator closed July 15-23

By Kenneth Colen

The elevator at the East Activity Center will be out of service from July 15-23 as state certified elevator technicians begin their next equipment modernization.

This includes the remodel of the elevator's cab interior, including new LED lighting enhancements.

Notices will be posted in the activity center and distributed via the Community's RAVE Messaging System (sign up at www.getrave.com/login/otowfl and click the "REGISTER" button on the right

hand side of the screen. Messaging rates may apply).

Elevator 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 el-

evators receive their preventative maintenance monthly, equating to 12 times yearly for each one! This ongoing regimen ensures that the equipment is in a better position to service the community reliably and safely.

The adopted ASME A17.1 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.

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 safety shut-off shuts down the elevator until the service technician manually resets it. Recently, we had such an instance when a resident blocked the door while trying to move some home furnishings into the elevator cab. This inconvenienced a neighbor on the second floor needing to use the elevator and resulted in the service call out.

Property insurance update from Annual Meeting

By Kenneth Colen

At the annual meeting in June, Guy Woolbright, Board member and secretary/treasurer, provided a detailed report to the Association on property coverage.

He noted that the Association is still required to "...obtain and maintain adequate insurance" for the condominium property. "Best efforts" and "adequate insurance" are not defined.

I'm pleased to report that your Board

was able to bind full limits of coverage this year. Premiums remain flat over last year.

The event deductible continues the same as in the prior year's policy: \$10,000 per non-wind storm occurrence. However, the wind storm deductible continues at 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/CommunityInformation 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 air conditioning unit within the limits of the unit.

Unit owners are directed to purchase

a personal policy for their unit and belongings called an "HO-6" policy. In the case of a destroyed building due to a fire, the HO-6 policy pays the unit owner for new flooring, kitchen appliances, furniture and it may even pay for living somewhere else while the unit is being repaired.

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

Four Ways To Turn Your Water On or Off

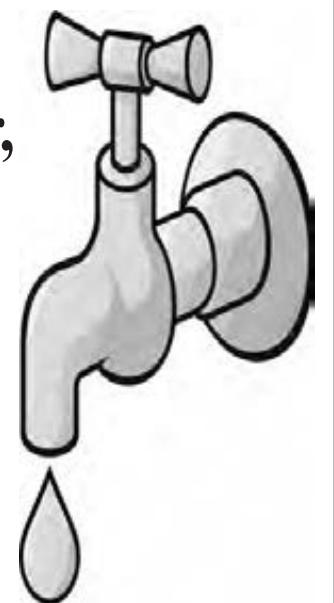
1. Call 727-799-3417 (Option 6).

Messages will be retrieved Monday-Friday, 7 am - 5 pm.

2. Visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, 8:30 am-3 pm, Monday-Friday.

3. Go to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.

4. For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 pm weekdays and 12-9 on weekends. A \$35 payment by check will be required.



Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 am - 5:15 pm weekdays and 7:30-11:30 am on weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours.

You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on.

Despite challenges, a positive

Annual meeting addresses charging stations, projects and more

Annual Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019, 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 many 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 prior meetings. Someone previously asked about providing charging stations for electric vehicles.

The legislature took this matter up in the 2018 session. The law now provides that if requested, the Association may consider 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 and installation costs range from \$1,500 to \$3,500 (distance to a transformer) or greater.

Bearing this expense in mind, the Board reached out to Duke Energy and made an application to them for a program they offer to install charging stations.

I am pleased to report that Duke Energy approved the application. The Treasurer executed and returned the contract for action.

We are currently on "Duke Energy time," while logistics and pay arrangements for installation are completed. In other words, we do not have a start date as of this writing.

Also at the meeting, the Board reported 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 one (1) building had the shingle mansard replaced.

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 modernizations and seven (7) elevator cab remodels.

Seven (7) buildings had their front elevations repainted, while five (5) back elevations were waterproofed.

Asphalt improvements include three (3) major intersections repaved, four (4) partial streets repaved and seven (7) parking lots sealed.

A bike lane striping project is continuing and the East Activity Center entrance was paved.

Four (4) buildings received new code compliant aluminum railings. Twelve (12) new common laundry room venting im-



provements were completed and 300 new life safety lighting units were installed.

Kenneth 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 the tennis courts, shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits. As of this writing, the project is winding down to completion date of mid-July 2019 - only eight months past the original completion date.

Previously, residents have voiced a desire to have bicycle/pedestrian lanes added, as well as better roadway striping. Repaving is completed and restriping is underway. You may have noticed that the striping project includes pedestrian and bicycle lanes along World Parkway and Americus Boulevards. The initial striping is temporary to allow the asphalt to cure for 30 days before the permanent thermoplastic striping will be applied in late June and early July, weather permitting.

Additional "No Parking" signs will be added on Americus to ensure the lanes stay open and unimpeded for pedestrian use.

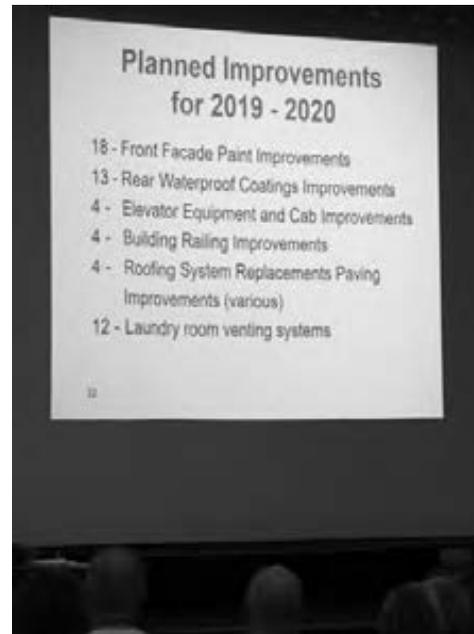
The Board believes this is a great enhancement to the community as the number of walkers and riders is on the rise.

Next, the Board is hopeful that the Pinellas County Sheriff Office will enter into an agreement for traffic enforcement.

Kenneth Colen discussed awnings and their failure to meet current building code for wind uplift was discussed. 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 2019, only 134 awnings remain (out of over 2,600). After August 1, 2018, awning inspections were 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.

At the Annual Meeting, Parkway General Manager Dessa Barabba reviewed proposed rules changes. She further 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.

Please be advised that the recorded version of the Second Amended and Restated Rules will be available at OTOW-ClearwaterInfo.com/community-information "Second Amended Rules 6.14.19."

Kenneth Colen discussed improvements made without prior approval by the Association.

He discussed the case of river rock (Chattahoochee stone) on walkways and patios. Over time, this degrades and the stones become susceptible to separation. Mowers, or string trimmers, may pick them up in the grass and the stone then becomes a missile. With luck, it hits nothing. However, the stones have damaged windows or struck parked cars.

The Association takes the position that such unapproved installations must be removed by the current owner at their expense.

Guy Woolbright discussed the NOAA and insurance underwriter forecasts for the current hurricane season.

To recap, predictions show an average to slightly above average hurricane season

for 2019. Predictions include:

- 12-14 named storms
- 6-7 being hurricanes
- 2-3 being major hurricanes

Also noteworthy, a weak El Niño emerged in late 2018 and persists today. There is some uncertainty whether this weak El Niño will endure into the peak of the hurricane season, or whether El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) will slide into warm-neutral conditions.

El Niño generally has less influence over the Gulf of Mexico and off the U.S. East Coast where warmer than normal waters may provide the ideal climate for "homegrown" storms.

Kenneth Colen reviewed the most recent edition of the FEMA flood zone maps.

To recap, a portion of the community is designated in Zone X. This means that those areas have an 0.2 percent chance of a flood, which equals a 500-year floodplain. This area is the boundary of the flood that has a 0.2-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

According to a reputable surveying firm, this area does not require Flood Insurance. That noted, contact your insurance carrier if you have any concerns.

Portions of the roadway rounding the creek did get inundated by high water following Tropical Storm Debbie some years ago. The waters largely receded within four hours of cresting. No buildings were impacted, although residents who drove into the water flooded their cars.

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, 1,877 votes were cast with 1,726 voting "Yes" to waive reserves (92 percent) and 123 voting "No" to establish reserves (0.7 percent). Twenty-eight (28) ballots and proxies were disqualified because they were improperly completed.

Residents once again affirmed the choice to waive the establishment of reserves for replacement of roads, roofs and painting.

Your Board believes this is a wise decision because through proper planning and budgeting, your Board has been able to stay ahead of the maintenance and replacement curve on community infrastructure, especially with respect to painting, paving and roofs.

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

The answer is an additional \$4.9 million added into the Association's budget. Looking at it another way, an added

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outlook for fiscal year 2020

\$73.84/month onto your Community Service Fee!

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.

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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

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

Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2018/2019 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be

applied.

If, for some reason, you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services Department is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

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

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

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

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

Clutter enforcement has always been

one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

Coating Improvements

July's schedule for coating improvements in the On Top of the World community will see a contractor headed to paint the front facades of Buildings 11 and 18.

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

A contractor is working on a potable water improvement project and will continue work in July with Buildings 21 and 19 next on the list.

Residents will experience a temporary water outage as a by-product of migrating from the original infrastructure and onto the new services. Notices are published to the residents affected so please look for door hangars with important information regarding dates and times. As always, please exercise caution and avoid these posted work areas.

The residents of Building 36 will see the arrival of a licensed construction contractor as restorative stucco work is performed on the north side of the structure. This will require the use of aerial lift

equipment and may require the temporary relocation of the vehicles to allow for a safe and unimpeded work area. For the safety of all, please avoid active work areas.

Wind Mitigation Forms

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>

Landscape and Architectural Controls

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

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

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.

New wellness program starts here on July 23

Master the Possibilities registration now taking place in Clearwater

Happy Independence Day!

On the Fourth of July we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence made by the 13 U.S. colonies from British rule in 1776, an event that shaped our country's unique identity.

As I reflect on this day, it brings to mind the importance of independence in our own lives.

As activity manager, I meet new and prospective residents that want to remain active and independent as long as possible. I describe for them all that On Top of the World has to offer and explain how it is much more than just activities. In my opinion, the ingredient that will actually increase one's ability to remain independent is "community." I also talk about how a strong community fosters "interdependence."

What I mean by interdependence is that we all cherish our freedom and independence, but also benefit from inclusion - joining together with the larger community.

Consider this. We care about wellness, safety, recycling, sustainability, the arts and our vast list of clubs reflects diversity, too.

For example, there are the Democrat and Republican Clubs, Veterans Club, Theater Workshop, Writer's Ink, Good Karma Book Club, Lambda, Owls and Philosophy Club.

Last week a long-time resident informed me she wants to start a "Widows" group and, as with so many clubs born here, I thought, it's about time!

So, as you celebrate independence day this week, you can also celebrate the fact that you live in a vital, interdependent community.

Movie Survey

Thank you for your feedback on our movie survey!

We received 32 completed surveys, which was surprisingly low, but indicates at least 32 residents would be interested in seeing a movie on the premises.

The survey results reflect a willingness to pay a small fee to see a movie to be held preferably on a Wednesday or Friday in the early afternoon.

We will do our best to fulfill your wishes. Please stay tuned for announcements.

Master the Possibilities Clearwater Registration

Commencing July 1, there are three ways to register for Master the Possibilities courses.

Residents can register by visiting the Clearwater Activity Office, initiate registration by emailing general_activity@otowfl.com or by calling (727) 799-2734.

Please see Nancy's Bulletin Board on the adjoining page for upcoming July/August lectures.

Guardian Ad Litem

Guardian Ad Litem of Pinellas County will hold an informational meeting and volunteer sign up in the East Activity Center Largo Room on Thursday, July



11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., right after Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee.

Guardian ad Litem is seeking volunteer child advocates for abused and neglected children.

Please come to learn more about this program and at the end of the meeting you will have an opportunity to sign up to become a volunteer child advocate.

Guardians ad Litem work on a team with professional staff to advocate for children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse and come under the jurisdiction of the courts often due to parental drug abuse or domestic violence.

Guardian ad Litem identifies what is in the best interest of a child by making monthly visits to the child in their current placement and identifying needs.

They work to find a permanent placement for the child.

Training is free. To learn more about making a difference to a child visit www.herotoachild.org or call Karen in Pinellas County at 727-464-6147. You can also visit www.guardianadlitem.org for information in other counties.

For other ways to help, contact our local foundation at AmyF@galf6.org

Fletcher Music Keyboard Lessons

This summer, Fletcher Music Center will be offering six keyboard lessons to our residents for the special price of only \$10.

The lessons will take place in the East Activity Center Ozona Room (formerly the Small Card Room) each Monday from July 22 through Aug. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This discount rate is for OTOW residents only and registered students must bring their updated activity card and payment to the first day of class.

Residents may register in a few ways: (1) Call 727-799-2734 (2) Send an email to general_activity@otowfl.com (3) In person at the Activity Office.

Please reference that you would like to register for the keyboard lessons. Give your name, address, telephone number or email address.

Class size is limited to 25 and therefore reservations will be on a first come, first served basis.

The registration deadline is July 17.

Important Note: Fletcher Music Center has offered to lend a keyboard to registered students to practice on when other

activities are not scheduled in the Ozona Room. Fletcher Music Center owns the keyboard and only registered students are authorized to play it.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Aging Successfully WISE Program

Are you over 60 and looking for an opportunity to stay healthy?

I am pleased to announce Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services will bring the WISE Program to On Top of the World this summer.

WISE stands for Wellness Initiative for Senior Education. The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics.

Join us for this fun program, where you'll meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive

The Six Sessions Are:

- Understanding Changes Associated with Aging
- Aging Sensitivity
- Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity
- Medication and the Older Adult
- Addiction and the Older Adult
- An Enhanced Quality of Life

The program will take place in the East Activity Center Largo Room (formerly the Art Room) from 10-11:30 a.m. on the following days: Tuesday, July 23; Tuesday, July 30; Tuesday, Aug. 6; Tuesday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Please check your calendar to ensure you can commit to the entire program. The program is free, but registration is required for a minimum class size of six and a maximum class size of 25.

The WISE Program will return this winter to give our Snowbirds an opportunity to participate.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, July 25 and Friday, 26 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room) from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 48 of this newspaper.

Activity Card Renewal

Activity Card renewal is underway and will include a grace period until July 14.

Residents need to bring their old activity card, picture ID, and a piece of mail.

To accommodate working residents, or those not able to visit the Community Service Office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., we have extended hours as follows: Tuesday, July 2, from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, July 6 from 8-11 a.m.

Club and Activity

Facility Request Renewal

If you are a club or activity that meets on a regular basis, please ensure you have completed your facility request form for July through September 2019. If you do not submit the form, your preferred room and time may be reserved by another resident or club and you will not continue to be listed on the newspaper calendar.

Activity Department Hours

New Activity Department (In Person) hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m. The office will be closed Fridays.

Activity Department Reservations by Email or Telephone

Email and telephone reservations will be taken Monday through Thursday. Please allow up to 24 hours for processing and to review your room selection(s).

After reviewing your request, we'll get back to you with any questions and to finalize your reservation.

No reservations can be taken on Friday or over the weekend. Simply stated, please do not submit room reservation or reservation questions in an email or voice-mail during that time frame.

All Clubs, Activity Presidents and Representatives

An East Activity Center elevator project is scheduled for the week of Monday, July 15, through Sunday, July 21, and there will be no accessibility upstairs or downstairs using the elevator.

Activities upstairs have been cancelled or moved to other locations. Ticket sales and bingo have been cancelled during this time period.

Fall Festival 2019

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, Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet new residents, increase your memberships, sell tickets, or sell arts and crafts or souvenirs.

Please decorate your table according to the theme of your club. You may also choose a "fall" or "autumn" theme.

Tables and canopies are limited on a first come, first serve basis. The canopies are available for rent.

This year all clubs are required to provide an email address for the exchange of information related to the event. Please stop by the activity office for a registration form or contact me at general_activity@otowfl.com and I will email you a form.

Nancy's Bulletin Board

Master the Possibilities

A live broadcast from Ocala.
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

Masters of the Reef- Sharks: What We Can Learn from Them
July 25, 1-3 p.m.
Instructor: David Ulloa call (727) 799-3270, Ext. 7722 to register

From a psychological perspective, because we know very little about sharks, it's easy to villainize them. Unfortunately, we are responding to widespread fear of sharks without knowing the facts. Sharks are not man-eating machines. This misconception is contradictory to how they normally behave in the wild. In truth, sharks serve to maintain a healthy balance in the ocean, helping to provide the earth and its inhabitants with food, oxygen, and water, and thus, a balanced atmosphere. Join the "Shark Whisperer," David Ulloa as we rethink our fear of sharks, turning misconceptions into knowledge and opportunity, and fear into friendships and positive actions. **Course Fee: \$8**



Where: Auditorium

Navigating the Grand Parenting Journey LIVE!
August 6, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Instructors: Dr. Richard Horowitz & Jane Horowitz

Grand parenting can be joyous and challenging at the same time. The key to make the experience as positive and fulfilling for both you and your grandchildren is to acquire the tools to overcome the challenges that are both universal and unique to your family. Presenters will explore challenges and offer suggestions on how they can be met in the most productive and satisfying way for the grandparent, the adult child, and the grandchild.

Please register in advance by stopping by the Activity Office, call (727) 799-3270 Ext. 7722 or email: general_activity@otowfl.com.



A live broadcast from Ocala.
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

What You Need to Know About Your Air Conditioner
August 14, 1-2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Jerritt Weaner

In Florida, the summers throughout the state are long, hot, and humid; air conditioning is a necessity here. Learn about the components of an HVAC system. Understand what proper maintenance is and what it entails. Reject common misconceptions about A/C systems by becoming aware of the facts and prepare yourself with the knowledge necessary to avoid costly and unnecessary repairs and investments in new equipment. **Course Fee: \$2**



Register by stopping by the Activity Office, call (727) 799-3270 Ext. 7722, or email: general_activity@otowfl.com.

Accepted payment is by credit/debit card.

Guardian ad Litem Advocate Information Session

Thursday, July 11 at 11:30 in the Largo Room (former Art Room). Session lasts about 45-minutes to an hour.

Renew your Activity Card by July 14

Keyboard Lessons

From Fletchers Music Center

East Activity Center Ozona Room
Every Monday from July 22 through
Aug. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m. for \$10.

Registration required.

Free Health Clinic

Third Monday of Every Month
Next one July 22, 9-10:30 a.m., in the EAC
Blood Pressure Test for Arterial Disease
and Vision Screenings

Aging Successfully WISE Program

East Activity Center Largo Room
from 10 -11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23; Tuesday, July 30;
Tuesday, Aug. 6; Tuesday, Aug. 27;
Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Tuesday, Sept. 10.

AAA Driver's Course

Thursday, July 25, Friday, July 26
Registration required.
Cost \$20

Line dancing with friends can electrify your mind and body

By Leila Walker

Who is always smiling and greeting people wherever she goes?

Who has a hug for everyone and has something kind to say to everyone she meets?

Meet Debbie Mayo.

Debbie is originally from Danvers, Mass. She has lived in On Top of the World for five years.

She and her husband, Michael, chose OTOW because they felt it was a good value for the money and because of the many activities available to residents.

They felt from the beginning that OTOW was a nice retirement community.

Prior to making Florida her permanent home, Debbie had been coming to Florida as a vacationer twice a year since 1993.

Debbie has been line dancing here since June 2016. She says line dancing “makes her feel electric in her zone.”

She gets a feeling of euphoria.

Debbie says line dancing gives her the opportunity to meet friends, to build relationships, to exercise her mind and body,



and gives her a total mind/body experience.

She loves the flexibility of the group because the OTOW Line Dancing Club tries new, creative venues and a variety of music.

Debbie worked for the Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division, for 22 years. She has been married for 34 years.

Her hobbies and interests are swimming, reading, dancing, going to the beach,



Debbie Mayo

watching wildlife, taking nature walks, shopping and going out with friends.

Her passions include caring about the world’s environment. Her mantra is to re-

duce, reuse and recycle.

Not only is Debbie a beginner OTOW demonstrator, but she also volunteers in the Snowbirds Line Dance Club as a beginner demonstrator.

Join Debbie to catch some of that enthusiasm and energy!

If you are a beginner line dancer, try the 1 p.m., Tuesday session, or the 8:30 a.m. Saturday session. Regular classes are held after the beginner classes. All classes are held in the auditorium and Oldsmar Room of the East Activity Center.

If you are an early riser, consider the 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about the club can be seen on the OTOW Box Office (otow-boxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on Facebook.

If you want to give line dancing a try before doing it in public, there are line-dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV weekdays at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.

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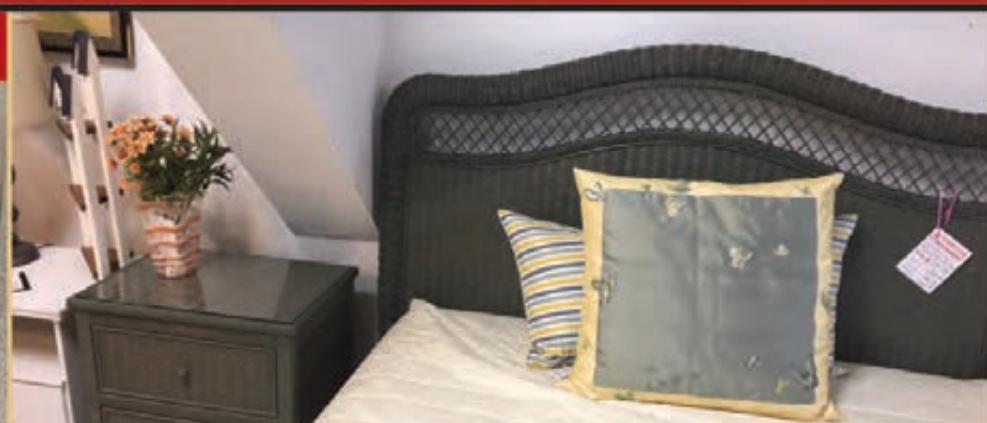
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JULY

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

Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART CLASSES

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

CARD GAMES BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room
 Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Belleair Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 pm, Palm Harbor Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room
 Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room
 M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room
 Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room
 Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Rm

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm
 Tom: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room
 John: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room
 Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room
 Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room
 Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room
 Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor 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 HOURS

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

LIBRARY

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

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, Ozona Room
 Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room (7/15 in WAC)

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Room

EXERCISES

BONE SAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

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

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Safety Harbor Room

TAI CHI

Chi Kung: Tuesdays 3 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays only, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

M, T, H, F, 12:20 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 8 am, East Swimming Pool (new time)

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

The EAC elevator will be unavailable from July 15-23

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

		Ent. Committee. Bo 9:30 AM - Crystal Be (Veranda)
		Ent. Committee. Me 10:00 AM - Crystal B (Veranda)
		German Interest Gro 2:00 PM - Belleair Ro
		Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium
		OTOW Special Even 10:30 AM - Ozona Ro
		Health Screenings 9 AM - Auditorium (Moved from third to fourth Monday
		OTOW Special Even 10:30 AM - Ozona Ro

East Activity Center Rooms
 Crystal Beach Room (Veranda), Oldsmar Room (Starlite Room), Largo Room (Art Room),
 Ozona Room (Small Card), Safety Harbor Room (Yellow Room), Dunedin Room (Computer Room),
 Clearwater Room (Craft Room), Auditorium, Exercise Room, Kitchen.

West Activity Center Rooms
 Belleair Room (Sunrise Room),
 Palm Harbor Room (Rainbow Room),
 Learning Lab, Billiards Rooms.

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Super Picnic Table was constructed right here at our own Wood Shop



By Bob Backlund

How do old pieces of barn wood in Cincinnati become an absolutely beautiful picnic table in Sarasota, FL?

Well, the complete story is too long to tell here, but let's just say the On Top of the World wood shop had something to do with it.

Joe Miranda, president of the OTOW Fixers Club, was contacted by his niece in Sarasota. She purchased the old pieces of barn wood in Ohio, had them shipped to Florida, and then decided she wanted a multi-functional picnic table built for alongside her pool.

The rest was up to Joe!

Joe said barn wood does not come from old barns. It is actually old wood which gives any finished product an antique look. Best part, he said, is no two pieces of barn wood ever look the same. Once finished, the grain in barn wood is absolutely beautiful.

So, Joe had an assignment to do.

With his knowledge of tools, wood shop training and everything available to him at the OTOW Wood Shop, he went to work.

The end result was a "Super Picnic Table" 77 inches long, 41 inches wide and 31 inches tall.

The table top has two metal ice containers located in the center, which can be used to keep drinks cold. Just pour the ice



This picnic table, complete with two built-in ice coolers, was built in the On Top of the World Wood Shop and now has a special place on a patio deck in Sarasota. The old wood came from Cincinnati.

into the picnic table.

Joe also made one bench, which can be stored under the table when not in use.

Way to go Joe!

Just another example of what you can do if you become a member of the Fix-

ers Club, learn how to use the equipment, practice safety and have a great imagination.



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Introducing a special event for January 2020

Tickets go on sale July 11 for fall concert featuring Florida Suncoast Chorus

By Jim Bjorgo

The heat is on and the rain cometh. Summertime is once again upon us here at On Top of the World and our activities continue ... but at a much reduced pace.

Thank heavens.

Good Neighbors Association will only have two information tables in the month of July. We will not be in attendance on Thursday, July 4, as this is a national holiday, and we will not be there on Thursday, July 18, as elevator work will be taking place in the East Activity Center which will leave no access for those unable to use the stairs.

Good Neighbors will host its information table on Thursday, July 11, which is our monthly Get Acquainted Coffee from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. We return to our normal summer schedule on Thursday, July 25, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., which continues through August.

Our Get Acquainted Coffee in July will be provided by Fletcher Music Center. They will present a short keyboard concert and will be unveiling some new services being made available for all of us here at OTOW. For a limited time, they will be offering keyboard lessons to residents for a discounted price. Come and learn more about it.

On July 11, we will also begin selling tickets for our fall social concert Sunday,



Oct. 20, featuring the Florida Suncoast Chorus. Their barbershop-style concert will be followed by a pie-ala-mode social.

Tickets for the concert will be \$4 and tickets for the concert and social will be \$6. Tickets for the social will be sold on an advanced basis only so we know how much pie and ice cream to have on hand.

There will be no volunteers meetings in July and August. The next volunteers meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona



Ralph Rogers entertained the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee crowd in June.

Room (formerly known as the Small Card Room).

Good Neighbors is planning a very special event for Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot.

Yes! Something outdoors!

For the first time ever in our community, we are planning on hosting a contest between teams of resident and clubs to see who can build the most unique structure using only non-perishable food items

in can and boxes only.

We are still working out the details for this event, but here is the most important thing to know. When the contest is over, all food products used in the construction of the contest entries will be donated to the Helping Hands Charity here in Clearwater.

The winning team gets a prize. Helping Hands gets all the food we collected to help restock their shelves after the holidays are over.

We are also planning on having food vendors in the parking lot, so even if you don't form a team, come and watch and purchase a snack. Teams will only have a few minutes to build their creation and you can cheer on everyone who participates.

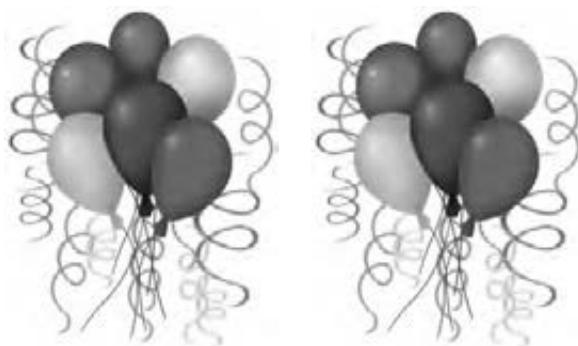
See related story on page 19 for more details.

Good Neighbors Association is made up of all residents of On Top of the World, whether you own or rent. If you are a resident here, you belong to our club.

We are here to help residents get acquainted with life here at OTOW and if we can be of service to you, please stop by our information table on Thursday mornings and say hello. If you are unable to stop by on a Thursday, call me at (727) 725-4048. We are here to help at any time if we are able.



Betty Hartsman of Illinois



Welcome to On Top of the World

OTOW News photos by Doug Kates



Maureen Collins of New York



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Can you build something out of tin cans and boxes? Then get a team together

The next time you are in your kitchen putting groceries away, I want you to try something.

I want you to put one tin can on top of another tin can while storing food in your kitchen cupboard.

If you can do this without knocking over the cans - guess what - you are qualified for a new competition coming to On Top of the World in January 2020!

Good Neighbors Association is making plans for the first ever Tin Can Challenge at On Top of the World.

At this time, nothing is final, except an idea and dreams of great results.

Here's what you need to know.

Many years ago I worked for a newspaper in Corning, N.Y. Every year, city businesses got together for an event called "Battle of the Businesses." One of the most beneficial events was a Tin Can Challenge.

Here's the general idea.

For a period of a few months, each business collected tin cans of unopened, non-perishable food.

Individual representatives of each business were chosen and those people were given team shirts.

On competition day, each business sent their representatives to a city parking lot where all the tin cans collected were dropped off in each team's assigned parking space (or staging area).

When all the teams in the



competition were ready, a horn blew. Each team was given 20 minutes to build something original out of the tin cans collected.

I saw businesses build skyscrapers, bridges and cartoon characters to name a few.

Whatever the item, it took coordination. Each tin can was color coordinated to the project being built. So everyone at the business had to get together prior to the event, decide what was going to get built, and collect tin cans with colored labels that matched the project.

Are you starting to think ahead now?

During the 20 minutes of competition, projects had to be built within the parking space adjoining the staging area.

Height counts! Height is a major emphasis in scoring each project, so building high was a skill needed to win.

However, there were many times when a column of cans tumbled over and a team had to restart.

It was all a part of the game.

Scoring was based on height, originality, coordination of col-



ors and spirit of team work.

Anyone who wanted to just watch could also participate. Onlookers could vote for their favorite finished product by placing a tin can in a team's voting box. One tin can equaled one vote.

After 20 minutes, all scores were added up and a winner announced.

But the overall winner was a local food bank which kept every single tin can used in the competition and in the fan vote.

Good Neighbors Association President Jim Bjorgo has

chosen January 2020 as the month to try this competition in our community. Not only will our Snowbirds be here, the holidays over and we have a little more free time.

January is also the time of the year when food banks struggle to restore shelves. People tend to donate food prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas, but donations dwindle in January.

Our community could make a major impact in restoring the shelves.

If we can get four teams for the first year we hold this competition, and if each team uses at least 25 cans to construct its project, then at a minimum, OTOW could be donating 100 cans of food to a local charity.

If we have more than four teams, and each team uses more than 25 cans of food, then the donation could be even bigger!

Here's what you need to know if this sounds interesting to you.

Form a team. Your team can be your club, group, sports league, building, neighbors or just a group of friends.

Start collecting cans now after you decide on a project to build. Then decide what colors you need collect to make your project look real. Coordinate those colors and find those colors on cans in your local grocery store.

At this point in time, Good Neighbors is also going to allow boxed, non-perishable food items for donations, so boxes can

be used in your projects, too.

Cans can be placed sideways or up and down in your parking space. Labels must remain on all cans.

Each team will also be allowed one prop that does not have to be a donation item. The prop can be such item as a cowboy hat, a stuffed animal or a toy fire truck - but the prop can be no bigger than a standard shoe box. The prop can be used to enhance your final project.

Absolutely no wood, steel, metal, hooks, glue, colored paper, etc. You get the idea.

Got your mind thinking yet?

OK. Here's incentive. Yvonne Courtney, president of the Press Association, has already announced the Press Association will be one of the teams competing.

If this doesn't scare you, then organize your own team. You will need enough people to collect non-perishable foods, and 5-10 people to build. Remember, you only get to work within an area the size of a parking space.

This event will take place in the East Activity Center back parking lot. It will be January - could be a little windy, too!

If you are interested, please talk to Jim from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, in the East Activity Center auditorium at the Good Neighbors Association information table.

The winning team will be given a prize, and perhaps, some sort of honor in the Irish Club parade. More details to follow.

What if you saw someone unresponsive?

If you come across a medical emergency, such as an unresponsive victim, do you know what to do?

- Scene Safety – secure the scene and make sure that the scene is safe for you and the ill or injured person(s).
- Check victim for responsiveness – tap their shoulders and shout are you ok?
- If no response, call 911.
- Check for breathing - if someone suddenly collapses and they are not breathing,

If you come across a fall victim, do you know what to do?

- Scene Safety – secure the scene and make sure that the scene is safe for you, the ill or injured person(s).
- Check for responsiveness
- If possible, always let the professional emergency responders handle the situation!
- Identify yourself and ask if you can assist help them.
- Do not be afraid to call 911 – especially if you suspect a head injury - assure them that they have a choice to go with EMS or not.
- Try to keep them calm – speak softly and with confidence.
- If situation permits, make them comfortable, such as a placing a pillow or cushion under their head.
- Never try to get someone up immediately. Convince them to wait a while. Adrenalin, the human body's natural defense mechanism, may have kicked in from the fall and could be blocking the pain.

call 911 and begin chest compressions hard and fast in the center of the chest. Continue until help arrives.

- Never move an ill or injured person unless it is for safety purposes only, such as a fire.
- Immediately report the incident to the Community Service Office with as much information as possible.
- AED devices are available at both the East and West Activity Centers.

- Never move an ill or injured person unless it is for safety purposes only, such as a fire - never attempt to pick up an elderly person who has fallen. Let them get up on their own.
- Immediately report the incident to the Community Service Office with as much information as possible.

Note: It's equally important to know that Good Samaritan laws in all states protect you from being sued if you act in good faith to help someone out.

Note: Remember, when trying to assist, don't do yourself or others harm. These are only suggestions for response.

- Call 911 – medical personnel are best to assess the situation and make a medical determination.

How do you decide the appropriate Durable Power of Attorney when you have more than one child?

Q. I know I need a durable power of attorney. Yet, when I look at the one I have, I see that it does provide an awful lot of authority to my agent (my daughter). I do trust her, but she is married and I am concerned that her husband may be able to exert some influence on her to do something that I might not want. I have two other children, but my daughter is the most business-oriented of the three. Your thoughts, please.

A. This is one of the many, many times I've had this concern raised. There are a few ways to solve it.

One way is to name one of your other children as co-agent with your daughter. That way, more than just your daughter will be the one(s) to make decision in the event of your incapacity.

Another way, of course, is to think about naming someone other than your daughter. I don't like that as an alternative, but in some circumstances, it might make sense.

You need to discuss this option with your attorney. Under any circumstance, if you can do it, you should try to discuss your feelings with your daughter openly and freely. If she insists on having her husband in the room when you talk about this, then that, it seems to me, could be an indication that he might be able to influence her in ways you don't want.

Having said this, it is also important that I make sure you understand that as powerful as a durable power of attorney can be, the person you've named as your agent is under some strict rules for acting as an agent under a durable power of attorney.

Exploitation is a crime.

Now, let me tell you what my wife



and I do. We have informed our children that we have durable powers of attorney and advance directives, but we have not provided them with copies. And we've told the kids where to locate them in our home. This, way, if it becomes necessary for them to use the durable power of attorney or the advance directive, they know where to find them.

But other than that, they can't get to them.

Many people, of course, trust their children and their spouses completely. That's good. My wife and I are in that group. But we still don't give them our documents.

Q. Why don't you like trusts. Our financial planner says we definitely need one.

A. First of all, I write a lot of trusts for my clients who need trusts. I should also add that I will be giving a lecture on trusts to other attorneys. It's sponsored by a national company that gives continuing education seminars to attorneys, CPAs, financial planners.

So, obviously, I don't dislike trusts.

Second, the real question, however, is not whether I like or dislike trusts. The question is whether you need to have one.

Most folks want a trust so they can avoid probate administration at their passing, thus enabling their estate to pass to children simply and without any court probate proceedings.

However, there are very easy ways to set up your assets so they avoid all probate proceedings while at the same time, NOT having a trust.

Payable on Death accounts are one of the simplest and least expensive ways to avoid probate proceedings and yet, keep control of all assets.

Typically, if most of the assets one has are IRAs, annuities or life insurance, there is no need for probate since there would be nothing to go through probate.

Thus, I will always find out what the client's goal is. If it's to avoid probate, then more often than not, the simplest thing for the client to do is create payable on death accounts. That's a very good estate planning method with the added attraction that these accounts are a lot less expensive than having a trust.

Q. Is it OK for me to hand-write in changes in my Last Will rather than have to go back to my attorney. She's in (a city in Ohio.)

A. It's not a good idea — not a good idea at all. The reason is that when you signed your old Will, it was witnessed and notarized at that time. Hand-written additions or subtractions are NOT witnessed and notarized and so could result in the abrogation of your Will or of at least important parts of it.

Q. My 20-year-old granddaughter is married, but is having an affair with a much older man. She's asked me if she can stay with me over her vacation and bring her "friend" with her. What should be done about this?

A. Don't ask me. I think it's a matter between your granddaughter, her husband and her "friend." I would not, however, agree to have your daughter stay with you on her vacation.

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Performers, shows, acrobatics, museums and icebergs - Branson is a place worth exploring

If you are a singer with a great voice, but no longer have a recording contract, Branson, Mo., is waiting for you.

Many performers have made millions of dollars in Branson, including Andy Williams, The Osmonds, Wayne Newton, Mel Tillis, Dolly Parton and her Stampede Show, among others.

The list includes the Gatlin Brothers, Southern Gospel, the new American Bandstand, The Dublin Irish Tenors, Motown Downtown and more.

Besides the numerous theaters with headline entertainers, other attractions include the Hollywood Wax Museum, Silver Dollar City, Mount Pleasant Winery, cave tours, go-carts, mini golf and a half scale replica of the Titanic with an iceberg.

In an interview with Barbara Walters, Mel Tillis said you could make more than

\$1 million in six months.

And a trip to Branson would not be complete without a ride on the ducks — amphibious vehicles nicknamed "ducks" that provide sightseeing by boat and by land.

You could say, there is so much to see and do in this city high in the Ozarks that one could spend weeks there, even though most tours are four or five days.

There are morning shows, matinees and evening shows. There is hardly a time during a day when you cannot see a show.

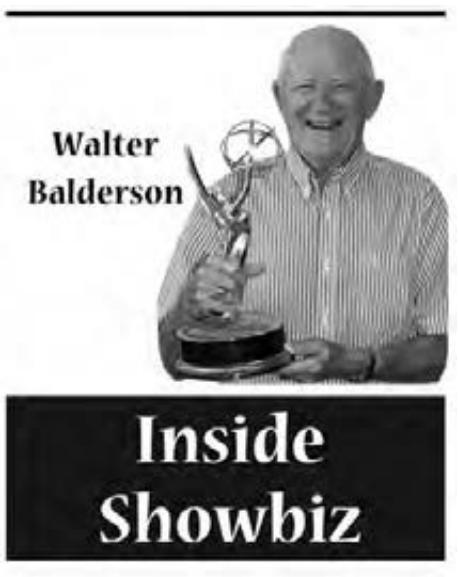
One of the top attractions today is at the new Grand Shanghai Theatre where more than 40 performers do breathtaking balancing acts and gravity-defying acrobatics. Each of the performers bring their unique talents to the stage — from flying through hoops to twirling plates to

balancing with one hand on the head of another performer.

The College of the Ozarks, located in Branson, is a college with no tuition. All the students work on the farm and dairy owned by the college to pay for their education. The college was founded in 1906 and has been very successful trading tuition for work to pay for education, room and board.

You used to have to fly to Springfield, Mo., and take a bus for a two hour ride to Branson. Not anymore. The city now has a jet airport. So whether you go by plane, bus or private vehicle, it is well worth the trip to visit this amazing city.

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While most Art Guild functions are off during the summer, take your eyes to an exhibit



Art Guild

By Mary Slack Maynard

A person's perception of art is based on his or her own likes, dislikes and view of the world.

When you look at the accompanying picture, what do you see?

I was following a path through a preserve and, rounding a corner, was stopped cold by this tree.

At first I was attracted by the colors and then by the shapes.

Do you see what I did?

I named this picture "Screaming Tree!"

Painters and sculptors also take what they see and turn it into art.

In the last few weeks, I have visited two very different museums vastly diverse in subject matter, yet both sharing a common element - saving nature through recycling.

One was Solomon's Castle in Ona, Fla. It's about a two hour drive from On Top of the World, but definitely an experience if you like unusual art.

Howard Solomon had a very unique imagination and his castle is full of art created from things he found and recycled.

I was most impressed by his recreations of well-known paintings using recycled wood.

The site is closed during the summer months, but is well worth the trip in the fall when the weather is cooler. You can find more information at www.solomon-scastle.com.

The second museum is just a short



Nature can be full of art. The red color in this tree is lichen, a combination of algae and fungi. The red color can also be an indication of healthy air. So, do you consider this art or just a discolored tree?

(Photo by Mary Slack Maynard)

drive up Belcher Road on the St. Petersburg College-Tarpon Springs campus. The Leepa-Rattner Museum began with a private collection from three artists.

The first is Abraham Rattner, an expressionist painter who, while living in Paris from 1920 through 1939, was influenced by cubism and then futurism.

The second is wife Esther Gentle, who was a sculptor, printmaker and paint-

er.

The third is Esther's son, Allen Leepa, who was an art professor, author of the textbook "The Challenge of Modern Art" and a painter.

The permanent collection contains the work of all three artists, plus others.

Esther Gentle's sculptures were made from items she found and recycled.

And speaking of recycling, or rein-

venting, from June 23 through Sept. 22, the museum will present a special collection titled "A Tribute to Marty Balin."

Marty, co-founder of the band Jefferson Airplane and Jefferson Starship, was a painter as well as a singer, songwriter and musician.

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Above, Jessica Ann Best sings 'Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend' while Dan Gettinger plays piano. Below, Jean Carlos Rodriguez serenades one of our residents and Executive Director Maria Zouves sings a solo. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



Voice Experience puts on a Disney-like show at OTOW

By Doug Kates

While preparing for four live concerts at Disney World, VOICE Experience stopped by On Top of the World and put on a show worthy of a Magic Kingdom stage.

The singers were amazing and the applause they received was a reflection of appreciation.

Executive Director Maria Zouves was back in the East Activity Center auditorium - a place she says she loves to bring up-and-coming talented performers.

She first stood on our stage 10 years ago as a co-founder of Opera Tampa.

Today, Maria and her husband, Sherrill Milnes, are co-founders of VOICE Experience - a place where talented singers go to shine.

In early May, VOICE Experience was very busy getting ready for four shows at Disney World in Orlando, but a cast of six made the trip to Clearwater to give our residents a preview.

Jean Carlos Rodriguez sang a version of "Ana Toreador" where he walked into the audience and serenaded many of our young ladies.

Jessica Ann Best sang a version of "Diamond's Are A Girl's Best Friend" with the poses and glitter popping.

Chad Sonka and Evelyn Saavedra joined pianist Dan Gettinger, and even Maria sang us a solo.

By the time you read this article, it will be too late to see VOICE Experience at Disney World, however, an even better show is on the horizon.

Maria invited all OTOW residents to get in their vehicles, or grab a bus, and go see talented singers at the annual Savannah VOICE Festival in Savannah, Ga., from Aug. 3-25. There will be a variety of music, shows, food and beverages.

If you go, find Maria and tell her you came from On Top of the World.

For more information, visit <https://savannahvoicefestival.org>.

And make sure you don't miss VOICE Experience's next trip to OTOW.



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Pet of the Month

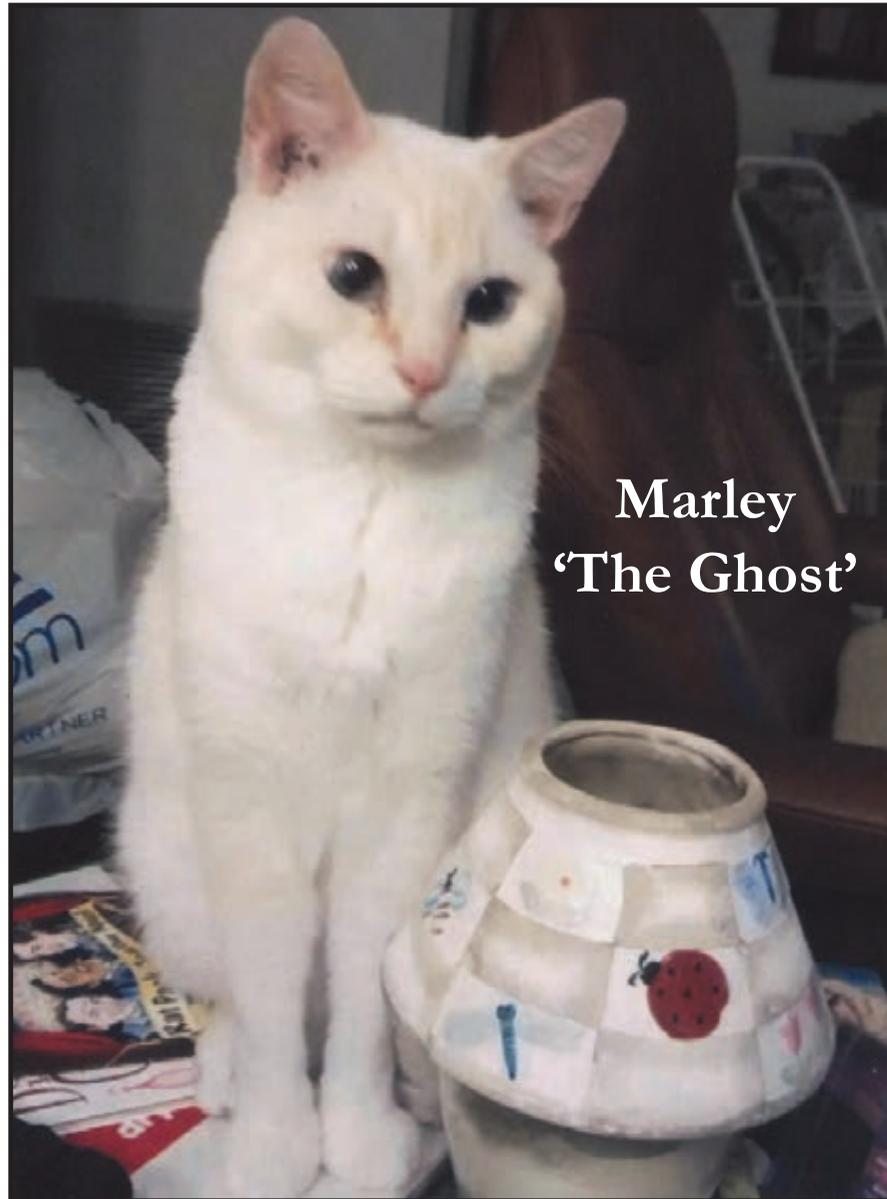


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Best part is, when Betty is home,
I get her bed for long naps.

Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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 of pet. 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 a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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Snowbirds Club returns this fall with shows, concerts, trips and line dancing



By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club will begin its 11th season this fall with an expanded list of activities.

To learn what's coming up, visit our information table in the East Activity Center auditorium Monday and Thursday mornings starting on Monday, Oct. 21.

The Snowbirds Club took a 10-day bucket list cruise to Iceland and Ireland in May.

Ed Foland, president of the club, recently learned that his ancestors migrated to the United States from Cork, Ireland. Cork was one of the ports of call on the cruise, but he did not try to locate any distant cousins.



Snowbirds enjoy dinner while on a Celebrity Cruise Ship tour around Iceland and Ireland.

The highlight of the cruise was the unique scenery of Iceland.

Our next cruise is scheduled for December to Nassau.

The first event for season 11

will be a Veteran Appreciation Party in the EAC auditorium on Sunday, Nov. 10, the day before

Veterans Day.

All veterans and their guests are invited. On Top of the World residents will be telling them, "Thanks for your service" and "Welcome Home."

The full season Snowbird Club calendar is now in place. It includes seven dinner theater shows, 14 Ruth Eckerd Hall concerts, two Hudson Show Palace dinners and shows, two horse race dates at Tampa Bay Downs, three charter bus trips and three cruises.

Snowbirds Line Dancing resumes on Wednesday, Oct 16, at 8:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Events will be posted on Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.

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Pick any Wednesday - watch the sun go down with other residents

By William Peterson

The Veterans Group has three meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year, but there will be plenty to do in-between.

Veterans are encouraged to join other residents every Wednesday at the dock on the West Side. Bring snacks, beverages and a comfy lawn chair. We relax, socialize and watch the sun go down. What could be better?

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m., Congressman Gus Bilirakis will talk to veterans during the Republican Club meeting in the West Activity Center Belleair Room (formerly the Sunrise Room). Come and listen and ask questions.

Our big event of the fall will be our second annual Veterans Barbeque on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2-4 p.m. at Safety Har-



bor VFW Post 10093. We are asking for \$7 donations from each person who plans on attending.

This was very well attended last year

with more than 70 veterans present. Family members, close friends and caretakers are welcome to join you.

This year's barbeque promises to be even better. Tickets will go on sale starting in September.

In November, the Veterans Group will take part in the Good Neighbors Association Flea Market/Craft Show. Watch for us. We will be selling hand-made angels as a fundraiser for our Armed Services Day celebration next year.

Also in November, the Snowbirds Club is inviting community veterans to a special Veterans Day Dinner in the auditorium. The event takes place on Sunday, Nov. 10. Please see page 27 of this newspaper for details.

Our three regular meetings will take place Aug. 7, Oct. 2 and Dec. 4, all at 2 p.m.

in the East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room (formerly the Yellow Room).

If you have any questions about our group, would like to join our group or have an idea for a future event, feel free to attend one of our meetings or you can email us a message to this address: otowveteransgroup@gmail.com.

Our group is always looking for volunteers to help with any of our events. If you have some free time and can volunteer, please write or attend our next meeting.

Also, our community has veterans who have a difficult time getting to medical appointments or simple tasks. If you can help, please let us know.

Don't be shy. Come out and help support our group.

Thank you for your service!

Getting to know your OTOW neighbors has many benefits

By David Beaven

How well do you know your neighbors?

According to research, one third of Americans have never interacted with their neighbors. Many of us are apparently too busy to stop and chat with the people around us. And yet building relationships with your neighbors can yield mental, social and health benefits, as well as creating a safer environment.

Here are some things that show how knowing your neighbors can make a difference.

Lending a hand: Neighbors can be a great resource if one needs to borrow a tool or needs help with moving an item.



They also can help with suggestions on good places to eat, car repair shops, doctors, etc.

Security: Neighbors often can help to keep an eye on each other's property or to

pass on information if problems exist in the building.

Learning new things: People here come from a variety of backgrounds and have a lifetime of experience. With each conversation, we can learn about other cultures or areas of the country that can expand our own experience.

Better health: Having people that we know around us is beneficial. The fact that people care about each other can have a positive effect on their mental and physical well being.

How do you start?

Start by saying "hi" when you pass people. Attend your building get togethers. Help a neighbor in with groceries. In-

vite someone over for coffee.

There are many ways to develop your own network of friends. As Emerson said, "To have a friend, be a friend."

Area Watch 2020 is a Neighborhood Watch group started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment, based on mutual consideration and respect.

We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better.

If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our Webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com. We are also on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

PING PONG

A Fun Activity which is Cool in the Summer!

The OTOW Ping Pong Club is looking for new members. We play in the West Activity Center Belleair Room (Sunrise Room) Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may come and play anytime. If you like it, join us for a year, whether you are a permanent OTOW resident, a renter or a Snowbird. Membership includes daily coffee, snacks and club equipment. Ping Pong is like tennis. You need to be able to move from side-to-side and front-to-back. We normally play doubles but there's also a table to play singles.

Blackout is a good excuse to socialize

Everyone should know, Blackout is a popular, fun, easy-to-learn card game and gives everyone a chance to socialize with their neighbors and make new friends.

We play every Thursday starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room (formerly the Sunrise Room).

If you are unfamiliar with this

game, come to the East Activity Center on Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. and I will teach you how to play. Then show up at 6 p.m., Thursday evenings, for 30 minutes of practice.

You are then welcome to join in the fun. The emphasis of this game is to have fun and a lot of laughs ... and not losing your shirt.

Come to our July meeting and learn about ranked choice voting



Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

Happy Fourth of July!

Sing the "Star Spangled Banner" while you watch fireworks explode over the ramparts and mentally compare today's government to that of the past.

Recently, a few members of the On Top of the World Democratic Club attended a fundraising event honoring former Senator Bill Nelson at the Fenway Hotel in Dunedin. Member Martha Griffin was lucky enough to get her picture taken with the senator (see photo).

Pouring rain started just before our June meeting, but intrepid members showed up at the West Activity Center Learning Lab, including our guest speaker Kathleen Beckman.

Kathleen is going to be a candidate for Clearwater City Council.



Club member Martha Griffin recently met former Senator Bill Nelson.

Filing and signature gathering starts in September for the March election. Being in the unincorporated part of the

county, OTOW residents can't vote in the Clearwater election, but actions taken by the city council greatly affect us.

Kathleen is a former teacher of English and journalism who has retired to Clearwater with her husband, Bryan Beckman.

She says she has spoken many times to the city council on environmental issues and would be a "voice of the residents."

Safety and traffic will also be part of her campaign issues.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for our usual time and place - the second Thursday of the month - July 11 at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room (formerly the Starlite Room) in the East Activity Center.

Our guest speaker at that meeting will be Rae Claire Johnson, who will speak on the subject of "ranked choice voting."

We will also continue our discussion of Democratic presidential candidates. Members have volunteered to give reports on additional candidates.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office. There is now an easier way to get there: otowboxoffice.com. Then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

This Website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting. Also look for club announcements on the OTOW television channel, 732.

Boomers stay active over the summer with Zumba, Acoustic Jam, exercise and adult beverages

By Sheila Charette

Greetings and salutations from the Baby Boomers.

Summer at On Top of the World is full of laid back fun and of course we still have to stay fit even though it feels like a million degrees outside.

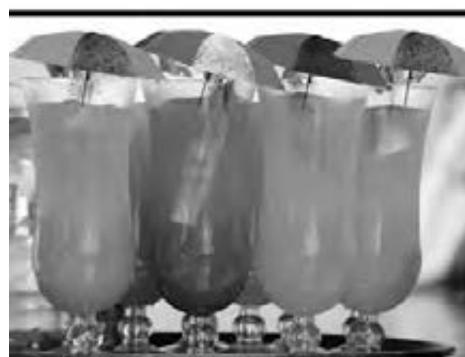
Boomer Zumba is a fantastic way to exercise and keep the heart pumping.

Each week we meet Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

We generally gather at about 11:15 to sign in and socialize a bit before we get started.

This class is for people with moderate to intermediate activity. Our Instructor, Claudia Garzon, guides us through each dance, giving us tips and pause, to help us with our balance, memory and even a little Spanish lesson. Her high energy classes are tailored for the active Boomer.

Boomer Zumba is \$3 for walk-ins, and \$20 for a 10-visit card. Comfortable sneakers and proper attire is required to attend classes.



Baby Boomers

In May, the Boomers celebrated our armed service members by welcoming them back from Honor Flight. If you are not familiar with Honor Flight, this organization provides veterans the opportunity to fly to Washington, D.C. for the day and visit the memorials commemorating their service. Each veteran is assigned a "Guardian" to accompany them on the 16+ hour day.

For this particular Honor Flight, one

of our own Boomers, Chuck McAllister, accompanied a Korean War veteran. As a veteran who served 35 years in the U.S. Army, Chuck was eligible to fly as the veteran on this flight, however, he deferred and chose to accompany a friend and fellow-veteran as his guardian for the day.

He also fulfilled the dream of another veteran by sponsoring a guardian for Mission 37.

Boomers can be found biking, bird watching, dancing, festival attending, food sampling, golfing, jamming, kayaking, learning, movie-going, mosaicing, parading, partying, volunteering, picnicking, socializing, sunset watching and wine tasting.

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, officers or formal rules.

You do need to have a valid 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.

If you'd like to become involved, please join us. The Baby Boomers meet every first Wednesday and Third Thursday of the month.

In July we are meeting three times: Wednesday, July 3, in the Largo Room (formerly the Art Room), Thursday, July 18 in the EAC Clearwater Room (formerly the Kitchen/Crafts Room) and Wednesday, July 31, in the Largo Room.

There will only be one meeting in August - Thursday, Aug. 15.

Each meeting is followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome.

Acoustic Jam will meet in the West Activity Center Learning Lab each Friday in July from 1-4 p.m. We play instruments and sing - your talent level doesn't matter.

See you there!



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Please take one, though.

New York-New Jersey Club

Aug. 13 you are allowed to wear a non-Florida jersey

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club is proud to present our second annual "Summer Sports Festival" On Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Mama Felice will be catering the dinner with select sandwiches, including Italian, tuna, or turkey and swiss.

There will also be coleslaw, potato chips and dessert, plus coffee and water will be provided.

Wear your favorite football shirt, baseball T-shirt, or basketball or hockey hat. And it doesn't have to be a pro shirt or hat - you can wear your favorite college team.

You can wear any sports shirt, from any state you desire. Chances are, the Statue of Liberty will be wearing something from New York.

Back by popular demand, the eve-

ning will feature the "KP Duo" (singer and guitarist) for your music pleasure.

At this event, the Veterans Group will be accepting donations of travel-sized toiletries. Walk in, make a donation, and we will make sure our veterans get your gifts.

The New York-New Jersey Club schedule for the rest of the year has been set and begins on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Our club will host a Dessert Night at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

On the menu will be New York Cheese Cake and coffee. Water and ice will be provided.

Guests will be asked to nominate officers for 2020.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m., our club will host its annual "Southwest Night" dinner with a DJ. Cost is \$16 for members and \$18 for guests.

There will be line dancing led by Dolly Foland and music by Ed Foland,

who promises to mix in some couples music. Dinner will be catered by Felice's Italian Deli and will include barbequed chicken, pulled pork, baked beans and dessert.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m., our club will host its annual "Harvest Dreams Dinner Dance" in the auditorium.

Dinner will be by Felice's Italian Deli and will include ham, turkey, stuffing, sweet potato salad and dessert.

Music will be by the "KP Duo."

The New York New Jersey Club is open to all residents of On Top of the World.

Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5. If you join now, your membership will automatically include all of 2020.

Such a bargain!

For future events and tickets, please visit our information table on Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m. in the auditorium.



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 for future announcements.

*(Back to sticks and leaves
 for camels)*



New resident learns that knitting can help make new friends in our community



Eleanor Albano

By Cheryl Butcher

While some clubs lose a good portion of their membership during the summer months, the Knitting Club is staying strong and lively with more than half of its total membership in attendance each week.

And we're even gaining new members.

One recent addition is Eleanor Albano, who has been living in On Top of the World for only one month.

Eleanor, a recent widow, moved here from Madeira Beach where she lived for more than 30 years. Her children, six of them, urged her to downsize and move away from the beach. She has four boys and two girls, three of whom live nearby to help Mom.

When Eleanor lived in Madeira Beach, she worked in the Cosmetics Department at Walgreen's for 30-plus years and retired two years ago. She learned to crochet when she was young and recently picked it up again.

Cooking and jewelry-making are other hobbies.

The Knitting Club appealed to Eleanor because she wanted to meet some people in her new community and we are delighted to welcome her to our group.

We are always welcoming new hands to join us. Our basic mission is to supply



Knitting

lap robes and walker caddies to local nursing homes, and baby hats and blankets to the nursery at Mease Countryside Hospital.

Special projects are undertaken as identified.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room) of the East Activity Center every Wednesday from 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 the Good Neighbors Association.

Third summer lecture provided county information to all residents

By Marvin Lazernik

On Top of the World is in an unincorporated portion of Pinellas County.

Commissioner Dave Eggers is our county supervisor and The Ronald Reagan Republican Club had the honor and privilege last month to hear him explain to our members and guests what Pinellas County offers in terms of services – and it is a lot!

Dave brought with him his executive aide -- Kim Belanger -- who set up a table of valuable information, including such items as the new county Hurricane Preparedness Guide.

This guide is 16 pages and a must for all OTOW residents. It gives phone num-



Republican Club

bers, shelters, escape routes and more.

An Older Floridians Handbook explains and describes, in easy language,

laws and programs that affect elderly OTOW residents and their families. A list of all county offices and phone numbers is quite valuable for all of us as well.

Members and guests at our meeting also had the opportunity to sign up for personal bulletins that pertain to our area.

We were pleased that Democratic Club President Donna Lukas took the time to attend our educational lecture and pick up materials for her club.]

Other clubs, such as Good Neighbors Association, Veterans Club and Bible Study Club, to name a few, also had members at our third lecture of the summer.

These summer lectures are open to all OTOW residents.

Our July 9 meeting is going to be an "Ice Cream Social" free to all Republican Club members as a thank you for your commitment.

We will be serving banana splits with all the toppings and several flavors of ice cream – also non-fat ice cream and other items of interest.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m., serving will start at 7 p.m. and we will serve until all is gone!

Our meetings are scheduled for the Belleair Room (formerly the Sunrise Room) in the West Activity Center.

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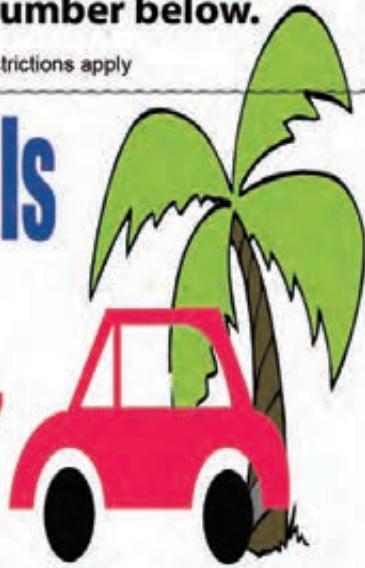
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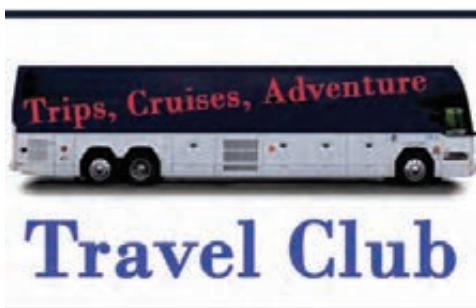
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OTOW invades Solomon's Castle

There's no summer off when you are a member of the Travel Club



By Tom Jamrozy

The buzz around the Travel Club is how busy we are with all of the trips and lunches we have scheduled for the rest of the year.

In June, club members visited Solomon's Castle in Ona, Fl.

Solomon was an artist who created not only the castle and the restaurant, "The Boat in the Moat," but also the 80 stained-glass windows in the castle.

The outside of the castle is made out of the back side of printing plates from the newspaper in town.

Solomon built the "Boat in the Moat" once he realized that the property he bought was swamp land.

He also created many sculptures from scrap metal and wood that he gathered from businesses and farms in the area.

Solomon made toys, free-standing sculptures, cars, planes, hot air balloons



Members of the On Top of the World Travel Club take a break from touring Solomon's Castle in Ona, Fl., east of Sarasota.

and animals out of people's garbage.

He also collected restored antique autos from 1932 and earlier as he felt that since he was born in 1932, anything older

than he was he considered an antique.

Travel Club has no down time since we are a full-time club.

In July, due to the holiday, we will not

have an information table on Thursday, July 4 in the East Activity Center auditorium and our meeting for the month has been moved to the second Friday, July 12, in the Oldsmar Room (formerly the Starlite Room).

There also will be no sales table the week of July 15 due to work on the elevator and parking lot. Please make sure to visit our information table the two Thursdays that we will be open.

At our July meeting, we will feature a slide show from our Lunch Bunch at the Olive Garden, our day trip to John's Pass and a boat ride on the Dolphin Quest from June.

This month, our Lunch Bunch will be on July 10 at Norton's Sports Bar.

Our day trip will be a tour of the Vinoy Hotel with a three course lunch, followed by a tour of the Chihuly Art Museum on July 17 with a glass-blowing demonstration.

Looking into the future for August, our Lunch Bunch will be at Glory Days on Aug. 7 and our day trip will be Aug. 14 to the South Florida Museum, Aquarium and Planetarium.

If it's not the Fourth of July, please come to the EAC on Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. to see what else we have to offer for the rest of the year.

From 9 members to 100 members, Lambda Club prepares for 10-year celebration in our community

By Bruce Lovett

Ten years ago, a resident had a dream that this On Top of the World community, a place that encompassed people from every race, religion and walk of life, would start an organization that would cater to LGBT residents, their friends and neighbors.

That dream has come true.

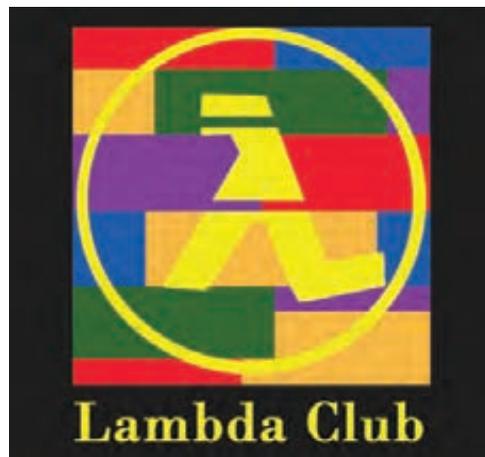
Dave Beaven held the first Lambda Club meeting in July 2009 with nine people turning out.

Ten strong years later, we have close to 100 members.

Our club members are proud of the fact that every month we have themed pot-luck socials. For anyone that's counting ... that's 119 hot parties.

We only missed one month because of Hurricane Irma.

Club members were especially proud of our June social last month as it was "Pride Month" and we went out of our way to prove just how sweet we were. The dessert table was enough to put a diabetic into an insulin coma! There were hand-

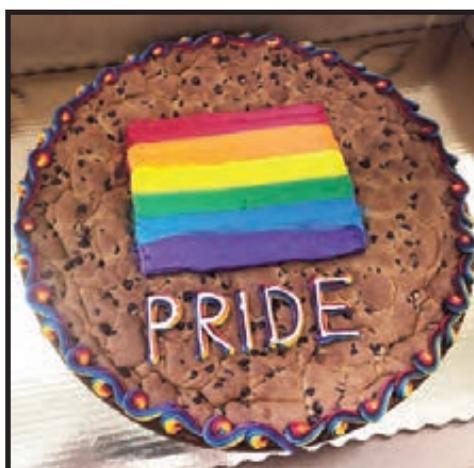


made, rainbow-colored bars, a variety of cheesecake flavors, cupcakes, cookies and the biggest chocolate chip creation this reporter has ever seen.

One member complained of sugar withdrawal and a food hangover next day.

In July, our social event will be our birthday party and members won't have to bring in any desserts. The club will be supplying a cake.

So it means we need our pot luck



This giant cookie was the highlight of a club social event in June. Believe it or not, this is one cookie.

chefs to put on their thinking caps to come up with some great appetizers and entrees befitting the occasion.

The balloons and the merriment will be taking place on July 12 in the East Activity Center's Largo Room (formerly the

Art Room) at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to bring a gift. What good is a birthday party without a gift exchange?

Twelve days later, on Wednesday July 24, we'll be back in the same room, same time, for a game night. So bring your sense of fun and some nibbles to share, but no card sharks please. Gold fish snack crackers are the exception.

June was an exceptionally busy month for Lambda members with Pride activities throughout the Tampa Bay area. There was a dinner movie night, where we saw the musical fantasy "Rocketman." We also had our regular Sunday brunches, one of which became our annual Father's Day celebration dinner.

Lambda is a busy, fun-filled group. Should you wish to join or just find out more information, contact the aforementioned Dave at (727) 410-7566, email us at Lambda@gmail.com, follow our Web page [HTTP://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com) or check us out on the Box Office: otowboxoffice.com.

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OWLS set future meetings for second Wednesday of each month

By Kim Stoltz

The new LGBT Women's Group at On Top of the World had its first meeting in June.

Although we had a small turnout, we had a great time.

The group is called OWLS and those who gathered spent time discussing the direction we would like the club to take.

Ideas were gathered and shared. We discussed the type of meet ups we would like to have in the community and in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area.

It was decided the OWLS will meet the second Wednesday of every month in the East Activity Center Largo Room (formerly the Art Room).

Times will be 6:30 p.m. and will include potluck dinners and short meetings. There could also be drinks and music.

If you are a woman from the LGBT community and have a valid OTOW activity card, please stop by our next meeting and meet your neighbors.

The next gathering will be July 10.

At our first meeting, we also received support from other residents, including



one who dropped off hand-knit rainbow socks.

This was proof we live in a wonderful community.

If you would like more information about the OWLS, you can visit our official Webpage at <http://otowls.info>.

Eventually, OWLS will be on the Box Office Website as well. If you've never been to the Box Office, please check it out. There is information there about many clubs and groups at On Top of the World.

Visit otowboxoffice.com



Members of the new OWLS group at their first meeting.

TOPS invites residents in to learn their fight song

You may already know there is a club here at On Top of the World called TOPS where our goal is to Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

The group meets 10:30 a.m., Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Largo Room (formerly the Art Room).

But did you know members of TOPS enjoy singing from our official songbook? We would like to share one of the songs with you. It's called "If You're Heavy and You Know It."

 "If you're heavy and you know it come to TOPS."

"If you diet, but you blow it, come to TOPS."

"If you've been to all the rest, but haven't passed the test ...

Put your money in the bank and come to TOPS."

OK. Humor aside.

Seriously, do you want to change the shape you are in?

If you join TOPS, we all work together to achieve our goals.

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Fletcher Music Center will provide keyboard music entertainment for Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, July 11, in the East Activity Center Auditorium. After the concert, On Top of the World residents will be invited to sign up and learn how to play the same music they just heard.

Fletcher Music Center will be providing six keyboard lessons for \$10 in the EAC Ozona Room (formerly the Small Card Room), each Monday from July 22 - Aug. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m. This discount rate is for OTOW residents only and you must show your Activity Card. Class size is limited to 25 people. Please sign up in the Activity Office, call (727) 799-2734 or send email to general_activity@otowfl.com. Deadline 7/17.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Sunday Meet-And-Greet

When DJ Les comes in July, dancing is a requirement

Your Entertainment Committee is bringing a new DJ to On Top of the World in July, but this DJ does not just sit around and play songs - he moves around and gets the party going.

Les Weiss is the founder of "Les N More," a skilled, live, music company, which uses state-of-the-art sound system equipment to get people out on a dance floor. There is a large repertoire of songs to choose from.

Les will bring his DJ music to Meet-And-Greet at the East Activity Center auditorium on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. Professional entertainment, a raffle drawing and lite refreshments are all provided.

Les has been singing and performing for many years, having been cast in many musical shows in the Central Pennsyl-

vania area. Credits include lead roles in shows such as "Music Man," "Kismet," "Forever Plaid" and "Man of La Mancha."

He has been a member of several barbershop quartets and recently performed with the local Florida Suncoast Chorus.

Les has provided entertainment at a variety of venues and sings songs performed by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis and many more. His song list is kid-friendly to senior friendly, and includes a variety of genres, such as oldies, pop, dance, top 40, line dancing and more. He accepts song requests and karaoke is also available for your singing pleasure.

By booking Les, the Entertainment Committee is assured a good time will be had by all, and once you've seen and heard him, you will probably request him back.



DJ Les Weiss

The hot, humid days of July can be bittersweet



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Committee
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and an
Ice Cream Social

So what could be better than dancing and ice cream?

The Retros highlight 'Hurrah To The USA Dance'

By Marvin Flam

"On Top of the World year-rounders, are you ready for some fun and excitement this summer?"

The Entertainment Committee has scheduled two Saturday night dances for July and August.

Come out and mingle with new and old, friends and neighbors.

Bring your own beverages and snacks to the dances. Dance the night away! Ice and coffee are provided free at the dances.

Shorts are not permitted at the dances unless otherwise noted, but casual and comfortable clothing are allowed. You will be asked to leave if you are wearing shorts.

On Saturday evening, July 13, at 8 p.m., "Hurrah To The USA Dance" features the music of "The Retros." This dynamic group plays smooth renditions of past favorites and current hit songs for dancing. "The Retros" are a favorite band in the Tampa Bay area and have appeared at OTOW several times. Come and celebrate the USA in Red, White and Blue! Cost is \$10 per ticket.

On Saturday evening, July 27 at 8 p.m., the Entertainment Committee will host an "Ice Cream Dance" featuring the music of "Bitter-Sweet." This duo plays a whole range of past and current music. Come and enjoy a scoop of ice cream with your friends and neighbors as you dance the night away! Cost is \$10 per person.

The Entertainment Committee Board would like to take this time to thank Brad Day, a past president and long-time board member and volunteer, for his dedication and service to the community. Due to personal concerns, Brad has resigned from the board. He will be missed! The Entertainment Committee Board wishes him good health and times in the future.

Tickets for all our shows and dances for the rest of 2019, including New Year's Eve, are now on sale at the East Activity Center on Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m., during July and August.

Check the following sources for scheduling and ticket information and questions: The Entertainment Committee on OTOW-TV channel 732; on the OTOW Box Office (www.otowboxoffice.com); on all of the bulletin boards in the EAC and West Activity Center, and all resident buildings.

Call us direct at 727 449-9243 or email us at: entcom2014@gmail.com for more information.

The fun continues ... be a part of it.

Thursday shows will return in the fall.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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NO SUMMER SHOWS

AUG 10 - SATURDAY DANCE—LUAU DANCE—AT LARGE

AUG 11 - SUNDAY MEET AND GREET - RALPH ROGERS - FREE-2 PM

AUG 24 - SATURDAY DANCE—END OF SUMMER DANCE - DJ ALICE



Join the Que'ts indoors over the summer

It can get hot out there!
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Join the Que'T Ladies Billiards League.

We play every Wednesday, 6 p.m., in the West Activity Center Billiards Room.

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Our group represents all skill levels, so don't be afraid if you are just a beginner.

We may be competitive, but we don't mind helping others learn the game.

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Members of Que'T Ladies Billiards League pose for an annual photo. (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

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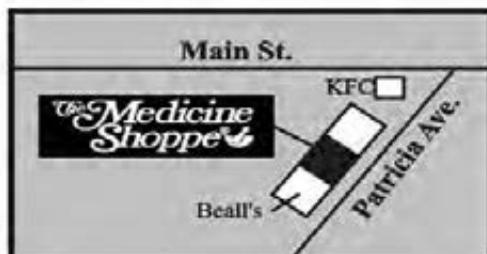
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Tiebreaker needed to decide first place in week four of Thursday Golf off-season

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Thank you again, Todd Six and staff.

The second week of our off-season was won by Ada Maloof. Len Howell was second and Bob Hunt took third place. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Ada, Bruce MacPherson, Bob Hunt and Dave Pittenger all collected skins. Len Howell and Pat Mahony were the closest to the pin winners.

Bruce Gotts was the week three win-

Thursday Golf

ner. Dave Pittenger was second and Tim Belcastro placed third. Scott Rogers recorded the low gross round. Skins were taken by Pat Mahony, Don Hunter, Paul Meyers and Harry Barbin. Harry also had both closest to the pin shots.

A three-way tiebreaker was needed to decide positions in week four. Dan Hyden edged out Don Hunter and Bill Cook for first place. Don was second and Bill third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Bill

Cook and Bruce MacPherson recorded the only skins. Bill Higgins took both of the closest to the pin competitions.

Kyong No was our week five champion. Fred Schick was second and Ada Maloof took third place. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Bill Higgins, Scott Rogers and Paul Meyers collected one skin each. Ken Smith had the closest to the pin shot on the difficult sixth hole.

There was no league play on week six.

Harry Barbin is starting up our Monday road trip again. We play at various courses for good rates. A fun group, open to all. Contact Harry at 215-514-1280 or HVGCHarry@aol.com. You can also find details by looking up the Thursday Golf

League on the OTOW Box Office Website, otowboxoffice.com.

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.

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

Players must sign in between 9-9:15 a.m. during the summer off-season.

Four different players win A Flight tournaments in Men's Golf League play

By David Cox

The Men's Wednesday Golf League held four tournaments recently. The results are as follows:

On Wednesday May 22, A Flight first place winner was Rick Figaski and runner up was Daniel Morey. B Flight first place was Nilson Sabadin and runner up was Peter Rode. C Flight first place was Bob Ellis and runner up was Les Gabel. D Flight first place was Anthony Esposito and runner up was John Fier.

On Wednesday, May 29, A Flight winner was Bill Haener and runner up was Steve Caffey. B Flight first place was Nilson Sabadin and runner up was Richard Folger. C Flight first place was Bob McGrogan and runner up was Nelson Sparks. D Flight first place was Bob Earley and runner up was Joe Gerardi.

On Wednesday, June 5, A Flight winner was David Combs and runner up was Jere Keiser. B Flight first place was

Mens Golf

Don Sorensen and runner up was Bill Mooney. C Flight first place winner was James O'Neil and runner up was Nelson Sparks. D Flight first place winner was Dan Fletcher and runner up was Anthony Esposito.

On Wednesday, June 12, A Flight winner was Nilson Sabadin and runner up was Richard Folger. B Flight first place was Phil Smerz and runner up was Don Sorensen. C Flight first place winner was Les Gabel and runner up was Alex Miller. D Flight first place winner was C.J. Mesina and runner up was Joe Ventimiglia.

Remember, it's summer out there. Everyone needs to stay hydrated and drink plenty of fluids, such as water and gatorade to avoid dehydration on the golf course.

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Computer Club learns about money-saving apps

By Scott Mascitelli

The On Top of the World Computer Club is always seeking ways to use their computers to their best advantage.

At a recent meeting, President Joe Wisinski taught members how to use their computers and smart phones to save money while shopping.

Joe showed members a Chrome add on called "Honey," which automatically locates coupons from across the internet.

For example, Joe showed how Honey saved him \$20 on an airline ticket.

"Honey is a pretty cool app," Joe said. "I was happy to share the information with our club members and help them save some money."

For smart phones, Joe demonstrated an app called "EZ2compare2." This app allows users to compare prices while in stores to see which item is the better deal.



Also, Scott Mascitelli showed users of the Google Chrome browser how to speed up their surfing experience by eliminating unnecessary file extensions.

Last year the Computer Club pur-

chased Kerish Doctor, a program that cleans up computers, for all club members. Tony Sinopoli showed how to renew this useful program.

About the Computer Club

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

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related questions.

Club members are in the West Activity Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. to help anyone with computer or smart phone questions. The services are free and you do not have to be a member of the Computer Club to get assistance.



Computer Club President Joe Wisinski teaches members at a recent meeting.

Italian-American Club information flyers available at the New York-New Jersey Club table over the summer

By MaryAnn Fontaine

The Italian-American Club will not be holding any activities during the summer months, but October will be here before we know it.

We will start our season with an Ice Cream Social on Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We will have ice cream with the usual toppings, followed by stand-up bingo.

Our club's new president, Martha Gonnella, and Vice President Sharon Adornetto, may not be here, but Pete Marchetti and I will be holding the fort ... as they say.

During the summer, the New York/New Jersey Club has offered to let the Italian-American Club put information

flyers at their table on Thursday mornings, so when you stop at their table, please take one of our flyers, too.

I will be at the Italian-American Club tables starting in September to sell tickets for all our activities.

Here is a list of activities for our 2009-20 season:

Oct. 16 - Ice Cream Social - \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers. Standup bingo to follow.

Nov. 20 - Spaghetti Dinner - \$15 members, \$17 nonmembers. Activities to follow.

Dec. 14 - 12-3 p.m. - Christmas lunch at Alfano's restaurant - \$25 members only. You will have choice of six entrees (to be announced).

Jan. 22, 2020 - Taste of Italy dinner/dance. Music by Dino. \$20 members, \$22 nonmembers.

February 2020 - Tampa Bay Downs. Cost \$25. Date to be announced.

Feb. 19, 2020 - Subs and soda followed by casino games.

March 25, 2020 - St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. Cost \$20 members, \$23 nonmembers. Music by Denise.

April 15, 2020 - End of season pizza party. Cost \$10 members, \$12 nonmembers.

All activities, unless stated otherwise, will be 5 p.m. at the East Activity Center.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. Enjoy the fireworks.



Italian-American Club

1,776 jokes for the Fourth of July

(OK. Just nine.)

Q. What kind of tea should you drink on the Fourth of July?

A. Libertea

Q. What's the difference between George Washington and Donald Duck?

A. George Washington has his face on a bill and Donald Duck has a bill on his face.

Q. What specialty should you serve for dinner on the Fifth of July?

A. Leftovers.

Q. What do a healthy person and the United States both have in common?

A. Constitutions.

Q. What did Uncle Sam call his curly-haired dog?

A. Yankee Poodle

Q. What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?

A. She has to stand. She cannot sit down.

Q. How do Americans celebrate the Fourth of July?

A. Planning how to call in sick on the Fifth of July.

Q. Why should you never knock on someone's door on the Fourth of July?

A. Because freedom rings!

Q. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A. At the bottom of the page. Duh?

Marge Mayer



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(Some of the jokes above have been edited from their original form. For original versions, please go to jokes.com/4th-July-jokes)



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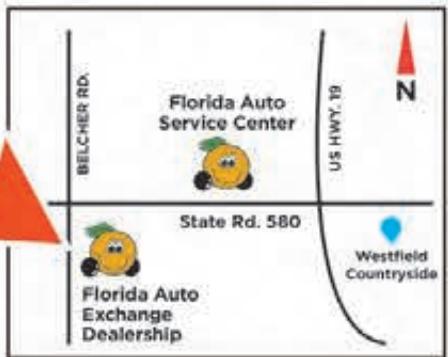
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Viennese Villa residents enjoyed Las Vegas jaunt that included stops both on and off the Strip

Happy Birthday America! Here we are halfway through summer and the year. Time and tide wait for no man — that is so true!

Jerrie and Brian Lance recently traveled to Las Vegas, Nev., to attend a convention. While there, they took in the side of the town many do not see. They toured “The Neon Museum Boneyard of Signs.” Many famous signs have been renovated so they can once again light up in all their glitzy, dazzling glory.

Now this is a place that is definitely going onto my bucket list. Looks fascinating. Lots of history (for Vegas anything older than 50 years is ancient history in this ever-changing city). Jerrie and Brian sure had fun. However, they were happy to return to our corner of paradise.

Speaking of Vegas, I once met a Maine vet who recalled returning from Burma after World War II riding a troop train from California and stopping in Las Vegas. Most stayed aboard, since there was nothing much to see or do



in the dusty little town. Times have certainly changed since then.

Our son Mike was featured on the Weather Channel with a segment on photographing nature. If you like lighthouses, nature and night shots, check out phototourismbymike.com. Some nice images to be seen.

Until next month, enjoy the 4th. Anniversary and Birthday wishes to all in July, including our son Mike and his lovely wife, Colleen.

Any news fit to print send to fresca@maine.rr.com.



An old Hard Rock Cafe sign rests behind the one of the original Riviera Casino and Resort signs at the Neon Sign Boneyard Park in Las Vegas, Nev.



The Neon Boneyard Park was one of the attractions visited by Jerrie and Brian Lance on their recent trip to Las Vegas combining business and pleasure.

Photos by Jerrie Lance

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95th birthday wishes for a long-time resident



A very special lady at Siboney, Cele Radeloff, celebrated her 95th birthday on June 24. We all wish her good health and happiness.

Cele is our oldest resident, having bought her condo in 1985. She wrote the Siboney newspaper column for 25 years, as well as writing stories for line dancing, the singles club, 25 years ago and second generation residents. She also helped proofread our newspaper.

During World War II, she worked at defense manufacturer Sperry for three years building .50 caliber gun sights. The plant was in Brooklyn, N.Y., and since she lived in the Bronx, it took her almost two hours to travel there, taking a bus, three trains and a taxi. Six days a week. Happy birthday, Cele!

It's funny how you can live in such a tight-knit building and really never know your neighbors' family history or where they grew up. We have a lot of building meetings and outings and I think we take it for granted that we are all here to retire. Sometimes we forget to mention how we spent our years raising a family and the trips we have taken, etc., and most of all, how we loved life to the fullest. Now



Siboney resident Cele Radeloff received 95 roses for her 95th birthday in late June. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

we are enjoying life here at On Top Of the World. of July to all. Wear your red, white and blue. God Bless America.
Happy birthday America! Happy 4th

'Newcomers' are no strangers to OTOW

Welcome to our newest Englander neighbors, Pat and Paula Porcelli. They aren't new to On Top of the World. In fact, they've lived in the community since they got their puppy, which is now 12 years old.

Both Pat and Paula originally hailed from the Bronx in New York, but lived in the Westchester area once they married. They have a blended family of six children, a bunch of grandchildren ranging in age from two to 20 years old, and three great-grandchildren who live nearby.

Pat is active in the K of C, the Elks and the Legion, while Paula is looking forward to getting settled so she can return to line dancing and her love for knitting, crocheting and sewing.

They are enjoying their new home, and said they have already met many



residents who stopped by to say hello.

Welcome home to our travelers! The Algozzinas had a recent multitasking vacation. Both George and Dorothy headed to Las Vegas to celebrate belated birthdays, birthdays to come, an early Mother's Day,

and just to celebrate family.

Dorothy is approaching her 92nd birthday this month, so this trip was an excuse to celebrate anything, everything and the opportunity to visit family and especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

Jerry and Diane Kaplan have returned from a vacation trip that included an Arkansas/Tennessee river boat cruise.

During the road portion of their travels, they saw Central High School where segregation began in Little Rock, Arkansas, toured the William J. Clinton Presidential Museum and stopped in Memphis for some barbecue and a walk down Beale Street.

Hope you all get to see the rocket's red glare in this sweet land of liberty as we celebrate the birthday of the United States on the 4th of July.

Extra Copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.

Punjab Building to feature raising of new flags

For many years now, the Punjab Building (21) at On Top of the World has had two flag poles without anything waving on top.

That's all about to change in July.

Punjab residents have scheduled a special flag-raising ceremony on Wednesday, July 3, 3 p.m. at their building – and what better time than prior to the Fourth of July?

Residents will be raising two brand new flags. Each flag is being dedicated to a veteran – one a current resident and one recently deceased.

Even though this is an event organized by residents of the Punjab Building, an invitation has been extended to everyone in the community who just enjoys seeing our colors raised. Bring a lawn chair. Wear some red, white and blue. Bring your favorite veteran with you.

All residents are welcome to join Punjab residents in this special little ceremony.

Master the Possibilities

A live broadcast from Ocala.

Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

Masters of the Reef- Sharks: What We Can Learn from Them
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From a psychological perspective, because we know very little about sharks, it's easy to villainize them. Unfortunately, we are responding to widespread fear of sharks without knowing the facts. Sharks are not man-eating machines. This misconception is contradictory to how they normally behave in the wild. In truth, sharks serve to maintain a healthy balance in the ocean, helping to provide the earth and its inhabitants with food, oxygen, and water, and thus, a balanced atmosphere. Join the "Shark Whisperer," David Ulloa as we rethink our fear of sharks, turning misconceptions into knowledge and opportunity, and fear into friendships and positive actions. *Course Fee: \$8*



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A look back at the OTOW News July, 1994

- **Pennsylvania Club:** The club met on June 15, 1994. New officers were introduced: Joyce Endress, president; Tom Stephenson, vice president; Mearn O'Neil, secretary; Edith Wright, treasurer. A tentative agenda was drawn up for 1994-95. Details will be presented at the general meeting in September.
- **Great Lakes Club:** Our outing to Bill Irlé's Dinner Theatre on June 4, 1994, was an outstanding success. Members of the Great Lakes Club and friends, a total of 59, enjoyed great food from the buffet tables and a most enjoyable theatre presentation, "Catch Me If You Can." It was good that several of those who attended said they would like to see it again. On Friday, Oct. 14, 1994, we will entertain you with our famous "Oktoberfest Dance Party."
- **Columbia Association:** Our last meeting for the season took place May 18, 1994. We will resume our meetings on Sept. 21, 1994. There was a slight change in our coffee and donuts session: Instead of packaged donuts from the supermarket, small individually wrapped cakes were served. A thank-you letter was received from the Red Cross for our donation of \$200 to the earthquake disaster fund. The main portion of the meeting was on the topic to build a Bocci court at OTOW. Various suggestions were discussed.
- **OTOW Shrine Club:** On Tuesday, July 5, 1994, the OTOW Shrine Club will hold its monthly luncheon at the Flagship Restaurant on Island Estates. The time is 11:30 a.m. All Shriners, their wives, lady friends, and Shriners' widows are welcome. We are certain you will enjoy the wide selection the Flagship menu offers. Also, we have a drawing for five Florida Lottery tickets at each meeting and luncheon (no expense to Shriners). Enjoy good food and fellowship, and a chance on something that may change your life!
- **Siboney Building:** Congratulations to Suzanne Lambert the talented daughter of Phyllis and Ed Lambert, who has become the newest member of the Tampa Opera Company. Nice work, Susie! Do you ever read "TV Facts" magazine that is delivered to each apartment every week? Well, Cele Radeloff does, and recently won four Empress Cruise tickets just by unscrambling the Mystery Merchant's name and mailing in her coupon. Such a lucky winner!
- **Valencia Building:** As I gaze from my composing room window, the wind and rain are bending the trees and turning the gutters into ripples of happiness for the greenery, which has been dying of thirst for weeks. Let's hope we don't graduate from arid to horrid, now that we're into the 'cane season again. Keep your eyes on Africa's West Coast and the Caribbean Basin for further developments from now through November.

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this newspaper.

While some go, others stay and play

With our winter residents gone, the year-round residents kick up their heels with travel and entertaining.

The list is endless. It all began with Ellen and Frank Marini heading to Boston for their grandson's graduation.

That was followed by Maria Denehan going to Miami to aid a dear friend who needed company while on the mend.

The next to vacate were the Lanes, who took a week-long respite in St. Pete Beach for some R & R.

Nancy Kennedy headed to her hometown of Chicago to see her grandson receive an award that qualified him for a scholarship to Notre Dame High School. She returned only to head out to Virginia for a wedding.

The Schelling's son John, wife Sarah, and their two children came from Washington State, and along with daughter Saran and husband Nick, the family celebrated Jim's 75th birthday on June 28.

Finally, the Schellings took a week to join their east coast family in Virginia for a reunion.



While many were gone, there were many residents entertaining on the home front. Sam and Lena Betti entertained their son Tom, who came to visit for a week. Tom's interest in history afforded him the opportunity to visit many bay area historical sites.

The next to visit the Bettis was a dear family friend and his new bride. They honeymooned here visiting our area beaches, sites and restaurants.

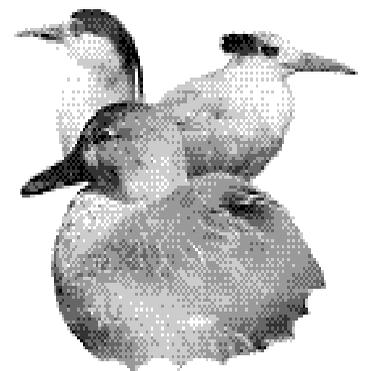
Katie Shivell entertained a former On Top of the World friend, who now resides in Alabama. They revisited some of their favorite haunts.

Congratulations to Max and Iris Freitas, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were surprised when they learned that their son Jeff, wife Anita, along with their three children, came from Denver to visit them for the special June 28th event.

The girls this month focused on history. They spent their day at the Safety Harbor Museum viewing original artifacts of the region and learning about the fire that destroyed the original city. Later, the girls had lunch at the Safety Harbor Spa.

We welcome new residents Kirk and Timmy Jansen from Napa Valley, Calif. Also new are Dale Prunoske, from Washington D.C., and Tom and Vicki Vorie, who are moving back to Pinellas County after several years in the Fort Worth, Texas, region.

Welcome all of you to our Bohemia family.



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

Here's a year-to-date wrap-up of Ottoman activities

In January, residents gathered on the second floor core to elect new officers. They elected Building Coordinator Rhonda Burnaugh, Secretary Karen Ray and Treasurer Judy Bosnyak.

It was voted to keep the yearly dues the same of \$10 per condo. These are used for special building events and holiday decorations.

The officers and helpers are trying to make the building better by having get-togethers, and by working to clean up bike and storage rooms. (Remember to tag your storage room property with your condo number, name and year.)

We have new residents moving in all the time. It would be nice to get to know them and make them feel welcomed.

Come to the monthly building meeting with your ideas. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

We held our first pot luck of the year on March 10. We had grilled hot dogs with all the fixings. The residents proved there are some great cooks in the building by bringing all the side dishes. About 30 people enjoyed the food and friendship. This was just the beginning.

Any reason to get together is a fun



time. How about St Patrick's Day? The residents provided various treats to eat and some even dressed for the event.

We had another get together at a pre-Easter celebration, including baked ham and again our residents came through with some of their families' traditional side dishes and much more.

No one says no to ice cream socials hosted by Helen Duranti with help from her friends on June 1. Summer is here!

Ron Cree has hosted coffee and donuts twice now on two different weekends. Many neighbors come and enjoy



Ottoman Building potlucks are always popular with residents, as shown here.

their morning coffee, donut and chat.

Many of our residents are enjoying morning and evening walks with friends and pets. Don't forget. When your pet makes a mess in the core, elevator or grass,

it's your responsibility to clean it up.

Again watch the bulletin board in the core for the next get-together and bring your neighbor.

Azorians find creative ways to beat the summer heat

"Hot town, summer in the city..." The Azorian stalwarts who are "holding down the fort" for the summer are finding creative ways to manage the sometimes extreme temperatures.

The most obvious way, of course, is to just leave!

Peggie Longfellow joined her Alabama family and travelled to Chestnut Bay Resort on beautiful Weiss Lake, located on the Alabama/Georgia border. They swam and boated in the cool lake waters before enjoying wonderful sunsets over the lake from their screen porch. Linger on the porch in the cool evening air was delightful.

Upon her return, she joined her Florida relatives for a sojourn at the Beach



View Hotel on our own Clearwater Beach. Peggie claims the best way to beat the heat is with any drink garnished with fruit and a paper umbrella!

Jane Roman, our newest Azorian, returned from "Beantown," Boston, Mass. There she assisted in managing the Boston PRIDE parade, for which she has been an organizer since its inception.

Marie and Tom Pirrello and family took their annual outing on Longboat Key. They reported that just the few degrees difference the gulf onshore breeze made was a welcome respite.

Jerry Cather and Paul Bunker are hunkered down in their temporary digs while their apartment is undergoing a complete rehab. Jerry is watching all the seasons of NCIS on DVD while Paul has been enjoying a series on Spectrum channel 18 called "Pure." It's about a Mennonite Community which is taken over by a

cocaine cartel. Sounds similar to the Netflix series "Ozark,".

Another great series to binge on while the blinds are shut and the air turned down is "Dead to Me," also on Netflix.

The Azorian Family wanted a cookout meal but didn't want to cook out. So 25 of us enjoyed hamburgers and other tasty treats at air-conditioned Ford's Garage. Gotta love the name!

Cindy and Pete Forlini thank everyone for their recent warm wishes.

Don't forget to give a tip of your three-cornered hat to these July Patriots on their personal 4th of July: Jeanette Boyer, Dolores Parham, Jim Rostick, Carmel Tomich, Ann Setkowitz, Bob Scruton and Catherine Mahoney.

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Paulette and Gus Perrotta recently enjoyed a 15-day trans-Atlantic cruise, visiting the Azores, Portugal and Spain.

Cruise visits ancestral home of Brahman resident

Paulette and Gus Perrotta took a trans-Atlantic cruise to Europe in May. They sailed on a Princess Line ship, 15 wonderful days, cruising six days before docking in the Azores, Portugal and Spain.

Gus' mother was born and lived in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, before relocating to Massachusetts with her parents, therefore this locale was special to Gus. They went on an aerial tram to the top of a mountain and wooden-sledded down two miles guided by two capable men. This is the only place in the world that has offered this unique sledding experience for well over 100 years.

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Emerald Isle's globe-trotting couple returns from two-week cruise and tours of Scotland and Ireland



Emerald Isle residents Cheryl and Tom Butcher recently returned from a two-week trans-Atlantic cruise, followed by tours of Ireland and Scotland.

Our "Frequent Travelers," Tom and Cheryl Butcher, have returned from another dynamite adventure! Seeing the world is on the top of their priority list.

They started their most recent trip on the Celebrity Silhouette. They departed Fort Lauderdale on a two-week transatlantic cruise followed by tours of Ireland and Scotland.

"Our favorite part was meeting the people; they were the warmest, friendliest, most welcoming people we've ever met."

Of course, Tom enjoyed sampling the local cuisine. Some of their favorite stops included, Balmoral Castle, The Glenlivet Distillery, and the Waterford Crystal Factory.

Their next trip will take them



to Paris to celebrate their 50th anniversary!

On Memorial Day, about 25 of our neighbors gathered for an old-fashioned picnic. Fried chicken with all the fixings was served in the back yard. It was a very good time to get together to remember our veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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Granada goes Colombian (restaurant, that is)

In June, several of us went to the Columbia Restaurant on Sand Key. We had a large variety of Spanish food and the views are fantastic. If you have not been there, it is well worth the drive.

We had some excitement in the backyard the other day. There was a large egret that had captured a long snake and stood there eating it inch by inch. For a native from Wisconsin, I found this very interesting to watch. Many of the "Florida Chickens," or ibis, came in to see if there would be any left for them, however, they were disappointed.

I still find it fascinating how wildlife in Florida seems so different from what I grew up with.

We had a tight group of friends for



the "Gathering on the Green," which is always held the last Thursday of each month. In July, it will be held on the 25th on the Florentine side starting at 4 p.m.



The Columbia Restaurant on Sand Key was the venue for a June dining venture.

Help us 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 call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out 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 in Florida and the entire country

— not just here 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.



OTOW Bus Schedule

Destinations

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart

Tuesday Mornings

Start time: 9 am

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza and Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza

Tuesday Midday

Start time: 12:30 pm

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

Wednesday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Aldi and CVS

Thursday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Thursday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Publix

Friday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Walmart

Friday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Walmart

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Summer is a great time to proudly display 'Old Glory'

One of our residents, Nancy Coan, thinks it's not a big deal that she serves as a civilian, but the residents of our building would beg to differ.

We are so appreciative. Rain or shine, Nancy always knows when the proper times are to lower the flag. Many times, we see the flag at half-staff before we realize why.

When asked why she does this for our residents, she said, "As a Girl Scout for many years, I was accustomed to the morning and evening flag ceremony and that respect for the flag has always stayed with me."

My sister Sue Lilley (now a snowbird on Belgium Drive) served in the Army during the Vietnam War. It pained me to see some burn our flag.

I guess making sure the flag is in proper condition and raised and lowered at proper times is fulfilling to me. I am happy also that we are getting a new solar light to be placed on the top of our flag to light up Old Glory to shine through the nights, as it should.

Carol Jo Brenneman, another resident, never misses a chance to decorate. Carol Jo said, "I love my country and like to decorate to show the love I have for my country,



but it is more than that. It's one way I can honor my late husband, John Brenneman, who served in the Navy. He saw duty in the Philippines and now my son Geoff and I live on Philippine Drive."

Carol Jo's little dog Emma does not mind wearing the God Bless America bandana, but doesn't like fireworks or thunder. She says Emma is more accurate than the weatherman, so with all the patriotic celebrations and summer thunderstorms, this is not one of her favorite seasons.

Doradoans show patriotism all year but some put on a little extra for



Left: Carol Jo Brenneman and her little dog Emma all decked out in their patriotic clothing. Carol Jo is wearing her stars and stripes and Emma sports her new "God Bless America" bandana. Right: Nancy Coan, Dorado resident, caretaker of our flag, raising the flag.



Memorial Day in May, Flag Day in June and Independence Day in July.

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the veterans at On

Top of the World, especially to all the Doradoans who have served our country in the military and as First Responders.



Evelyn Johnston, at right front, celebrated her 99th birthday recently with a fine dinner and a lovely cake at the Paradise Restaurant. (Photo by William Mooney)

Long-time Modernage resident celebrates 99 years

May was an exceptional month for one of our residents, Evelyn Johnston, because she just turned 99 years old!

Evelyn has lived in our building longer than anyone! Her birthday was celebrated at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor. Many of our residents joined her for an early dinner and birthday cake.

Evelyn has been an active golfer in the past and still drives her own car! We would like to wish her the very best wishes and a wonderful year to come. Happy birthday, Evelyn!



Reporter harkens back to hometown July 4 observances

Hello to all of you at On Top of the World. I hope your summer is going well. There are still plenty of things to do: bingo, gym, card games, pool zumba or pool exercise, so give one a try.

This month we will be celebrating one of the most patriotic holidays. The Fourth of July was always my favorite summer holiday.

We lived in a very small town so the 4th was a very big day. The day began with a big parade going right down the middle of Main Street. We watched the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, girl and boy scouts, little league ball players, and people just walking and waving. Just everyone enjoying themselves.

When the parade was over, it was on to the city park. We laid down our blanket, took out our picnic basket and jug of lemonade and let the eats begin!

We played all day while the adults listened to the music being



played by the local musicians on the park's bandstand.

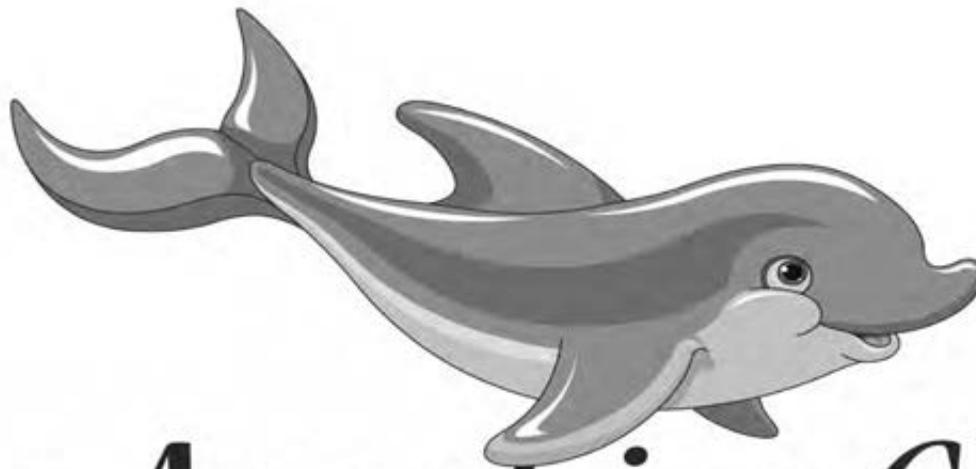
When night was upon us, we all gathered with family to sit and watch the fireworks as we ooh-ed and ahh-ed. We all reflected back to what a great nation we live in.

So thank all the great people who lived and died to make this a great country. Enjoy your 4th of July!

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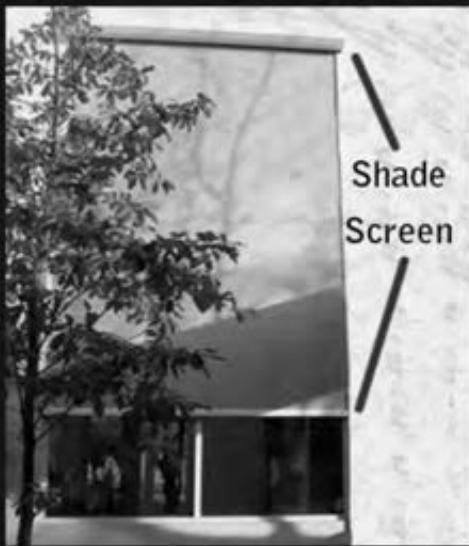
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New resident used to party with Elvis



Margaret Whitaker

Villa Riviera - 32

Residents all share interest in building's welfare

As I stated in the May issue, "Our building is filled with so many folks from different walks of life and on various life journeys."

As approximately 34 building members gathered at a backyard BBQ last month, it was clear that we have a cohesive group of residents, including Snowbirds, who have a shared interest in the welfare of the building residents.

My husband and I moved to On Top of the World two years ago. We have come to know many residents, owners and renters alike, due to the fact that we reside at the entrance of the core and have a shared love of dogs.

We also were made aware of the fact that in the past our building had a board and building captain. However, over time, this residing unit disbanded.

Folks have commented that we should consider taking on the role of building captain. However, having spent the last 40 years in a leadership position, our desire upon retiring here was to be involved in our community and to encourage other folks to remember that "community" does not exist without "U" and "I"!

We have been told that there will be an upcoming shift in the role of building positions. It is imperative that in a community such as ours that we look out for one another and the increased involvement among all residents is the only answer!

Please stay tuned for meetings that will be held in each building so you can be part of positive change!

Help me welcome several new people to our building.

First, let's welcome John (Jack) Carter. He was born in Huntsville, Ohio (population 500). At age 14, he moved to Tampa, where he grew up and lived for 16 years, then moved to North Carolina for eight years, then back to Tampa.

He was a construction worker all his life until he went into the real estate appraisal business. He says he was fortunate in that he was able to retire early due to investing wisely in the stock market.

He is a single man, and says he is content by himself and enjoys being alone. He loves living here in On Top of the World. He likes to read and loves to fish.

Second, let's meet Anita Positan, from Bartlett, Tenn. She grew up in Jackson, Miss., where she lived for 40 years and worked for the US Postal Service. Then she was transferred to just outside Memphis, Tenn., where she continued to work there



Rose Pietrogalla

Chetnik - 61

for 10 more years. She retired from the USPS after 36 years.

She continued to live in Bartlett for a total of 30 years, until she moved to OTOW in 2018. She has been retired for 27 years.

Anita has met Elvis Presley, talked with him, and ladies: She has touched his hand! But she didn't kiss him.... Anita said

that when Elvis was in the service, he would come home on furlough and have all-night parties for everyone in town.

Anita says she would go to these parties where Elvis would rent the skating rink or the movie theater and have all-night skating parties or all-night movies. It was great fun for everyone.

Anita has a daughter, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one on the way. She has three Pomeranians and loves dogs.

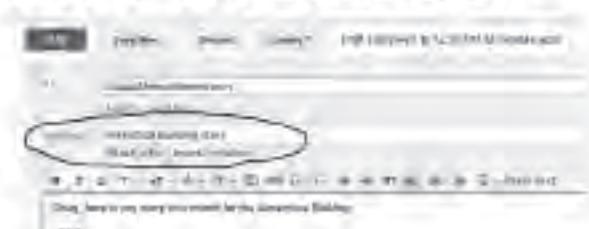
Her hobbies are working puzzles, crocheting, and cross stitching. She has some beautiful cross stitching, the most beautiful that I have ever seen.

There were 14 people who attended the April building luncheon at Jack Willie's Tiki Bar in Oldsmar. What a fun group and atmosphere.

The May luncheon was attended by eight people at the Tarpon Turtle on the beautiful Tarpon Lake in Tarpon Springs.

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8 6 9 0 2 4 3 □ 1 5 6 Obviously, the missing number is 7.

As a common courtesy to all residents, On Top of the World recommends "quiet time" from 11 pm - 7 am. During this time, please lower the volume on your TV and radio, and please refrain from doing laundry or washing dishes. Your neighbors will thank you!



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