

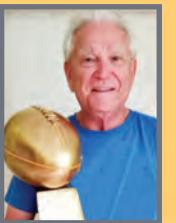
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100th Birthday

Ken Roberts was due for a big party - last one was his retirement party 35 years ago

By Diana Hughes

Special to OTOW News

The last time Ken Roberts was center stage for a spectacular event, it was his retirement party 35 years ago.

Yes. Retirement.

Thirty-five years ago!

So when Ken turned 100 years old in June, it was about time for another grand party.

More than 65 guests attended a 100th birthday party in Ken's honor on June 22 at The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Clearwater.

Among the guests were the Quilts of Valor ladies group which presented Ken with a handmade quilt commemorating his military service during World War II.

There was also bagpipe music.

Nearly 30 family members from Pennsylvania and Kentucky were in attendance, plus On Top of the World and Clearwater guests.

There were a lot of years that had to be celebrated.

Kenneth was born in 1921 to Morgan Jones Roberts and Mabel Ransom Roberts in Ynysir, Wales, of the United Kingdom.

He was one of seven children, including one girl and six boys.

Ken enlisted in the British Army at age 19 and served from 1939 through World War II until 1946. He was stationed in Egypt with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) as a machinist and warrant officer in charge of tank repairs.

In 1946 Ken married Mary McKie, the love of his life, in Hamble, England. They had three children: Kenneth J. Roberts of Columbus, Ind., Angela DeMarco of Essington, Pa. and Diana Hughes of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Ken's journey to North America began in 1957 when his family left England and sailed as passengers on the merchant ship Arosa Sky to immigrate to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.



On top is a banner Delhi (87) residents waved to wish Ken Roberts a happy 100th birthday. Above, Ginger Messe, from Quilts of Valor, presents Ken with a World War II commemorative quilt. Below, bagpiper Ray Willis salutes Ken.

Ken first worked six years as an engineer for Fairey Aviation. During that time he was elected president of the Somme Branch of the Canadian Legion.

In 1963 the family moved again, this time settling in West Chester, Pa., where Ken began work as a planning engineer for Boeing.

He stayed with Boeing until his retirement in 1986.

During the early years of retirement, Ken and Mary square danced in a "Rounds" group and sailed their 27-foot Hunter sailboat in Barnegat Bay, N.J.

They also joined a lawn bowling group at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Del., and spent weekends

competing in tournaments up and down the east coast.

In 1990 the couple began spending part of the year in Florida. In 2005 they left West Chester to live year round in Clearwater.

Once in Florida, they joined two lawn bowling groups: On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club and Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club.

Mary passed away in 2009 after 64 years of marriage. Ken continues to live in his condo in On Top of the World.

Today he enjoys his six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great, great-grandchildren.





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If leaving town for any period of time, please have someone check your condo

Concerning Developments in June

Some very concerning leak-related issues arose in June that were alarming in the aspect of cost to the individual unit owner, as well as to adjoining unit owners.

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

Many of our residents leave for six months over the summer. Others take an extended vacation. When you leave, you need to take precautions.

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

- Improperly sealed windows, includes using incompatible sealant.
- Awning anchors not properly sealed and weatherproofed. This allows water penetration into a unit (which is one reason the Association requires their removal).
- HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) exterior access panels and flashing incorrectly sealed or improperly installed.
- HVAC lines not sealed and wrapped properly.
- Interior HVAC drain lines not serviced.

- HVAC drain pans rusted.
- Aged water heaters with deteriorated bottoms.
- Spontaneous washing machine activation following power outages - surprisingly common!
- Deteriorated ice maker lines.
- Toilet – old wax rings and inappropriate items being flushed.
- Unlicensed contractors or do-it-yourself homeowners making inadequate repairs.

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

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



Community Update

Finally, make sure you have insurance on your personal property and liability in force on your unit at all times. As reviewed during the On Top of the World General Meeting held June 11, "Loss of Use Coverage" as well as "Personal Liability Coverage" should be included in your policy. These coverages can provide funds for housing in the event your unit is uninhabitable as the result of an insurable event and can reduce any personal cost to you in the event you cause damage to a unit other than your own.

Did You Know?

Use and Maintenance of Units

As a reminder, each unit must be used as single family residency and for no other purposes without prior written consent from the Association.

No units may be used for business or professional purposes.

Each unit owner is required to keep and maintain his or her unit as well as all fixtures and equipment located in the unit in good, presentable, sanitary and operating condition and repair.

Balconies, porches and walkways may only be used for purposes intended, not for hanging garments or the storage of household items.

Please refer to the Second Amended

and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association for a complete review. You may obtain a copy online at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com or by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Community Service Office Information

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

The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours.

Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

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

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

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Com-

munity Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981.

Please call for general building matters in the common areas only. Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for matters such as water intrusion into your unit.

For all other inquiries regarding general matters or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

In the event of a life threatening emergency, please dial 911.

For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy.

Simply turn on your computer and go to the otowclearwaterinfo.com website and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page. Look for the "Sign Up Now" box located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page.

This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say some warning may save your life!

OTOW Wants You To Know

Let's review what goes down your drain:
(1) Human Waste
(2) Toilet Paper (3) Water
That's about it.



In December 2018, your On Top of the World Management Company was called out for a variety of plumbing blockage problems. Upon investigation, crews discovered a disturbing number of items that people were attempting to send down the drain. These items included grout, washclothes, cat litter, small hand towels, adult diapers and "flushable" wipes that shouldn't be flushed.

Please, the only items going down your drain should be human waste, water and toilet paper. Please be responsible to your neighbors. Flush responsibly.

What you should know: WATER HEATERS

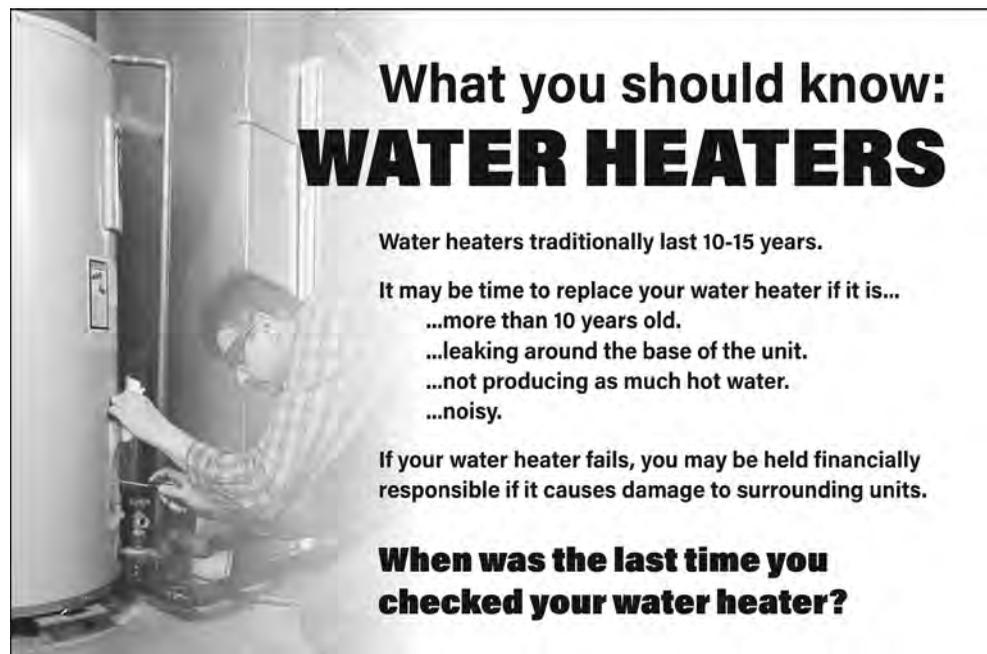
Water heaters traditionally last 10-15 years.

It may be time to replace your water heater if it is...

- ...more than 10 years old.
- ...leaking around the base of the unit.
- ...not producing as much hot water.
- ...noisy.

If your water heater fails, you may be held financially responsible if it causes damage to surrounding units.

When was the last time you checked your water heater?



Budget meeting covered community,

General Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting either in person or on Webinar, or watched at home on OTOW-TV channel 732.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a proxy.

The General Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was held at 10 a.m. on June 11, 2021.

Webinar reported 41 were in attendance and in person there were 90.

We received many written questions beforehand, which helped facilitate a good give and take.

The meeting ran two hours with no break.

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

The meeting presentation is available for download from the OTOW Clearwater website: <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/association-information/>

Chairman Kenneth Colen called for ballots to be turned in and counted for the vote on Reserves by a Counting Committee of residents. Ballots will be available for inspection by appointment.

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: five (5) buildings have new roof systems, and two (2) buildings had the shingle mansards replaced. New gutter systems accompanied all of these new roof system installations as well as bringing the roofs up to the current wind code.

The Management Company has not been able to perform any elevator equipment modernizations or cab remodels due to the observance of COVID-19 protocols.

Ten (10) buildings had their front elevations repainted, while thirteen (13) back elevations were waterproofed.

Asphalt paving improvements included six (6) streets in their entirety, three (3) partially repaved streets, five (5) parking lots sealed, and more than 350 feet of curb line replaced.

Five (5) new Duke Energy street lights have been installed on major thoroughfares.

Kenneth Colen discussed clamshell awnings and their failure to meet current building codes for wind uplift. It was noted that awnings with weak or failing attachments are causing damage to the building structure and need to be removed at the owner's expense.

Awnings are an owner's private property existing in the common areas.

To date in 2021, only 87 awnings remain (out of more than 2,600). After Aug. 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 continues to be a great concern. 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 which 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.

Also at the meeting, Guy Woolbright discussed the NOAA and insurance underwriter forecasts for the current hurricane season. To recap, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) predicts:

- 13-20 named storms
- 6-10 storms being hurricanes
- 3-5 storms being major hurricanes

This is almost the same as last year's prediction, which turned out to be an under-estimate for a very bad 2020 storm year.

FEMA Flood Zone maps were updated from 2019-20, and no OTOW condominium building falls within a zone of high flood probability.

Mr. Woolbright then explained renewal insurance coverage for the Association.

In the past number of years, the Association has benefitted from very competitive insurance markets, with annual policy cost increases in the single percentage points.

This current renewal pointed out we are in a return to a very hard market as the insurance cost went up 6 percent in this budget year. He noted the cost of insurance litigation has reached the point that insurers spend more on litigation than actual property damage payouts.

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 the website [OTOWClearwaterInfo.com/insurance-forms/](https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/insurance-forms/) to 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 "HO-6" policy for their unit and belongings.

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

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

Your Association continues to receive numerous requests for Wind Mitigation Certificates. This is a document that states whether or not certain components of a structure comply with the 2017 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 "General 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 2021 to present should have an updated wind mitigation form on the website by July. They are all accessible at:

[otowclearwaterinfo.com/wind-mitigation-forms/](https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/wind-mitigation-forms/)

Questions submitted prior to the start of the meeting were reviewed.

Some questions dealt with the survey commissioned by Parkway Maintenance and Management Company, released to all residents on June 1, 2021.

This was discussed briefly, noting the high percentage of respondents.

Overall, there is a high degree of satisfaction with the community and what it offers. The comments from residents were insightful and provides some direction on future community improvement projects.

Mr. Colen discussed the possibility of moving to digital voting as an alternative to paper ballots. He noted that a resolution would be considered by the Board authorizing further inquiry into the process. Security of the voting process, as well as protection of user data, are key points, along with keeping email addresses confidential and not used for any purpose other than voting.

Thank You in order

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted by handing in a proxy on the question of waiving/not waiving 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!

I'm happy to report that a quorum was obtained before the June 11 meeting, as nearly 1,300 owners submitted their proxies.

Residents once again affirmed the choice to waive the establishment of reserves for replacement of roads, roofs and painting. Your Board believes this is a wise decision because through proper planning and budgeting, your Board has been able to stay ahead of the maintenance and replacement curve on community infrastructure, especially with respect to painting, paving and roofs.

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

The answer is an additional \$5.2 million dollars added into the Association's budget.

Looking at it another way, your monthly community services fee (CSF) would go up by 23 percent!

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.

Regarding Spectrum

Mr. Colen reported that the efforts to reach an agreement with Spectrum are largely at an impasse over contract conditions.

The management company has taken a look at the broader market and found additional companies with infrastructure in the county and serving multiples of communities along the Gulf Coast. This is important because if a company does not have current operations nearby to serve and support the community, now is not the time to start up a "new" enterprise.

Rather than attempt to negotiate with each video and internet provider operating in this greater Tampa Bay market, the Board has decided to engage a telecommunications consultant to develop a formal Request for Information to be circulated to the various providers, and to

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insurance and cable/internet updates

negotiate possible service package proposals from each of the companies.

The results will be reported to the Board and from there a decision may be made. The goal is to provide affordable and robust video and internet to the On Top of the World Condominium Community.

Working Group Update

Please read the story at the bottom of this page for an update on the OTOW Board of Administration Working Group.

Landscape and Architectural Controls

Community Rules provide for the Association to exercise architectural control over buildings and other common elements.

Inasmuch, it is your Association's responsibility to provide for the continuous maintenance of the buildings, components, grounds, roadways, sidewalks and the underground infrastructure (collectively called "common elements").

It is the Association that must have final say over any architectural or structural modifications in addition to making sure that contractors performing the work are properly licensed and insured.

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

You may obtain an application for

modification from the Community Service Office or go online to:

otowclearwaterinfo.com/inspection-services-department/

Return it with a detailed description of the work requested and a dimensioned drawing of the affected area. A representative of the Association will review the modification and advise the owner of approval or denial. Inspection of completed work is upon completion of the project.

Community Update

Painting/Waterproofing

As July arrives, the weather will dictate that the painting contractor will transition to mostly front façades as rain is always a possibility once summer is in full swing.

As of this update, the contractor has building 36 slated for a late-July start date. 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 specialty underground utilities contractor is anticipated to be on property in late July/early August in order to install new potable water main valves that service the property west of Belcher Road.

This improvement project should not affect the flow of water to any condominium buildings.

As always, we ask that you please be aware of employees working in close proximity to roadways and exercise caution in and around these work areas.

The vendor contracted to install new state code-compliant walkway and stairwell railing systems is scheduled to continue working on the west side of property over the summer months. The structures slated for improvement next are buildings 67 and 80, and residents should be advised that elevated noise levels are a byproduct of this necessary work.

Residents should watch their bulletin boards for start dates and do their best

to avoid active work/cordoned off areas while the project is underway. Thanks for your cooperation.

Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents

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

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

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

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

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

OTOW Board establishes The Working Group

The On Top of the World Condominium Board of Administration established a Working Group to review condominium agreements for community services to find ways to modernize these agreements and empower residents.

Board members James O'Neil, Michael Spodek, Sharon Licata and Charles McAllister with legal and professional support from Barrie Buenaventura, Esq., Peter Dunbar, Esq. and Jonathan Peet, comprise the newly-formed working group.

Several issues surfaced early in the process that will impact our work to em-

The Working Group

power residents by updating the community's governing documents.

The Working Group asked counsel to explore the possibility of updating and revising the 1988 stipulation between the Association and the Florida Division of Condominiums regarding consolidated budgeting procedures.

Changes in laws impacting multicon-

dominiums may require changes to the existing operating documents to preserve the cost-effective consolidated budgeting procedures under the current provisions of the Condominium Act.

Counsel had an initial meeting with a senior management official at the Division and further meetings are anticipated.

The Working Group is also engaged in an effort to bring a new telecommunications provider to OTOW-Clearwater. The Board recently hired a consultant to evaluate and present available options to the Working Group first to ensure that residents have

input at every stage of the process.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of each of these items.

The tentative plan for the next Working Group meeting is in August, however, no date has been set at this time.

Working Group meetings are open to members.

If you are interested in the Working Group's progress, watch for notices posted in the activity centers and on the OTOWClearwaterInfo.com website.

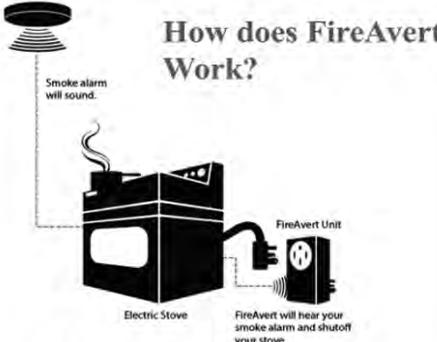
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Water softener installations require a permit

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softener installations at On Top of the World require a modification permit approved by your condominium association in advance of installation.

Modification permit applications may be picked up at the Community Service Office located inside the lobby of the East Activity Center.

Please make sure to apply for and receive association approval before installation to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Please note, resin-style softeners are the only approved type of water softener allowed in the community. Salt-style, also known as ion exchangers, are not permissible by association rule.

Thank you for attention and cooperation. Questions? Visit the Community Service Office.

Enjoy our movie for free in the comfort of your own condo

By Evelyn Flam

We have finished the Jesters Club's first movie, "BAM – A Tribute to Boomer-Age Music" and previewed it for our cast and crew.

Now it is time to present our movie to the On Top of the World community.

We hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to view it free on OTOW-TV Channel 732 at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 2; Saturday, July 3; and Sunday, July 4.

As we stated last month, we hope to have copies of the movie available for the cast and crew, and for those who wish to purchase a copy of this



historic endeavor. We'll have them made as soon we can.

Once our 2021 show is finalized,

we'll be turning our attention to next year's stage show and to recruiting that show's stars.

As of this writing, there are several new musical variety shows under consideration. One, for example, features the music of Carole King and Stephen Sondheim. Another idea is an original show with music and lyrics written by one of our last show's stars.

Other suggestions await us at the next board and general meetings.

In between, Jesters board members will take a summer vacation and then reorganize for the fall. We'll talk more about the fall schedule in both our Au-

gust and September articles, and hope to be able to give you a fuller description of next year's show as well.

As our Jesters saying reads: "Come Join Us! Don't Delay! You can become a member as quickly as today!"

Jester policy is still to get everyone involved and we will be happy to answer your questions.

During the summer just call us at: 727-797-1761 or, better yet, email evflam@aol.com.

We invite you to join in the fun.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you and getting together "Jest For Fun!"

New York-New Jersey Club shoots for Feb. 22 live event

By Will Peterson

Hello my fellow members of the New York/New Jersey Club. It has been a little while since we have been in touch.

Your board of directors has met a few times via phone and plans on having an official meeting sometime in December to discuss an election for a new board.

We will also be discussing plans for an event we hope to schedule for Feb. 22, 2022, in the East Activity Center.

We hope to make it one of our usual family-style events with a catered dinner and entertainment.

We look forward to bringing our group back from our long slumber and to be able to host our usual festivities and, of course, seeing all of your wonderful smiles and enjoying comradery with friends.

If there are some of you who are in poor health, we extend our hand of friendship in hopes that you will recover and be able to join us for our events.

If you can find the time, once things get back to normal, we are always looking for volunteers to help with our monthly events. Also, if you are not a member of the club, we welcome everyone, not just former New York or New Jersey residents. Our dues are still \$5 and our dinners and entertainment are an additional charge which will be determined by the type of event we are hosting.

We looking forward to seeing all of you in person, once again, in 2022.



New York - New Jersey Club

Will Peterson selected to direct live stage show in 2022

By Vicky Portsmouth

Theater Workshop held its first general meeting of the 2021-2022 season at the end of May.

The first meeting of the season gives us a chance to generate new ideas to grow our membership and manage our club.

The opportunity to move a production into new territory to test the waters with new ideas is our primary objective. We have dusted off the cobwebs and put some plans on paper.

Every new season starts out with excitement for us in Theater Workshop. We open the season with our search for a director and ideas for our annual stage production. New and former directors present their ideas to the board. However, the selection process is a tough one for the board. It is hard to pick one theme when each one sounds equally fun-filled.

Our mission was accomplished.

Our director for the 2022 stage production is our own Will Peterson. Will has many years of stage work behind him at On Top of the World and community theaters on other stages. We are excited to see how his show progresses over the next few months. He is



Theater Workshop

adding new ideas to build a show that will be "out of this world," he says.

The remainder of the season will find us rehearsing and fine-tuning our talents until opening night arrives.

Yes, an exciting season awaits us.

We will keep you posted on our progress. We hope you will be part of it!

Stay safe and well over the summer!

Please check our Box Office webpage for information on Theater Workshop (otow-boxoffice.com).

Visit the Box Office and learn about Gesture Drawing

Want to have some fun?

Go to the On Top of the World Box Office website, click the Art Guild link and go to the club picture page.

There you will find information about Gesture Drawing, which is a lot of fun. There is no wrong way to do it and you absolutely cannot make a mistake.

Think we're kidding?

Give it a try. Check out the Gesture Drawings on the Box Office and then try it yourself. The information will be posted through the end of July.

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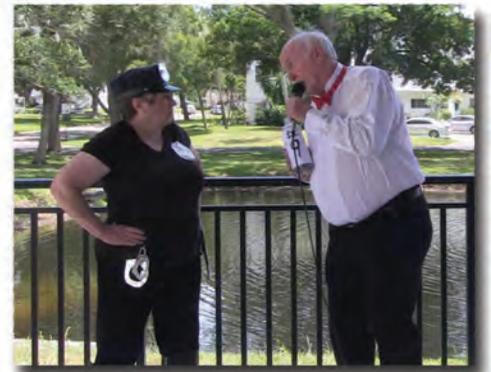
Saturday, July 3, 7 pm

Sunday, July 4, 7 pm

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On Top of the World Community Activities Calendar

East Activity Center

Crystal Beach Room

Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00 am
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00 pm
 Pray for America: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, July 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays 12:30-4:00 pm (no July 27)

Largo Room

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2:00-3:30 pm
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00-9:00 am
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00-9:00 am
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am

Clearwater Room

Ceramics: Thursdays, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Woodshop

Mondays, Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Wednesdays-Fridays, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

WAC Learning Lab

Computer Club: Wednesdays 8:30-10:00 am



Auditorium

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Moving and Grooving: Mondays 10:00-11:00 (Beg), 11:00-12:00 (Beg), 12:00-1:00 (EZ Beg)
 Moving and Grooving: Wednesdays 11:30-12:30 (Beg), 1:30-3:00 (Experienced)
 Cardio Dance: Canceled through end of July

Exercise Room

Line Dance Practice: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 7:00-8:00 am
 Ladies Exercises: Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00 am
 Co-Ed Exercises Class 1: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:00-8:00 am
 Co-Ed Exercises Class 2: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00-11:00 am
 Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:45 am
 Qi Gong: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 3:15-4:00 pm
 Tai Chi FLOW 108: Mondays 4:15-5:15 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15-4:15 pm

EAC Swimming Pool

Open: Monday-Saturday 8 am - 8 pm, Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (May-Sept)

Fitness Center: Monday-Saturday, 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

July 2021

West Activity Center

Pavilion

Sports

Belleair Room

Chair Zumba: Mondays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Thursdays 9:00 am - 9:45 am
 Zumba: Mondays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Gold Zumba: Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Pine Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursdays 10:45 am - 2:00 pm

Baby Boomers Meetings: July 7, July 22, 5-6 pm

Villa Riviera Barbecue: Saturday, July 10
 Dominos: Tuesdays 1:00 - 5:00 pm
 Samba/Canasta: Fridays 5:00 - 9:00 pm
 Theresa's Mexican Train: Tuesdays 5:00 - 9:00 pm
 Ladies Bunco: Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Pickleball: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, 9-12
 Tennis Club: Meets Mon-Sat 7:30-11:00 am
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If browsing the internet and you see a message that states ‘click’ - chances are you should not click

Scam Alert: Recently, a friend of mine told me that she'd been using her iPhone while she was online and when she got off there was an immediate message on her iPhone that said it was infected in some way and she needed to click on some link so she could have her phone cleared of the virus/infection.

Unfortunately, my friend did click on the link and that cost her some dollars.

Look, folks, if you are online on some website and then find a message that your phone is infected, please do NOT click on any link and do NOT pay any money to fix any problem which doesn't exist any way.

This is the simplest advice I can give you which is designed to keep you safe.

DO NOT click on any link.

Yes, you may miss a joke or two from your children or grandchildren or friends, but you will be safe.

Scam Alert: When you are browsing the internet, you may come across something called a “viral video.”

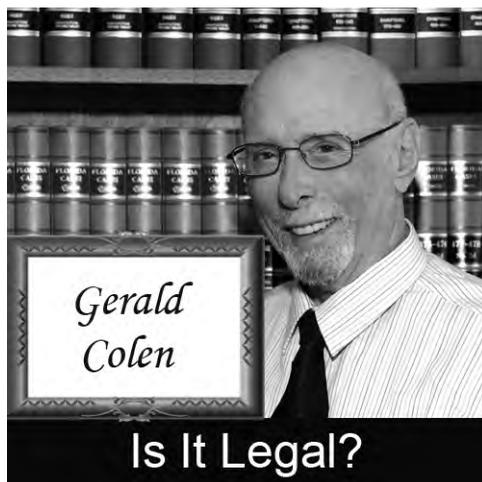
Some are funny. Some are scandalous and involve mainly well-known celebrities who fascinate us.

Here's the concern: Scammers know about viral videos and they can be lurking inside these video.

So, you may be peeking at one of these videos and then here we go again. You may get a message that states update your video player or click on a link.

DON'T DO IT.

Scam Alert: One more time. You get a



message that seems to come from a friend and the message is “Is this you?”

Now you have to decide whether to click on something to see who's writing to you.

DON'T DO IT.

It's a scam.

Q. I'm from (an eastern state) and here we use the term executor, but in Florida you use the term personal representative. Is there a difference and if so, what is it?

A. The term “personal representative” encompasses and means the same as an executor, executrix, administrator of an estate or administratrix of an estate.

The duties of a personal representative include gathering assets of a deceased person, filing appropriate paperwork with a court, finding out who has valid claims or debts against an estate, arranging for the payment of those valid claims or

debts, distributing assets or funds to the beneficiaries of the estate and then closing out the estate.

There is a lot more to it than just what I stated, but the simplest way to understand the duties of a personal representative is to know that his/her/their job is to make sure that there is compliance with the requirements of the person who made the will. These compliances include respect to making sure all valid claims against an estate have been paid and making sure beneficiaries have received their inheritance.

It is not a simple job and, frankly, we all should think carefully about the person or company we might select to be a personal representative.

Q. I am from (an eastern state). I heard one of your lectures and I liked it, but you said that someone who is not a Florida resident can still be the executor of my estate so long as that person has a blood relationship to me or is a company that can transact business in Florida.

My (eastern state) attorney disagrees and he told me that he researched it and in Florida the only person who can be the executor of my will is a Florida resident.

Could you please repond.

A. Yeah, well he's wrong and I'm right.

Maybe he should do some more research. To save him time, tell him to take a look at Florida Statutes 733.302, 733.303, 733.304 and 733.305.

Um....do I seem a bit snarky?

Yeah, I am and I apologize, and I

mean that.

Look, I've lectured on this, written on this and talked to clients about this. So with all respect, I do know what the law is regarding who can and who cannot qualify to be a personal representative.

Yet, this seems to pop up continually.

I will not try to tell my clients who move to another state what the law is in that state, and particularly as it relates to the aspects of estate planning.

Nuff said.

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Hattie McDaniel went from radio to ‘Gone with the Wind’

“Gone with the Wind” premiered in 1939 and became the most-watched film ever.

But this column is not about “Gone with the Wind.” It is about Hattie McDaniel who played the role of Mammy.

Hattie won the hearts of millions and became the first black actress to win an Oscar.

After watching the movie, one might guess Hattie was from the South. Actually, she was born in Chicago in 1893 and was the 13th child in her family. Her father did odd jobs and her mother was a domestic social worker.

In 1901, the McDaniel family moved to Denver. There, Hattie attended local public schools. Her passion was singing and she did so in churches and later in local clubs. But soon enough, she felt it

was time to move to California where she could meet people to help advance her career.

Hattie first got a singing job on radio station KNX and began to attract a large fan club. She was dubbed “Hi Hat Hatti” for her donning of formal dresswear on her show.

Then came “Gone with the Wind.”

Gone with the Wind took all the awards in 1939 even though “The Wizard of Oz” was a strong contender.

As Mammy, the house servant of Scarlett O'Hara, Hattie won the Best Supporting Role Award which won the hearts of millions of friends around the world.

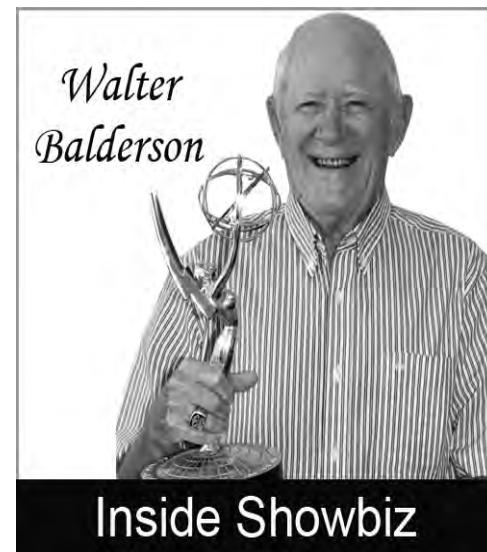
In 1940, the film debuted in Atlanta. It was a Royal Affair with red carpets and klieg lights panning back and forth across the sky. None of the black actors in the

film were in attendance – not even Hattie. In fact, Clark Gable hated the film and also did not attend the celebration.

After all the excitement about “Gone with the Wind” died down, Hattie continued to make appearances around the country and landed her own radio show called “Beulah,” which had a moderate run on CBS Radio starting in 1945.

Late in her career, Hattie began experiencing health problems and a bout with cancer. She died at her home in Los Angeles in 1952. After her death, the groundbreaking actress was posthumously awarded two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She was inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame in 1975.

The US government honored her with a commemorative postage stamp in 2006.



**Watch OTOW-TV Channel 732
for the latest club events.**

One Blood, Helping Hands return in July



Happy summer 2021!

The Big Red Bus is back.

I am pleased to announce that the One Blood mobile unit is back and will be taking blood donations at the East Activity Center north parking lot on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

One Blood is thankful to be back and eager to receive your donations. Please register at the Oneblood.org website or go to OTOWClearwaterInfo.com and click on the registration link at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

You can also stop in the Community Service Office to self-register on a registration list.

As a thank you for donating one pint of blood, you will receive the cool beach towel pictured on this page.

Did you know?

One pint of blood saves three lives.

Less than 10 percent of the population donates blood.

Donating blood is one of the healthiest things you can do for YOU...

There is no substitute for blood - only blood donors.

Tampa Bay needs 2000 donations per day to accommodate hospital needs.

Register today. Hydrate and eat a good meal prior to donating. Also, bring your ID and a friend.

Pay it forward.

Activity Card Renewal – Where?

It makes complete sense that residents associate my office as the place to renew or obtain an activity card, but, in fact, the Community Service Office is the place.

The Community Service Office is located at the front of the East Activity Center, first office to your right.

When renewing your activity card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

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

Please stop in the Community Service Office or call the CSO line at 727-683-6981 if you have any additional questions

BACK TO SAVING LIVES

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North Parking Lot

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Helping Hands

Mobile Food Dispensary

Our very first Helping Hands Mobile Food Dispensary was held on Thursday, May 27, at noon.

The operation ran according to plan and was well attended.

Therefore, Helping Hands has offered an additional day to dispense food.

Distribution days now will be the second Tuesday of the month and the fourth Thursday of the month, both at noon.

The events will take place at the East Activity Center north parking lot in July as follows:

- Tuesday, July 13, at noon.
- Thursday, July 29, at noon.

Please do not show up more than five minutes before the start time.

These events are exclusive to our community and proof of residency is required.

Residents will enter at Columbia Drive, receive bags of food in their vehicle's trunk and then drive on through to

exit back out on Columbia Drive.

The entire operation should conclude by 1:15 pm.

On Top of the World staff will be directing traffic and Helping Hands volunteers will dispense the food.

On a typical visit you can expect to receive:

- Fresh Produce
- Fresh Bakery Items
- Non-perishable food items such as canned fruits, vegetables, meat, tuna, soup, pasta and or rice, boxed cereals, tomato sauces, protein bars, cookies, crackers and snacks.

Also available may be frozen meats (10 pounds) including hamburger, pork, chicken, beef, etc.

Helping Hands emphasizes the following protocols in order to ensure a successful drive-thru food dispensary:

1. DO NOT arrive at the East Activity Center earlier than 11:55 a.m.
2. Follow traffic as directed by facility staff.

3. Pop open your vehicle's trunk or have an area inside your vehicle large enough to receive bags and boxes of food.

4. Continue to follow facility staff's direction to exit.

Aging Successfully Series Returns in August

Leslie Noland, from Gulf Coast Community Services, will return to On Top of the World with her Aging Successfully Series on Thursday Aug. 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The topic will be "Celebrating Age" and a discussion will follow.

Details will be included in my August column and at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the Clearwater website.

Please email me your name, building and unit number, phone number and email address to register. My emails is general_activity@otowfl.com.

There is no cost to participate.



Volunteers from Helping Hands prepare to pass out food during the group's first food drive in May.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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July 2021

Florida Medicaid- Clearwater

Instructor: John Beck, Jerry Colen

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July 8th 1:30 PM—2:30 In Person



Seasons In The Sun- The Fabulous 60s Music Revolution

Instructor: Rich Cupertino

The 60s was a remarkable time for musical groups. From the beginnings in the late 50s, we will celebrate the great music that evolved through the 60s, focusing on the British Invasion, top 40, Motown, one hit wonders, and the Psychedelic Evolution of music.

Pre-Recorded Class



Snakes of North Florida

Instructor: Sarah Helm

This course provides an overview of snake biology and ecological impacts and benefits of snakes. Students will learn to identify venomous snakes in Florida and how to reduce snake activity around your home. Sarah Helm has been a Wildlife Assistance Biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission since 2016. Instructor email will be provided for follow up questions.

Pre-Recorded Class



Reducing Wildlife Conflicts in Neighborhoods

Instructor: Cat Kennedy Hannan

While wildlife viewing is often an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon, when wildlife become too comfortable in neighborhoods they can come into conflict with people. This presentation provides an overview of ways to keep wildlife wild while enjoying your wild neighbors from a distance. Catherine Hannan is a Senior Wildlife Assistance Biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission celebrating her ninth year with the agency. Her work seeks to minimize adverse impacts of wildlife on human populations by promoting wildlife awareness and education to make coexistence with native species possible.

Instructor email will be provided for follow up questions.

Pre-Recorded Class



Pruning for Tree Health & Longevity

Instructor: Maxine Hunter

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July 21th 10 AM—11 AM; Live Virtual

Mind and Motion - Parkinson's Education and Support

Instructor: Christy Cathcart

Mind and Motion- Parkinson's Support Network

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July 30th 10:30 AM—1 PM; Hybrid Virtual

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Democratic Club learns about changes at county level

By Donna Lukas

Bring out the stars and stripes, the small-town parades, the family picnics, and the marvelous fireworks, because July has arrived and we love to show off our patriotic fervor!

The On Top of the World Democratic Club returned to the East Activity Center in June and it was nice to see so many members return.

Our guest speaker was Lucinda Johnston, Chair of the Pinellas County Democratic Party.

Lucinda spoke about much reorganization that is going on within the party. That included her election to the chair position in March of this year.

As a retiree, Lucinda says she has plenty of time to devote to Pinellas political issues.

Lucinda spoke of big changes, including a new accounting system, development of a new website, and the hard-won creation of a North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center in the North Greenwood neighborhood in Clearwater.

The Outreach Center, located at 1402 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., opened in June and will support Democratic candidates, volunteers and campaigns in mid and north Pinellas County. It will also serve as a hub for community outreach, voter registration and election information.

Another topic of interest was the



Lucinda Johnston, chair of the Pinellas County Democratic Party, spoke to members of the OTOW Democratic Club at a meeting in June.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

domino effect of currently elected officials announcing their intentions to run for different offices in the current election cycle.

Yes, the next election cycle has already begun.

As Lucinda said, "We have crucial county and statewide elections in 2021 and 2022. There are no 'off years' anymore in American politics."

She pointed out that we currently have two announced Democratic candidates for governor, Congressman Charlie

Crist and Secretary of Agriculture Nikki Fried.

This, of course, opens their current offices for other candidates.

Anticipated redistricting in Charlie's district may produce changes in assignment of OTOW residents' voting district.

The open seat held by Charlie now has two Democratic candidates, former congressional advisor Eric Lynn and current state representative Ben Diamond.

And this primary race will open Ben Diamond's current position to Democrat-

ic candidate Lindsay Cross. This is an example of the domino effect which is likely to occur in many upcoming races.

During the business portion of our meeting, we discussed the issue of our Democratic Club meeting notices disappearing from some of the building bulletin boards here in OTOW. When putting up new notices, our volunteers have noticed that many times the prior notices have disappeared.

This happens to our club notices even though long outdated notices for other clubs remain on the boards. If you attend any building meetings, please mention this problem and ask that efforts be made to stop these removals.

We have especially noticed that there is a major ongoing problem with removal of our club notices in buildings 11 and 56. Please bring this to the attention of your building coordinators.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 8 at 2 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center. If you haven't yet paid your \$12 annual club dues for 2021, you may send a check to Treasurer Glenda Greenman, at 2470 Rhodesian Drive Unit 28, Clearwater, FL 33763. Checks should be payable to the OTOW Democratic Club.

Or you may renew your membership at our July 8 meeting. Bring your OTOW Activity Card. At this time, masks are required and no food is allowed in the EAC.

Learn about 'Moms for Liberty' at July meeting



Angela Dubach will be the guest speaker in July.

By Jane Lofton

Ronald Reagan Republican Club members are still talking about our June 8 meeting.

Every seat was filled in the East Activity Center auditorium. Several people stayed to chat with our guest speaker, Jack Schaffer, a 96-year-old, retired U.S. Marine, who spoke about his incredible lifetime of volunteering.

Jack enlisted when he was 17 years old and became a fighter pilot in both World War II and the Korean War.

He then became an orthodontist practicing in the Tampa area for more than 30 years. He continued to volunteer on multiple mission trips and on the Mercy Ship.

Oh, yes, Jack is still volunteering -- now with the Largo Police!

On Tuesday, July 13, our club will hold a



Republican Club

meeting to introduce us to "Moms for Liberty," a newly organized nation-wide movement "dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating, and em-

powering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government."

Chairperson of the recently formed Pinellas chapter, Angela Dubach of Tarpon Springs, will be our speaker. Our club members can be active and valuable participants in this endeavor. Be there to find out what you can do!

Hopefully, restrictions on the number of people who can gather here at OTOW will be lifted as the pandemic comes closer to an end. Until that time, we will meet at the East Activity Center auditorium on the second Tuesday of each month.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 13. Doors open at 6 p.m. for socializing and registration. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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**Kingston
(and Shelby)**

Hello. My name is Kingston. I am 8 years old. That is my sister, Shelby, photobombing me. She always has to be in the same picture.

We are Yorkshire Terriers and live in the Delhi building (87) on the West Side. Our doggie parents are Kim and Chuck Dye. We also have an intruder in the house. Her name is Matilda the cat.

We moved here three years ago from Indiana and just love the warm weather with no snow.

Up north the snow was sometimes as tall as me!

While my nickname is King, Shelby thinks she is king. Once I saw her chase a groundhog that was five times her size and weight. Don't tell her I said this, but she only weighs a little over four pounds. Luckily, the groundhog escaped under a fence unharmed.

I, myself, am more laid back and easy going. I am a go-with-the-flow kind of guy.

If you see us on a walk, stop and say hello.

Each month, OTOW News 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 at 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 the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a 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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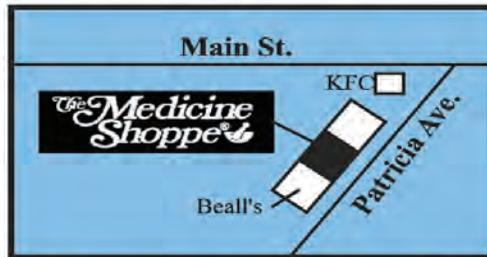
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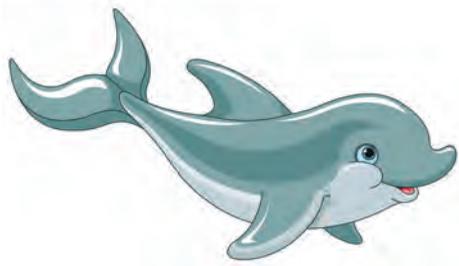
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Aqua Aerobics class resumes regular morning schedule



Aqua Aerobics

By Irene Pappas

Summer has officially opened and continues through the end of October.

On Top of the World management has given Aqua Aerobics permission to resume a normal schedule in the East Activity Center swimming pool.

Aqua Aerobics will be operational Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m.

The benefits of aerobics in a swimming pool include balance, memory, strength and pain reduction.

We will have new and innovating exercises with no charge for anyone.

This class will take place daily unless there is rain, lightning or thunderstorms in the area.

We encourage everyone to wear sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses and a hat.

There are no membership requirements. This class is open to men and women with a valid activity card which must be available at each class for viewing.

We also make a concerted effort to celebrate birthdays once a month at a local restaurant so you can come and join us for a good laugh and fun as well.

So come join us!



Pictured at top, On Top of the World Aqua Aerobics exercisers take a break to wave to the camera. At right are residents back to work. The morning exercises include simple stretches and leg movements with special health benefits.

(Photos by Doug Kates)



OTOW Canadian residents love celebrating national birthdays so much, they'll do it twice!

By Connie Stanley

It's a happy moment for every Canadian, and those living in Canada, as July 1 is the National Day of Canada!

On this annual holiday, citizens of Canada unite from coast to coast to coast and cherish every moment.

If someone you love lives in Canada, if your family lives in the country, or if you know someone in Canada, don't forget to greet them on this day!

And I'd be remiss if I didn't echo these wishes and sentiments to our lovely American cousins down south!

"Happy Fourth of July!"

Wishing everyone a very safe, happy and healthy Independence Day and wonderful July 4th celebrations to all!

If you'd like to post any of your holiday celebratory photos, and if you don't mind, I can post some of your pictures on our Canadian Club website or Facebook page.

Email to stanlec62@outlook.com

Again, we are hoping to relaunch



the Canadian Club at our first event - Registration Night on Wednesday, Nov. 17. All you need is \$5 U.S., a current

OTOW Activity Card, a desire to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances and have fun to join/rejoin.

We always are open to and welcome new members and you do NOT have to be Canadian ... but bring a fun attitude!

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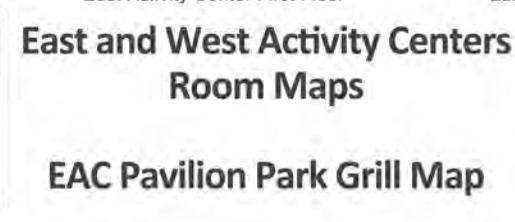
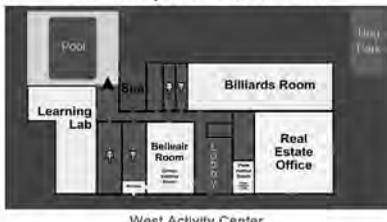
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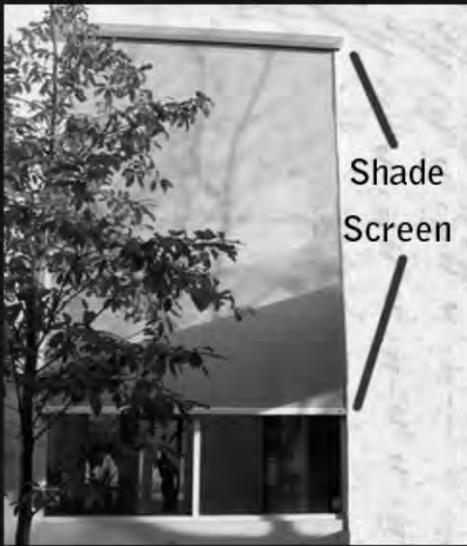


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In a community, people look out for each other

By David Beaven

Do we live in a neighborhood or a community?

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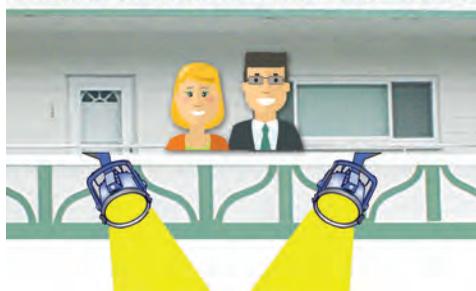
A neighborhood consists of people who work at different businesses, attend their own churches, and have their own interests and friends.

We interact with our neighbors through children who go to the same school, or we exchange a simple wave from across the street as we go out to get the mail.

But people in a neighborhood don't necessarily share the same interests.

A community, on the other hand, is

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



defined by people who are drawn by a common interest.

It might be a church, or a hobby, or

a political cause. In these groups, people work together for common goals and help each other out for a greater good.

I would say that people in a community feel stronger connections to their fellow members and can count on their support.

People in a community experience a sense of belonging, which also keeps them mentally healthy.

Here at On Top of the World, we have a great opportunity to belong to a greater community through the many different groups, activities and building functions right here.

That fosters a sense of caring for

each other among residents.

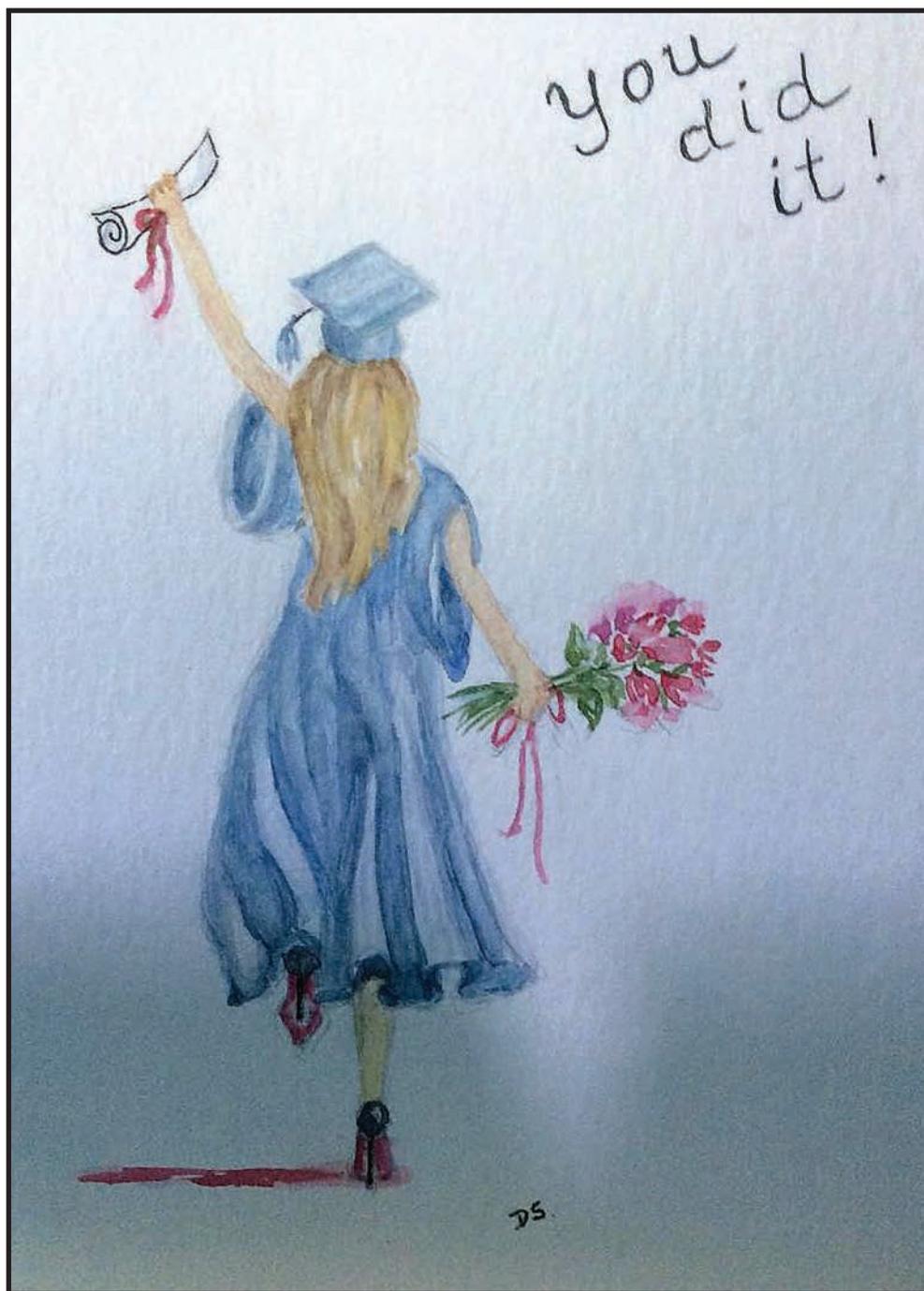
In other words, they watch out for each other.

This makes for a safer and healthier place to live for all of us. Our Neighborhood Watch Group encourages all OTOW residents to be community-minded. We're all in this together. Let's make our years here the best that they can be.

Neighborhood Watch consists of a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect.

To find out more, go to our official website at areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

Make your own graduation gift



Many On Top of the World residents are familiar with Dale Stackhouse and the beautiful greeting cards she has put on display at the annual OTOW Art Guild Show over the years. Her unique watercolor cards are always a highlight of the shows. This year, with a granddaughter's graduation looming, Dale wondered how to make the day special. So, she went to work and created a wonderful, whimsical painting of her granddaughter skipping away with her diploma in hand. This special gift will surely be a treasured keepsake forever.

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Moving and Grooving Pavilion Party

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New pavilion provided more than enough space for outdoor moving and grooving



By Margaret LeTourneau

Cheers to the Moving and Grooving Club!

“C-e-l-e-b-r-a-t-e good times, come on!” was just one of many happy party tunes being played at our very first Moving and Grooving club party in June.

It’s been a long time coming so words like uplifting, fabulous and grateful were used to describe this line and cardio dance party!

After months of social distancing and wearing masks during classes, the students could finally enjoy seeing each other’s beautiful smiles and happy faces.

It was a time to rejoice, to have long chats, to reconnect with old friends and to make new friends.

Relaxing over a shared meal, sipping on refreshments, and listening to a variety of music allowed us to forget about COVID-19 for a night.

Every attending member contributed in some way to creating this wonderful event. I am very grateful to each and everyone of them.

Viki Payne and Cheryl Friesen were my early bird helpers who worked tirelessly all night long.

Ron Huber, Mo Tera and Howard Wolfe helped throughout the evening.

Michael Payne, a dedicated volunteer, used his professional managerial skills to guide us through every phase of our party. He did not miss a beat all night long! I could not have done this event without them!!

Bill Hauser, known as Mr. Fun, generously offered his musical talents to provide us with an array of lovely background



Pictured on top of this page are the 48 people who attended a Moving and Grooving outdoor party in early June. Above are many of the guests participating in a line dance, of course. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

music. Thank you so much, Bill!

Our fantastic singers, Debbie Mayo, Madeleine Fontaine and Sheila Bonomo used their lovely voices to lead all of our fun sing-alongs. It was obvious to see the great joy that everyone shared while taking part in singing “Rock Around the Clock,” “Do Wah Diddy Diddy,” “Sweet Caroline” and last, but not least, “Celebration.”

All of Margaret LeTourneau’s line dance students were able to join her in several fun dances. Their laughter and enthusiasm was contagious.

Debbie, our comical and talented “human mega-phone,” assisted Margaret in cueing the dances so that everyone could hear.

Thank you, Debbie, for your exuber-

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ance and for your excellent assistance!

Hope Tera, our talented cardio dance instructor, and her dedicated helper Cheryl Pollock, led everyone in doing some energizing cardio dances that promoted lots of cheering and clapping.

Hope’s cardio dance classes are always full of fun movements and interactive entertainment. If you haven’t tried it yet, you don’t know what you are missing!

Towards the end of the evening, Hope presented Margaret with a beautiful rainbow cake which read, “Love and Grat-

itude to Margaret’s Moving and Grooving Club.”

Amazingly, after the rainbow cake was cut and served, a stunning rainbow appeared directly above our pavilion!

It seemed magical since a rainbow is a symbol of hope and love.

It is an understatement to say that our Moving and Grooving Club’s party was special and that it was a fun time had by all! It was truly a celebration of music, of dancing, of friendship and of life!

Cheers to all!

We are actually going on a trip!



Travel Club

By Janice Berman

Are you ready to get out and do some traveling?

The On Top of the World travel bus is ready to roll!

Our trip to Savannah, Jekyll Island and Beaufort, S.C., is on the calendar, and there are still open seats available for our OTOW Travel Club members and guests.

The dates are Oct. 25-29 ... this year!

The cost of the trip is \$613 per person, double-occupancy.

The trip includes eight meals (four breakfasts and four dinners) and guided tours of Savannah (the "Belle of Georgia"), gorgeous Beaufort, S.C. (the "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands"), St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island, as well as a visit to Parris Island and an evening show at the famous Savannah Theatre.

To be safe in these unprecedented times, all trip participants must sign a COVID-19 waiver of liability and provide a copy of their COVID-19 vaccination



This is what it used to look like when Travel Club members exited a bus and got ready to start an adventure. Well, on Oct. 25, we will be getting on and off a bus together again.

record card showing you have been fully vaccinated.

So, who's ready to plan for something fun?

As you know, these trips fill up fast.

We don't expect this sign up to be any different, so on your mark, get set, get ready ... let's go!

Because we are not able to meet in groups, we will proceed with this registra-

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Meet Sumiko Morin

Master the granny stitch and you can create beautiful crochets



By Cheryl Butcher
The On Top of the World knitters are at it again.

Yep. We've made another movie. Actually, an instructional video. Our latest film is teaching the basics of crochet. I hope you have had an opportunity to view the new knitting movie and I hope it inspires you to pick up knitting needles.

Now you can try your hand at crocheting.

Go to otowboxoffice.com, click on the yellow ball of yarn, and open the crochet movie in the link section.

We'd love to hear your comments, too.

However, long before this video came into existence, Sumiko Morin walked into a Knitting Group meeting and wanted to learn how to crochet. So group members showed her the basics and started her on a Granny Square.

Sumiko is a native of Sapporo, Japan. While she was working at the NCO Club on Chitose Air Force Base outside of Sapporo, she met her future husband, John Chester, when he fol-



Knitting

lowed her home one day.

John was from Tallahassee, Fla., and they ended up settling in Port Richey when they moved to the United States. John and Sumiko had two children, a boy and a girl, and now they have four grandchildren.

After John died, Sumiko eventually met and married Tony Morin, a retiree from New Jersey, and they moved to OTOW in 2017. They have been enjoying eight years of marriage.

Sumiko has been a willing and capable student and was making granny squares like a pro in no time.

As you can see from the photo, she does beautiful work. She has even learned new stitches and has made several hats as well.

We are very happy to welcome Sumiko as a member.

As the Knitting Group continues its work of producing quality and beautiful lap robes and baby hats for charities, our supply cabinets are becoming full. So in mid-June we made a delivery of lap robes to Atria Senior Living and Consulate Health Care in Safety Harbor.

The Pregnancy Center on Drew Street received a large bag of baby hats and blankets.

If you have any interest in knitting or crocheting, we would love to have you join us in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room on Wednesdays at 9-11 a.m. We are operating within the guidelines set by On Top of the World so a mask and social distancing are required.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Association.

Pictured above is Sumiko Morin working on a beautiful granny stitch crochet project. Sumiko started out as a beginner, but she's already progressed to impressive pieces.

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There was no holiday in June but that didn't stop Lambda from throwing a party

By Bruce Lovett

Lambda, On Top of the World's club that serves LGBT residents, their neighbors, friends and anyone looking to broaden their social horizons, had good reason to be proud in June.

Our club held its first monthly social since February of 2020 and that reason alone made it especially poignant.

The excitement was palatable.

Close to 40 people, including 10 who had never been to an organized Lambda event before, met at the OTOW pavilion and just celebrated the fact that they were able to get together.

Our next potluck pavilion social will be Wednesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. So put your thinking caps on and come up with an original and tasty dish to share.

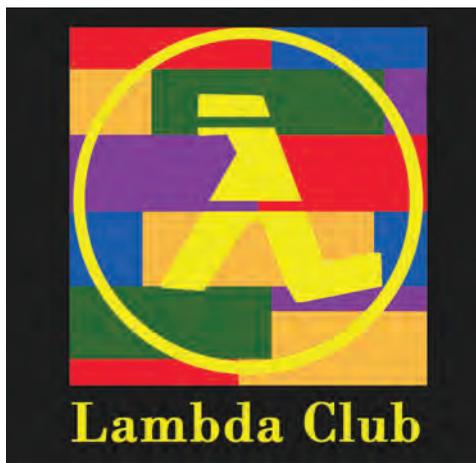
For many of you who may not be aware of the origins of Pride, it evolved from a series of protests in New York City in late June of 1969. Something that could have been originally seen as negative has now become very positive celebrations held throughout the world.

The entire month of June is now known as Pride Month so that cities and organizations everywhere are not overlapping events.

And just as something positive came out of something negative in 69, so too has a phoenix risen from the last 14 months of hardship. Pride has come back bigger and better than ever.

For the first time, a Major League Baseball team, the San Francisco Giants, has added the official pride emblem to both their uniforms and their caps for the month of June.

On a local level, the Clearwater Threshers made June 12 "Pride Night" at Baycare Ball Park with a special price for admission, unlimited hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, etc. - not to mention



fireworks after the game.

You can bet your bottom dollar Lambda members were out in full force to take advantage of that. We know a good deal when we see one.

St. Petersburg had Pride events every weekend throughout the month, most completely sold out.

Tampa got a jump start having a celebration in Ybor City at the end of May.

On June 26, Pinellas Park had Pride in the Art Village.

We at Lambda are most proud of the fact that the month of June marked the return of the Lambda Club in full force and Sunday brunches have been reinstated.

So far people in our group have been to Pete's Place and Our Place for meals. Recently we had a very well attended movie night where our club's diversity really came across. Half the group went to see the Disney re-imaging of "Cruella" while the other half went down the hall and was scared out of their wits by "A Quiet Place-2."

And most exciting was the return of Lambda's two most-treasured reasons to have a party: holidays and socials.

Since its inception in July of 2009, Lambda has always had group celebra-



Lambda members celebrated Pride Month with a feast at the pavilion.

tions on special holidays such as Christmas and Thanksgiving so that those unable to spend these occasions with loved ones, for whatever reason, never felt alone.

Such holidays in 2020 were bitter-sweet. But with a Father's Day barbecue in John Chesnut Park this June the tradition is back ... as are the monthly socials.

As mentioned above we had a fantastic turnout at our first official gathering. It was as if everyone had been using the pandemic to practice their culinary skills.

The potluck event had dishes from

Italy, Mexico, France and sitting in the middle of the hors'deurves table was a simple dish from merry old England: crustless cucumber sandwiches, identical to the ones served to the Queen.

For the simple steps on how to make such sandwiches, more information on Lambda itself or how to become a member, go to our web page at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

You can also check us out at on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com), or call Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

Praying in a group can be a positive experience

By Marie VanDenOver

There is a group that meets at On Top of the World every Saturday to pray for America and its people.

Do you have a concern for America's future?

If so, please consider joining a Pray for America meeting.

We are not a religious study group, but a prayer group. We are a source for lifting your spirits.

Attending a local prayer group is also a wonderful way to make friends and a good source for positive interaction.

One of the strongest benefits of group prayer meetings is a motivation to improve one's own prayer life. When one prays alone, he/she often becomes stuck in a routine. But in the presence of others, you might expand your prayer life in



new effective ways you never would have thought of by yourself.

Perhaps you have felt a bit depressed or lonely these past months. New friends and a change of perspective can do wonders for your state of mind and your personal prayer life.

Pray for America meets at 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Crystal Beach Room of the East Activity Center. All are welcome. Bring a valid Activity Card and a mask. We are able to meet in a socially distanced manner. We do not collect dues, but we do ask that all be treated with respect and courtesy and goodwill.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Shows, dances officially canceled for remainder of 2021

By Mary Ann O'Neil

The Entertainment Committee has decided to cancel all dances and shows for the rest of 2021, including New Year's Eve.

It was a difficult decision, however the committee felt it was necessary since it does not know when On Top of the World will be open to large-group events again.

The main reason is that the committee books entertainment a year ahead of time and it felt that it is not right to reserve entertainers when the committee can't guarantee the auditorium will be open for business.

We are confident there will soon be full-capacity events again in the East Activity Center, but if we cannot fill the auditorium, we cannot pay for the entertainment. This creates the risk of a costly cancellation.

By canceling our events now, it allows the entertainers to seek other employment opportunities.

When we get the go-ahead from OTOW management, we will begin booking quality entertainment again. There will be notifications placed in this newspaper, on building bulletin boards, East and West Activity Center bulletin boards, on the



This was the scene at New Year's Eve in 2018 in the auditorium.

Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) as well as on OTOW-TV channel 732.

If you purchased tickets for any 2020 canceled show or dance, including New Year's Eve, please contact Mary Ann O'Neil at (727) 449-9243 for information regarding a refund.

To receive your refund, you will need to provide the original ticket(s) and must request your refund by Nov. 1, 2021.

For those of you already looking ahead to New Year's Eve, the Entertainment Committee has been told that past concerts in our auditorium will be replayed on OTOW-TV Channel 732 so you can celebrate the incoming new year safely at home while still getting a sense of being among friends in the auditorium. Watch for past tributes from Elvis, the Rolling

Stones and The Beatles on Dec. 31.

Entertainment for 2022 is in the process of being booked and we are looking forward to bringing back some great shows from past years as well as new ones.

The Entertainment Committee looks forward to locking in great entertainment for our residents.

Someday, shows will return on Thursdays, dances on Saturdays and free Meet & Greet on Sundays.

The Entertainment Committee, OTOW's premier club for resident fun, does not charge dues, and everyone with a current activity card is a member.

We provide members and their guests with year-round entertainment featuring shows, dances, and a free Sunday Meet and Greet, which are presented at the East

Activity Center.

The entertainment is provided by professional performers who appear on stages in the Tampa Bay area, on cruise ships, Las Vegas and other venues across America!

Once we are back in the EAC at full capacity, we will begin selling tickets on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

For season ticket holders, we will do our best to make sure you still have your reserved seats once tickets go on sale.

You will be able to view future scheduling information on OTOW-TV channel 732 as soon as new acts are confirmed. Everyone on Spectrum gets OTOW-TV.

The fun will continue ... join us and be a part of it!

A majority of OTOW buildings need a reporter

Activities are actually starting to pick up in the On Top of the World community despite the summer months being upon us.

More and more groups are using the pavilion for social events, and more and more residents are scheduling building functions, such as breakfast outings, luncheons and group dinners.

Fortunately, OTOW News has some great reporters covering the clubs and groups here in the community. If a club is hosting a social event, it will be covered in the newspaper.

However, this might not be the case when it comes to building functions. There are 91 buildings in this community and right now only a few have building reporters.

Would you consider being your building's reporter?

What does a building reporter do?

Well, on the occasion when a group of residents has a breakfast, a luncheon, a dinner or takes a road trip together, the building reporter writes a story and submits a photo for the newspaper.

Maybe a resident wins an award, comes back from a unique vacation or hits a milestone birthday. The building reporter would write the story.

Or maybe a building has a new resident. The building reporter can make a fun announcement, in the form of a story,



to the rest of the community.

But absolutely guaranteed, a building reporter never has any pressure to turn in a story every month. Three times a year would be awesome, but the OTOW News editorial staff will still be excited with two stories or one.

Does your building currently have a reporter? Only 30 buildings have been in OTOW News the past 12 months.

Has your building ever had a reporter?

If you would like to give it a try, there are four easy steps.

(1) Ask around. Make absolutely certain your building does not have a reporter. If a story has not been submitted

OTOW-TV makes first live broadcast

If you couldn't attend the On Top of the World budget meeting in June, you had two other options to watch it.

One of the options was brand new.

You could have sat on your couch in your sweatpants and watched the meeting live on OTOW-TV channel 732.

For the first time in this community, live TV was broadcast to our residents.

"It was a unique challenge," said OTOW News Editor Doug Kates. "OTOW purchased new equipment to upgrade the TV station, but we only had a few weeks to learn the new technology and get it to work."

The result? Not bad for the first time.

In the future, live TV could be used to broadcast the annual Irish Club parade, perhaps a special guest line dance instructor, or maybe even a Jesters, Theater Workshop or Chorus show.

about your building within a 12-month period of time, then the position is considered open.

(2) Call Doug Kates (799-3216) in the newsroom and ask about the online tutorial for new reporters. The tutorial is 10 minutes long.

(3) The newspaper will need a mugshot of you. Yes. We need a picture.

(4) Post a note on your building bulletin board that you are the new reporter and leave a phone number for residents to contact you with news.

The first story you write is very easy. You write about yourself and give your

building residents an idea who you are.

After that, hopefully you will get at least two more stories.

Building writers are invited to attend Press Association meetings. The next one is coming up on Thursday, Aug. 5, 5 p.m. at the East Activity Center pavilion.

There is no meeting in September and a morning meeting in October.

Then in November, Doug will be conducting his annual Writers Workshop in the EAC auditorium. It is the only time all year Doug teaches basic journalism. If you are new to newspaper writing, it will be a good idea to attend.

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OTOW Line Dance Club to bring back Independence Day after one year absence

By Leila Walker

It is an annual tradition for the On Top of the World Line Dance Club to celebrate the Fourth of July with proper red, white and blue attire, and patriotic dances.

Last year the event didn't take place because of the pandemic, but it will be back this year.

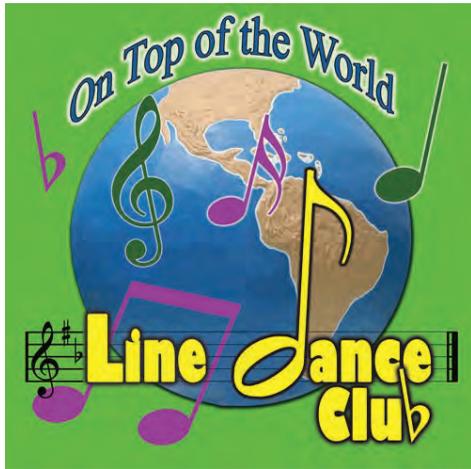
You are invited to join the line dancers in the East Activity Center auditorium on Saturday, July 3, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to celebrate Independence Day.

There will be line dances that commemorate the day. There will be packaged refreshments that you can take home with you.

Come join the fun! We would love seeing you there!

The Line Dance Club offers classes on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium. These classes are held all year!

On Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, an Advanced Beginner session is being



Two years ago residents dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate the Fourth of July while line dancing.

offered, and from noon to 1 p.m. an Improver Session for more experienced line dancers is offered.

On Saturdays, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., an Advanced Beginner session is being offered and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. an Improver Session for more experienced line dancers is offered.

The Tuesday program is repeated on

Saturday. This gives dancers the opportunity to learn the dances more completely and to internalize the dance routines.

You can obtain useful information about line dancing and other OTOW activities by visiting the OTOW Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

You can see demos of some of the dances on OTOW-TV Channel 732 weekdays at 11 a.m.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com or text/call 443-845-7842.

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Major League Baseball making an effort to make sure everyone's stats have meaning and are not forgotten

Commentary by Bob Rittner

With the On Top of the World Softball League in recess until October, let's take a moment to focus on Major League Baseball and ponder the history of the game.

Recently, Major League Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred announced that henceforth statistics from the Negro Leagues, 1920-48, will be considered major league. Given the quality of play, and the fact that statistics from the Union Association, American Association, Players League and Federal League are already official, it has been long overdue.

Quite a few time-honored or hallowed records will be altered. For example, the last player to hit .400 has always been recognized as Ted Williams in 1941. No more. The new record is held by shortstop Artie Wilson who batted .402 for the Birmingham Black Barons in 1948. He was also a mentor to a young Willie Mays.

Dogged research has validated Negro League statistics, many of which can be studied at the Seamheads.com website. Researchers searched for newspaper reports and box scores just as they have had to do to validate white baseball stats. The challenge was to distinguish official league statistics

Softball

from the many exhibition games, including some games where blacks played against white All-Star teams.

Cumulative records, such as total home runs or RBIs, generally will not be led by Negro Leaguers because their seasons tended to be shorter than that of the white major leagues. But the ordering of ratio stats, such as batting average, earned run average and the like, will be significantly affected.

And we may finally recognize more than just the few great players who have already been enshrined in Cooperstown.

Most baseball fans know of Satchel Paige and may also be aware of the feats of Josh Gibson. Perhaps Cool Papa Bell or Buck Leonard or some of the other Hall of Famers have broken through into our consciousness.

But there are many more exceptional Negro Leaguers who never got the chance to compete in the white major leagues.

How many of the 29 Hall of Fame Negro Leaguers can you identify?

Do you know Buck Leonard, the first baseman considered the equal of Lou Geh-

rig, or Oscar Charleston, the Willie Mays of his time?

Did you know that it was Rube Foster, elite pitcher and founder of the Negro National League in 1920, who taught Christy Mathewson his fadeaway pitch?

Or that Leon Day, Martin Dihigo, Smokey Joe Williams, Jose Mendez and Bullet Joe Rogan all were rivals of Satchel Paige for best pitcher of his day?

What of non-Hall of Fame players such as Double Duty Radcliffe, so named by Damon Runyon when he caught and then pitched shutouts in both games of a doubleheader.

In nine games against white major leaguers, Radcliffe batted .376.

And of course, it is instructive to realize that many of the biggest stars of the 1950s, beginning with Jackie Robinson and including Monte Irvin, Willie Mays, Ernie Banks, Larry Doby and Henry Aaron, began their careers in the Negro Leagues.

Once the door opened a crack in 1947, 9 of the 11 National League MVPs from 1949-59 had played in the Negro Leagues.

And the first Cy Young winner, who was also the MVP in 1956, Don Newcombe, had been in the Negro Leagues as well.

With all of the current-day publicity of Shohei Ohtani's effort to excel at both pitching and hitting, it is worthwhile to note that Bullet Joe Rogan did it for eight years. As an example of his success, in 1922 he played centerfield, when not pitching, and hit 15 home runs with a batting line of .368/.453/.648 while winning 15 games with a 2.93 ERA.

The next year he hit .370/.422/.569 while winning 17 games with a 2.94 ERA.

Baseball, as Ken Burns demonstrated in a TV documentary series, is embedded in American culture and history, and reflects the same issues that confronted the nation's economic and social concerns.

Studying this integral part of baseball history gives us an opportunity to consider both the achievements of Negro Leaguers and the opportunities the country at large missed by excluding them from the National Game.

The On Top of the World Softball League is currently off for the summer. Some players will get together and play stickball for fun, but the next organized event will be our opening day meeting in the fall. Watch this newspaper for the date.

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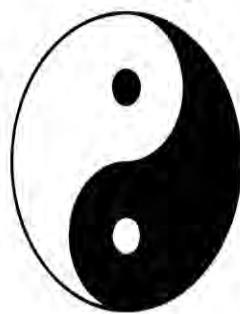
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More information is also on the Box Office: otowboxoffice.com



Thursday Mixed Golf League is back

By Harry Barbin

We're back!

The On Top of the World Thursday Mixed Golf League is back in action.

Thursday, May 20, was the first get together and Thursday, May 27, was our first official round where players' scores counted towards their quota handicap.

Nine years ago, Paul Meyers had a vision to start a golf league at On Top of the World where men and women could compete together. Paul created the league, promoted the league and ran the weekly competition. Paul was a one-man band.

Paul's devotion and dedication to the Mixed League was tireless. In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, all golf operations at OTOW shut down and all league play was suspended until further notice. During this time, Paul decided he was not going to continue running the league. Nine years of effort was enough

Thursday Mixed Golf League

My Name is Harry Barbin and I am a 41-year, lifetime member, of the PGA of America. I was a partner/owner of the Horsham Valley Golf Club for 32 years, The Chesapeake Bay Golf Club of Northeast, Md., for 22 years and The Chesapeake Bay Golf Club of Rising Sun, Md., for 15 years.

I was also an assistant PGA Professional at Meadia Heights Golf Club in Lancaster, Pa., and The Lost Tree Golf Club in North Palm Beach, Fla., where a player some of you might have heard of was a member and lived there - Jack Nicklaus.

I currently am semi-retired. I am the PGA Teaching Professional at East Bay Golf Club in Largo.

Having been a regular participant in the Thursday Mixed League for four years and having enjoyed playing on Thursdays, but not every Thursday, I asked Paul if he wouldn't mind if I tried to keep it going. He was very gracious as always and offered his help and allowed me to ask him about the procedures that he had put in place.

Paul had a sound structure and obviously one that has worked very well for nine years. I was not going to reinvent the wheel, just make a few tweaks.

The league is trying some different procedures such as a modified shotgun start at 9 or 9:15 a.m. We will continue to do this as long as we don't interfere with the other groups already on the course.

The league will follow all the rules

and regulations that are required by On Top of the World's golf division.

The Mixed Golf League is just that - it is open to both men and women. You must be a resident of OTOW, be a renter with an activity card or be a paid guest of a resident or renter.

The objective is to have fun, meet new people and have a weekly competition that plays by the USGA Rules of Golf.

It is an individual league so you do not need a partner. There will be monthly tournaments.

The league is looking for volunteers to help with weekly play and contests.

We welcome anyone that wishes to play. We have several volunteers already, but we are always looking for more. If you are interested in volunteering my email address is harrybarbin1@gmail.com. I cannot do this alone, and as Nita would say, there is only one Paul Meyers.

Don Leamy, Ed Hanson score holes-in-one

Congratulations to Don Leamy and Ed Hanson for two recent holes-in-one.

Don aced hole No. 6 using a driver. Witnesses were Mike Crittenton and Peyton Grogan.

Ed aced hole No. 15 using a 5-hybrid. It was his third career hole-in-one. Witnesses were Paul McMinn and Steve Caffey.

Get to know your lawn bowl court a little better

Brushing a Har-Tru court redistributes the loose top dressing material and smooths it out after play. Brushing also dries the court out so it should only be done just prior to watering or if your court is too wet.

Watering

Water keeps a court firm and stable and ensures proper traction. Watering should take place as needed to keep court conditions optimal.

At most facilities watering is done overnight and once during the middle of the day. Whatever the schedule, it should be designed to provide the court with enough water to keep it playing well until the next watering cycle.

Rolling

Rolling a court will make it firmer and faster. It also helps prevent too much loose top dressing material from building up on the court surface.

Rolling is particularly important for courts coming out of the winter in a freeze/thaw environment and should happen daily in this setting until the court reaches an optimal compaction.

Subsequent rolling can be done as needed to achieve desired playing conditions. Rolling is most effective in the morning when a court has moisture in it.

Lawn Bowling

Periodic Maintenance for a Har-Tru Court

Periodic maintenance on a Har-Tru court addresses court changes that occur over time. These should include repair of divots and low spots, inspection of tapes for areas where the lines are high or the edges are curled, elimination of growth around the perimeter of the court, scarification of any hard or slippery spots, and clearing drainage channels.

Annual Reconditioning for a Har-Tru Court

The reconditioning process includes four segments: cleaning, leveling, top dressing and laying lines.

Cleaning-Remove the tapes and all leaves and debris and lightly scrape court to remove oversized particles.

Leveling-Scrape down high areas (such as where the lines were) and patch low areas.

Top Dressing-Add new HAR-TRU at a rate of two tons per court.

Sources

This article is reprinted from <https://hartru.com/pages/tennis-court-maintenance>, the manufacturer of the surface material used on our lawn bowls court.

On Top of the World bowlers wanted

The On Top of the World Bowling League is currently meeting at Dunedin Lanes.

OTOW residents are welcome to join us. The league is fun, safe and healthy. There is no age restriction. Men and

women are welcome.

The league meets at 11 a.m. every Friday. You will enjoy time to socialize with your neighbors.

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SPORTS

Pickleball and barbecue are the perfect match



On Sunday, June 6, the On Top of the World Pickleball Club enjoyed a barbecue at the pavilion! Everyone brought a covered dish to pass. Lenny Segall made his famous 'Lenny Burgers' and hot dogs on the grill. Thanks to all who attended. We had a great time! If anyone is interested in joining our club, we meet Tuesday, Thursdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. - noon.

Tennis is no match for a pool-full of water unless you are swimming or tubing in it



By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club scheduled a trip for its members and guests to Weeki Wachee State Park on June 9.

We met at the East Activity Center and rode together to the park.

Weeki Wachee State Park opens every day at 9 a.m., but when it reaches its maximum capacity - it closes. We wanted to get there before this happened.

We arrived around 9 a.m. sharp and paid the \$13 admission price and immediately got in line to watch the mermaid show.

Members who attended the trip were: Joe DeChiaro and his wife Helen; Ann



Pictured above, members of the OTOW Tennis Club and guests enjoy lunch at a Weeki Wachee area restaurant. Below, those same members and guests enjoy the clear swimming waters at the state park.



Haskell and her son and granddaughter; and Bruce McMasters and Jane Collins.

The mermaid show was very entertaining for everyone.

After the show, we went to the water park area and enjoyed riding the water slide, tubing in the lazy river and snorkeling and swimming in the 74 degrees clear and cool spring waters. It was a beautiful day for swimming and sunbathing, and socializing among friends and family.

After we tired from all the fun, we went to a local restaurant, The Bayport Inn, for an early dinner and shared our ex-

periences with each other.

Members who join our tennis club are always invited to participate in our many social activities as well as playing fun, relaxing and competitive tennis each morning from 7:30-11 a.m. except on Sundays.

We have a tennis instructor who conducts a tennis clinic for our members who need improvement.

Anyone who resides at OTOW with an updated activity card is welcome to join our club. New members can come to the tennis court any morning to sign up.

This is not the chicken with stars soup your mom served you in the winter time



When you say “soup,” most people think of winter, but here in Florida, where it’s hot and humid in the summer, a nice chilled fruit soup with a salad and a chilled bottle of Rose’ wine does the trick.

Yes, you can drink wine with soup!

An excellent lunch or light supper needs to be no more than a good chilled fruit soup, a salad and cheese.

Combined according to your own taste, a good homemade soup, in these days of the can opener, is a unique and always satisfying experience.

Most chilled soups are uncomplicated to make and a major portion of them can be prepared a day or so in advance.

Fruit soup is a soup prepared using fruit as a primary ingredient and it may be served warm or cold depending on the recipe.

Some fruit soups use several varieties of fruit and an alcoholic beverage, such as rum, sherry or kirsch (a fruit brandy).

Fruit soup is sometimes served as a dessert.

Many recipes for cold soups are served when fruit is in season during warm weather. Fruit soups may include milk or cream, sweet or savory dumplings, spices, or alcoholic beverages.

Chilled Peach Soup

1 cup dry white wine
1 cup peach schnapps
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups half-and-half cream
10 fresh peaches sliced

Directions

1. Place white wine, peach schnapps, sugar, mint leaves, cinnamon, nutmeg, and half-and-half cream in a bowl, and stir until well-blended and sugar is dissolved. Add sliced peaches and transfer to a saucepan.

2. Cook over medium heat for 15 minutes, stirring frequently and reducing heat, if necessary, to prevent scorching cream.

Remove from heat when peaches are tender. Cool to a safe temperature for blending. Process in a blender or food processor until completely smooth. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serve chilled.

Tomato Apple Soup

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 apple-peeled, cored and chopped
1/2 cup chopped carrots
1 pinch dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon dried basil
2 cups vegetable stock
1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
3 ounces tomato paste
Salt and ground black pepper



Chilled Peach Soup with a Tomato/Vidalia Onion Salad

Directions

1. Melt the butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the onion and garlic in the skillet until they begin to brown then add the apple, carrot, basil and thyme

Reduce heat to medium and continue cooking until the carrots are tender - about 10 minutes. Stir in the vegetable stock, tomatoes and tomato paste.

Season with salt and pepper.

Raise the heat to high and bring to a boil. Cover and cook at least 20 minutes, stirring frequently to keep the soup from burning on the bottom.

2. Let the soup cool then pour it into a blender, filling the pitcher no more than halfway full. Hold down the lid of the blender with a folded kitchen towel and carefully start the blender in quick pulses to get the soup moving before leaving it on to puree.

Puree in batches until smooth and then pour into a container and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve chilled.

Cooking Tip

You can freeze fruit soups in ice cube trays and eat them like a popsicle. (Makes a nice treat on a hot summer day)

The Perfect Beverage

Chilled bottle of Pinot Noir Rosé'

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 pounds vine-ripened tomatoes, cored
1 small Vidalia onion, quartered through root end and sliced thin crosswise.

Tomato and Vidalia Onion Salad

Directions

1. Wisk oil, vinegar, salt, garlic and pepper together in a large bowl. Halve tomatoes through, cut into 1-inch wedges, then cut wedges in half crosswise.

2. Add tomatoes and the onion to vinaigrette and fold gently with rubber spatula to combine. Let salad sit for 1 hour at room temperature, stirring once after 30 minutes. (Salad can be refrigerated for up to 2 days.)

**Science of
Cooking
Healthy
Food**

By Marie

Email questions, suggestions and comments to
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Ingredients

Tabbouleh

1/2 cup extra-fine No. 1 bulgur
2 cups fresh parsley, chopped fine
2 cups Roma tomato finely chopped
1 cup English cucumber, finely diced
1/4 cup fresh mint, chopped
4 green onions, thinly sliced

Dressing

1/2 cup robust virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 teaspoon 7-spice seasoning**
1/2 teaspoon dill weed

**If you do not have Lebanese 7 spice mix,
substitute 1/2 teaspoon each of basil and coriander.

Instructions

Instructions

1. Prepare dressing by mixing lemon zest, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and spices.
2. Add 1/2 cup of hot water and 1/2 of the dressing to the bulgur.
3. Prepare vegetables and spices. Mix well in a large bowl, adding remaining dressing.
4. Stir in bulgur.
5. Place in the fridge overnight so flavors meld.
6. If desired, top with feta cheese.

Makes 4-6 servings

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Celebrate with Tabbouleh

A tabbouleh festival is held each year in Lebanon to honor its historical role in the local diet. It is celebrated the first Saturday in July. So sharpen your knife, my dear chefs, and let's make some tabouli.

Tabbouleh is often served wrapped in romaine lettuce leaves or with pita bread and hummus, or as a side dish for grilled chicken. It's a healthy appetizer with crackers, too.

Tabbouleh is a healthy dish that presents a variety of fresh tastes, textures and colors. Each culture has its own twist on the dish. For example, traditional Lebanese version has double the amount of parsley for this recipe.

Use a sharp knife to chop the tomatoes, green or red onions, parsley and mint. To achieve the right texture, chop the vegetables as finely as possible. You should hand-cut these ingredients with a very sharp knife to prevent bruising. A food processor, while tempting for its ease, will result in a beaten, battered and pulpy salad.

Use a firm tomato, such as cherry tomatoes or Roma tomatoes. Regular tomatoes can be too juicy after chopping and add too much liquid to your salad. Pat all ingredients with a paper towel and allow them to dry to minimize excess liquid in the dish.

If you prefer a gluten-free version, substitute cooked quinoa for bulgur.

This salad can be made in advance and kept in an airtight container in the fridge. It keeps 3-4 days in the fridge. But it is at its best when eaten fresh. The dish does not freeze well.

Health Value

Bulgur is a form of whole wheat. Bulgur is produced when wheat seeds are parboiled (partially boiled), cracked and dried. It has a lower glycemic index than white rice. This helps stabilize insulin levels and control weight.

Bulgur has less calories and more fiber than even brown rice.

The nutrition of parsley might surprise you. It contains more vitamin C than most vegetables. There are 160 milligrams of vitamin C in the two cups of parsley in this tabouli. It has more iron than spinach. Parsley is high in vitamin A (known for vision benefits) and can reduce the risk of diabetes and atherosclerosis.

The Science

Traditional tabbouleh has curly parsley. If you find it too strong in flavor, use Italian flat-leaf parsley.

With inflation climbing, produce is becoming more expensive. So consumers need to find alternatives. Growing your own parsley is easy. You do not need chemicals for bugs. Apparently, bugs don't like the taste of parsley.

Bulgur consumption is climbing due to its low cost, long shelf life, easy preparation, taste and high nutrition. You might find bulgur a tasty economic alternative to rice.

Bulgur varies in how finely it has been ground and comes in four grades. The fine bulgur is great for tabbouleh. The more coarse varieties are good for adding hearty texture to soups and pilafs. Bulgur wheat has a nutty flavor and a great chew that fills you up. It keeps you from snacking afterwards.

Fine and medium grinds work with the soaking method. Just pour boiling water over the grains in a bowl. Soaking allows the bulgur to more readily adsorb flavors. Coarse grinds require cooking on the stovetop.

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BUILDING REPORTS



Resident creates amazing replicas out of cardboard

By Cecile Sangiamo

Bruce Bandini has a unique hobby.

He creates art out of ordinary objects, such as old boxes.

The National Football League replica Super Bowl trophy shown in the picture on this page may look real, but it was actually made using cardboard, paper, scissors, razors, glue and spray paint.

Two days after seeing the actual Super Bowl trophy, Bruce was inspired to duplicate its likeness. It took three months of measuring, using an actual football as a model, and cutting templates in order to get it “just right!”

Another amusing creation Bruce made during the pandemic year was a colorful pickleball paddle almost as tall as himself.

So why create things out of cardboard?

This hobby came about during Bruce’s years with the On Top of the World Theater Workshop club when he helped make props for the shows.

In his condo you will find a 1920’s Thompson (Tommy gun) machine gun which looks frighteningly authentic. He made it for a “Roaring 1920s” show. The “gun” even has its own carrying case.

Other apartment decorations include replicas of a guitar, a cardboard Christmas tree, and a lamp.

The lamp was a special project. Bruce went to a Rhodes Scholar conference in New Jersey two years ago and saw the beautiful lamp. He found a pattern and created a duplicate made out of cardboard.

Inspiration can come unexpectedly and at any time, Bruce says. Any time an object catches his eye there can be a desire to recreate it.

There are also several model fighter airplanes in his condo – a logical result of his work in the industry.

But Bruce didn’t always work with just cardboard. There is much more to this former New Yorker, who grew up in the suburbs of Long Island.

From a pre-civil engineering

curriculum at Brooklyn Tech High School, he went on to Community College of New York (CCNY), then became employed by Grumman Aircraft – at the time the largest corporate employer on Long Island. At Grumman, they built the F-14 Tomcat fighter jet and many fighter aircraft of the WWII era and beyond.

Bruce transferred to a facility at Cape Kennedy and was part of the teams that built the Apollo lunar excursion module. His responsibility was temperature control.

When the contract for the space shuttle went to California in 1975, Bruce was one of the 40,000 employees that were laid off and he got shipped back up north.

During his eight years with Grumman, Bruce’s family had grown with two children – a boy and a girl. The family remembered how they liked Florida living, so they left Long Island, found a house and settled in Clearwater.

Bruce bought a coffee shop and put up a big sign: “EAT!”

From 1975 on, he cooked, served, greeted the patrons and was an all-round proprietor. He says it was “a terrific experience meeting people and running his Drew (Street) Coffee Shop.” After around 20 years, he became tired of the daily grind, so he sold the business.

The next phase of his life was studying pharmacy at P-Tech. While he took classes, he never actually became a pharmacy tech.

Currently, Bruce believes in giving back to the community and volunteers a few days a week at the information desk at Mease Hospital. He also drives the Care Van which takes patients to various medical appointments. He is also a member of the Pinellas County Alumni Association, having completed a Citizens Academy course to qualify.

As of this story going to press, there are no cardboard craft projects in the works, but inspiration can come at any moment, and Bruce will break out his tools for the next creation.



Bruce Bandini

At right, Bruce Bandini holds a replica NFL Super Bowl trophy which he created out of cardboard, paper, assorted tools, paint and brushes. Other items he has replicated include a Christmas tree, a guitar, a lamp and various theater props for OTOW’s Theater Workshop productions.

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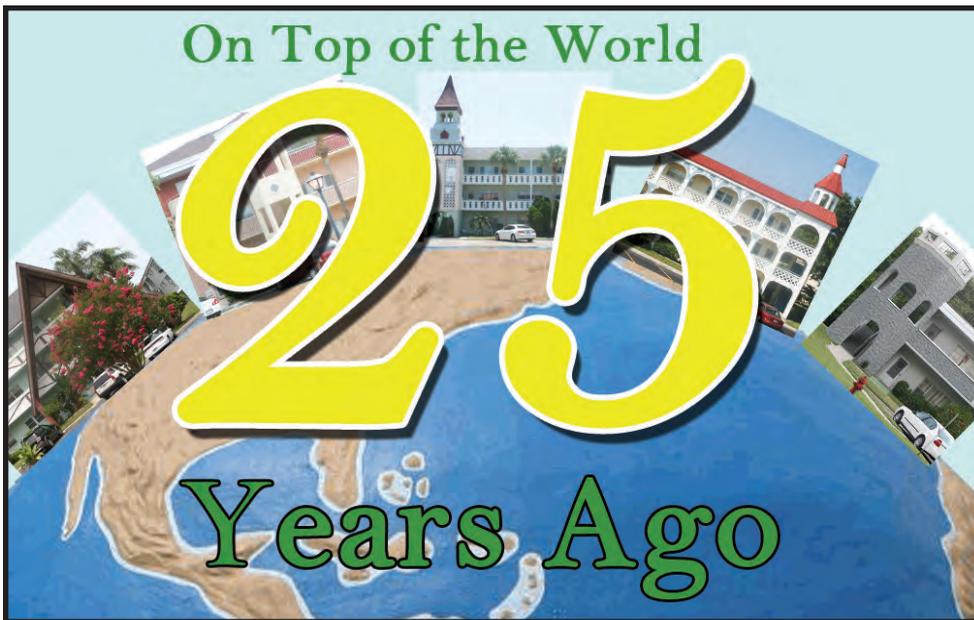
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**A look back at the OTOW News
July, 1996**

- **Nancy Davis' Notes:** The 4th of July is celebrated in many different ways. To some it is a day off work and a day to just lie back and relax. To others, it is a day leisurely spent picnicking with friends and family, playing baseball, horseshoes and throwing Frisbees, and the children playing games of tag or digging for shells in the sand. Of course, no 4th of July would be complete without the brilliant displays of fireworks. All of this is well and good, but we should not forget the real reason that this day is celebrated: the drafting of the Declaration of Independence.
- **OTOW Lapidary Club:** If you had a birthday in June, then your birthstone is the pearl. Or, if you so desire, you can have the moonstone. Both of these stones are lovely white gems, but they are very different, both in origin and in nature. To know about the pearl is a story in itself, for pearls are found in waters all over the world, and every civilization for thousands of years have used pearls for adornment and wealth. The pearl is the only birthstone that is not a mineral, because it is created inside a living organism, the oyster.
- **Shuffleboard Club:** We see the OTOW spirit at our Shuffleboard Club. Even on Florida's infrequent cloudy days, your mood changes when you are greeted by a co-shuffler's clear cheerful smile. Win or lose, that friendly handshake with a sincere smile makes your day. This happens even on our high finance \$Nickel\$ games on Thursdays. It sure is nice to have that kind of camaraderie.
- **Bedford Building:** Whew — summer is here! It's looking great around the building with the beautiful flowers and the new brick borders. It is such a blessing to have everyone so cooperative and congenial in our building. On June 1, 1996, we had our annual picnic. The food was delicious and the fellowship delightful. I was especially pleased that my mom and dad could join us while visiting here. Ralph and Helen Hummel will be celebrating their 58th anniversary on July 3, 1996, quietly at home.
- **Cordoba Building:** Eighteen of us turned out for a very nice early bird dinner at El Capitan Restaurant on May 31, 1996. The food and service were great. Everyone who attended enjoyed a few hours of fellowship. We welcome our new Cordoba neighbors, Richard and Bernice Bowersox. We hope they will be happy here. Marie Salerin had a very nice three-week visit from her sister Pat Keffler of Port Washington, Ohio. Pat enjoys the pool exercises and nice restaurants in the area.
- **Punjab Building:** Fred and Rae Marie Roberts enjoyed a two-week cruise on the Crown Princess to Alaska. They visited Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway, then it was on to Fairbanks and Denali Park by rail on the Princess cars of the Alaska Railroad. After that, two days were spent touring Anchorage. Then they visited Glacier Bay, Mendenhall glacier and an Indian village where they learned of the different cultures and saw a dog sled and musher demonstration, similar to those used in the Iditarod race. They were accompanied on the trip by their son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Jennie Roberts from Newman, Ga. They came back exhausted but happy.

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Busy month at the Villa due to visits, new neighbors, farewells

Happy birthday, America!

It was busy month at the Villa with birthdays, anniversaries, visiting relatives and new neighbors coming and others leaving.

The Lances celebrated their anniversary with a "get-away" at the newly renovated Fenway Hotel in Dunedin. They report sunsets from the roof lounge are spectacular as are the food, accommodations and service.

We bid adieu to some neighbors. Elaine Power, best speller at the Villa, and two of our dancers, Steve Moore and Mary Wolf, have departed for Seminole. Not only great neighbors, but Mary is a terrific baker! We wish them all well.

Cheryl McKay had a whirlwind visit with her grandson. They galloped about local attractions, but the beach was the big hit, of course.

Speaking of grandchildren, Mike Murphy's great (I said "great" believe it or not), grandkids were here along with Mike's daughter from Carolina. They really enjoyed the pool.

Susan Cheetham's nephew is a fantastic diver. Grayson is a university student in Texas on full scholarship. He was diving in the Olympic trials on NBC Sports. Looks to have a great future in diving.

Mario DeJohn requested a mention of the trash room. Please do not put items



such as furniture, curtains rods, etc. in the trash room. When management removes such items, the Villa is assessed charges.

St. Vincent DePaul, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity or other charities will collect such items. I recently donated a large recliner sofa and bed linens. So please, anything large such as furniture, after asking neighbors, call the above mentioned. Thanks in advance.

Glad the "yes" vote prevailed at the annual meeting. No reserve added to the HOA fees.

Well, boys and girls, enjoy your July 4th and stay safe.

Happy birthday and anniversary greetings to all who celebrate, including my Michael. Any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.



Brian and Gerri Lance at the Fenway Hotel in Dunedin for their "get-away" anniversary.

NWF social event held in honor of popular resident

Judy Boley, a popular resident of New World French, celebrated her 95th birthday in February. The party was featured in the March edition of the On Top of the World newspaper.

Judy was a regular attendee of our building lunches and dinners, and enjoyed a recent sunset boat trip on the Gulf of Mexico with a number of her friends here at OTOW.

In June, a Celebration of Life pizza event was held in Judy's honor, so that those same friends and family members could share their favorite stories and fond memories of her.

Since most restaurants are now open, we can once again meet for our monthly lunches and birthday dinners, organized by Virginia Upton. We all really missed it, especially the contact with our neighbors.

A nice evening was organized at



"Hamburger Mary's," a little different from our usual dinner venues. It's a fun place with male artists dressed as women. It was a Tuesday night, with two for one hamburgers. There is a cover charge of \$4.



New World French residents recently spent an interesting evening at Hamburger Mary's. (Photo by Marcel L'Heritier)



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Here's a refresher on some basic, important OTOW rules

Reminder: Espana has its own telephone directory. Please contact the building's officers to get a copy.

Since we have so many new residents, I feel that I should give you all some basic information.

I went to On Top of the World management to confirm the following information. I also gave them a copy of this article prior to my submitting it to the newspaper. They have approved the information.

Contractors and/or residents can do construction only between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. No Sunday construction.

Please read the signs in the trash room as to what can and cannot be put in the trash cans. Please don't make up your own rules.

It is soon the time of year when we will all be going into our storeroom to take out our holiday decorations. It's a good idea for everyone to remember the OTOW rules for storerooms.

The storerooms are all different in size and shape, but what is the same is that all store rooms have a three-foot aisle. Each apartment is entitled to have an area two feet from the wall. Residents need aisle room to use their walker and/or a cart to remove items or to pack items into their space. The apartment numbers are painted on the floor.



If you have your storage up to or over the number on the floor, you are way over your allotted space and you are using the aisle area. Please be considerate of others.

Don't forget, paint may not be stored in the storerooms.

If there are wires in your storeroom, don't pack anything against them. These are the wires for electric, TV, etc. If you damage the wires, everyone will be affected.

Remember, rules are for everyone – not just for everyone but you. At the present time, we have many residents who think they can do whatever they please. Don't be one of these residents.

Once again, remember that you can only extend your personal storage two feet from the wall. A lot of people are abusing this rule. Don't be one of them.

Emerald Isle residents enjoy pavilion for first time

Hi, everyone — welcome to July in Florida! Last month, we enjoyed our social in the comfort of our new pavilion. The chicken was delicious and we got to know some of our new neighbors.

Liz Buckley recently visited Biloxi with her niece for some R&R. Hope they were lucky!

Nancy Younts, with the help of Bill Gipperich, is now the master gardener on the Rhodesian side. The front entrance has undergone a transformation. Come and see the lovely changes.

The following piece was submitted to me by a neighbor who wishes to remain anonymous. Thanks to this person.

"The word is out! On Top of the World has a great reputation in Florida. Residents are very pleased to see the constant improvements made to the property.

"Compared to other HOA fees in the areas, we get a lot for the money, from all the amenities to the included utilities. In the last few months, our parking area has been repaved and our sidewalk power cleaned. It is such a pleasure to drive or walk through our neat and well-maintained community.

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"Thanks to selfless volunteers, we have enjoyed social gatherings and



our storage rooms have been kept spotlessly cleaned.

"It was an unexpected pleasure to see the cushions appear on our benches and the decorations covering the breezeway walls.

"Thanks to Cheryl Butcher, who supplies books for our residents to read and enjoy.

"We can't forget the wonderful and friendly people who man our front and back gates and have kept OTOW among the safest areas of Clearwater.

"How wonderful it is that we don't have to worry about roof maintenance and yard care. We no longer have to drag out the garbage cans or clean up the area after a storm.

"Many of us are looking forward to spending all the free time we now have to return to the diverse clubs OTOW offers.

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That's all, folks! See you soon.

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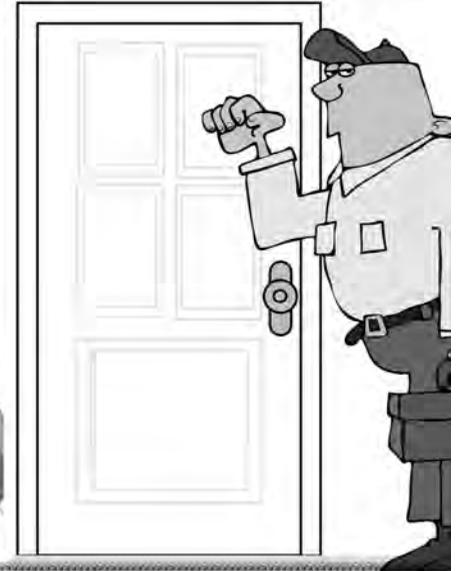
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Granada is all about parties, food and having a good time

Friends gathered in the backyard to celebrate a birthday with food, drinks and music by “Mr. Fun,” with a socially distant get-together, and a lot of fun was had. Rumor has it that this was for “Mrs. Fun,” Bella Houser. Best wishes!

We also had our monthly luncheon at Longhorn Steakhouse for great food and conversation. We also planned our July luncheon at Po’boys on the 12th. See the sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Hoping more people will join in.

A few of us ventured to Honeymoon Island for some beach time. We saw the dredging for Oasis Beach and tons of new, white sand being placed to enhance the size of the beach.

In the middle of June, they started the same work on North Beach.



We are so looking forward to the clubs starting soon, so keep your eyes open for news on On Top of the World TV (channel 732), the OTOW News and the OTOW web site: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.



Granada dwellers enjoyed a lunch and chat recently at Longhorn Steakhouse.



Left to right: Eleanor Friedley holding her dog “Charlie,” Marge Bertuccio holding “Pebbles,” Nina Muscat holding “Emma” (her neighbor Carol Jo Brenneman’s Chihuahua), and Micky Vann holding “Buddy,” Carol Jo’s other dog, on his leash.

‘The Porch’ is the place to unwind after a hard day

Our residents are not the only ones enjoying “The Porch,” as we call it, with its freshly-painted rocking chairs at the Dorado building. Twin sisters Marge Bertuccio and Eleanor Friedley often enjoy sitting down to chat for a minute when they return from walking their dogs, Pebbles and Charlie.

Nina Muscat is one of several who likes to say hello to the front porch group when she is checking her mail box.

Carrol Jo Brenneman’s friend Micky Vann, a neighbor from next door, said she has gained several new friends just by stopping by to say hello to the porch group when she comes over to visit.

“The Porch” has no set time for people to gather. No one gets a special invitation. It’s just a nice place for neighbors



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Malaguena getting its social calendar up to date

Malaguena is Getting Social Again!

With the restrictions being lifted, we can get together again, which is good news for Malaguena residents! First, the Social Committee (yes, we still have a Social Committee) has put together our first event in a year! I think we can all agree we're long overdue.

The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, at 4 p.m. Bring your chairs and a sandwich (or other handhelds) to the backyard behind the north wing. It's shady there, and there's lots of space.

Unlike events in the past, this one is a BYO event: Bring Your Own sandwich and drink. It would be helpful to bring a chair if you have one. The Social Committee will provide chips, bottled water, and desserts.

Please note that you do not have to make anything to share. The picnic is a terrific chance to reconnect with the neighbors you haven't seen for a while and to meet new residents. Signs and sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. We hope everyone will join us — especially the new residents!

On another note, two Malaguena residents actively beautify our community. Pam and Ward Johansen moved in about a year and a half ago to be near her parents,



who live in the same building.

Soon after moving in, the couple started taking daily walks around the property. They walk twice a day, for a total of four to five miles. It's no wonder they are both in such great shape!

Their walks not only benefit them but the community as well. While walking, they noticed trash on the ground and started picking it up. A neighbor saw them and gave them an E-Z reacher tool, making picking up the litter much easier.

Pam said their daily walks have given them a chance to meet their neighbors, several of whom have thanked the couple



View of Malaguena Building showing new palm trees. (Photo by Phyllis King)

for their efforts. Pam noted that most of the trash on the ground comes from open barrels put out for pick up. Ways to prevent that is not to overfill the barrels and to make sure the lids are closed when they are put out.

According to Pam, picking up trash is easy, and anyone can do it. Many thanks to Pam and Ward for their help in keeping On Top of the World beautiful!

You've probably noticed the five stately palm trees that have been planted in

front of the building. These were moved from other locations, and we are lucky to be the recipients. Dan and Anna Hyden have been kind enough to volunteer to water these beauties so they can survive the transition.

The palms, plus the plants and sod added to the corner of Switzerland and Americus, are much-appreciated landscaping improvements.

Things are looking up for the Malaguena building!

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By Doug Kates

A few years ago, if you had walked past Folly Farm in Safety Harbor, you would have seen a closed-in fence, some horses, lots of greenery and absolutely no people for the eye to see.

It was private property and closed to the public. It almost looked deserted.

You would have walked by with the burning question, "what the heck is in there?"

But today Folly Farm is much different.

Folly Farm is no longer private land and is no longer a home for horses.

The gate is completely unlocked and wide open for you to walk in and explore. It's not Disney World.

But it is peaceful.

In a few years, after more work and added improvements, it could be a type of tranquil Disney World.

We'll have to wait and see what happens next.

Today, Folly Farm has a butterfly garden, tons of flowers, a gazebo and a fire pit. And now it has friendly people going for walks, exploring and taking pictures.

The gazebo has been rented for weddings. The fire pit has been used for get-togethers.

If you wander to the very back of the farm, you will find a short walking path. I'm not going to tell you where it starts or where it ends - you'll have to find out on your own.

Your four-legged friend will love it.

Folly Farm is a work in progress. The owners are accepting donations and making improvements.

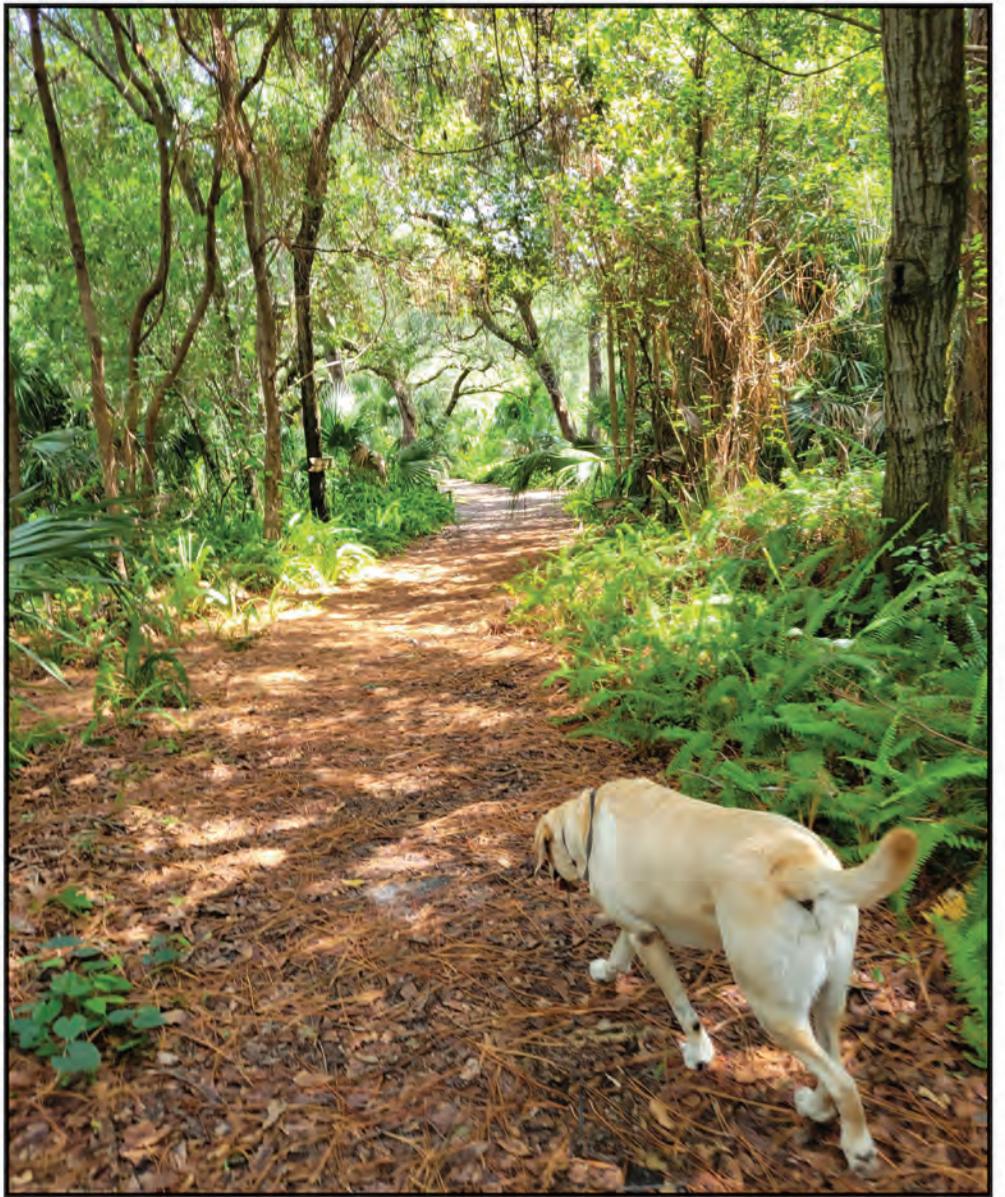
There are special days and holiday specials.

So where is it?

Oh. That's an extremely complicated answer. Go straight, turn left, turn right and you're there. That's it!

OK. Seriously. Take Sunset Point Road to McMullen Booth Road. Turn left, then right onto Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Safety Harbor. You can't miss it.

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Building residents hold ceremony for Memorial Day

In observance of Memorial Day, the French Renaissance II building honored our fallen, MIA and POW heroes who gave up so much to defend our country and our freedom.

We put up our patriotic flags and decor several weeks ahead of the event. Patriotic music was played by our resident DJ, Jesse Tiamson, from noon to 4 p.m.

Among some of the music played was "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood and the soldiers of the Armed Forces, "America The Beautiful" by both Whitney Houston and Ray Charles, "God Bless America" by Anita Bryant, "Yankee Doodle" by the Army Band, and all the marches by John Philip Sousa. Taps was played to



honor all the fallen, which concluded the celebration.

Pizza and wings were enjoyed by several neighbors who joined the event at the core of our building.

God bless America and our men and women who protect us every day.



L-R: Jesse Tiamson, Sheila Bonomo, Evelyn Tiamson, Lois Wirkus, Kathy Rosenbaum, Bill Rosenbaum, Sue Trost, Bob Trost, Judy Hoffman, Tasso, and Nancy Stephan.



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Pair of gators are lurking in the lawn at Villa Riviera



Resident Bob Piegler placed these two concrete alligators under his front hedge to go along with his alligator-themed bathroom.

There seem to be some strange creatures prowling around the Villa Riviera building these days. Perhaps the most obvious are the two alligators lurking under one of the shrubs.

Bob Piegler is one of the many here at On Top of the World who got caught up in the COVID construction craze. He was featured last year with his alligator-themed bathroom renovations. And he's at it again. This time he has put two concrete alligators under his front hedge.

Little "Awgee Doggie," one of our buildings newest four-legged residents, barked at the big one for a good three minutes before realizing he wasn't going to get a response. Thank goodness, as Awgee only weighs just over 12 pounds and would have been a tasty appetizer had the gators been real.

One of the most frequent and favorite interlopers at our building is of the two-legged kind: Earl Ballance. He and his

better half moved across the street to the Punjab Building in early spring of 2019. Being an early riser and an avid bike rider, he noticed that his neighbors at Villa Maria were also early birds. Many were sitting out front drinking coffee.

Friendships were born. When Steve and Sharon Flint began hosting their well-appreciated building cocktail parties, Earl and his spouse, Mike, were always invited. And, of course, at our recent St. Patrick's corned beef bash, they were there in green hats with bells on.

Mike spent the afternoon showing

off his genuine Irish shillelagh. And when a group of us rented a pontoon out of New Port Richie for an island picnic, Earl and Mike were there.

They might as well be residents of the building...

So when Earl approached the social committee about hosting a surprise party for Mike's 80th birthday, everyone agreed. After all, half the building knows and loves Mike.

Three ground-floor residents decorated their patios and a canopy was put on the grass adjoining them.

Invited interlopers from Ecuadorian Way, Rhodesian Drive, and Australia Way found their way over to one of the most fun buildings in OTOW to help celebrate. Three different types of chili, cornbread and birthday punch were served.

A good time was had by all, alligators included!

Special Note: If by chance you missed the sign-up deadline for the building's July's Pulled Pork Party at the pavilion on July 10, be sure to catch up with one of our social directors: Deb Turrisi, Sharon Flint or Linda Pregonzer.

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Third-generation resident is one of two new dwellers

Happy fourth of July! Hope it will be a “blast” for you or at least a “sparkling” holiday.

Many of our Snowbirds have flown north, but lucky for us new birds have flown in— Cardinals, to be exact.

Charles Kovarik and Diane Wilson from St. Louis, Mo., have arrived. Diane is a third-generation On Top of the World resident, the third one in our building. This says a lot about OTOW.

Charles is a retired architect having worked on Wendy’s and McDonald restaurants among other large buildings.

Diane worked for Verizon and did a stint in retail. We are so glad they are here.

Talking with neighbors has been a wonderful pastime these past few months. Occasionally, the history of our building has come up. We have two ladies who have been in the building for over 30 years, Ginger Currier and Josie Marsiglio.

Many others have lived in our building over 20 years, some moving from upstairs



to the first floor. Even though I have visited here for many years, I am such a baby when it comes to being a resident.

I admire our long-term residents who prove that living in this building is the best place to be.

We have the breeze which is needed these days and the view is spectacular. Obviously we love it here.

Keep cool if you can and keep visiting each other. That is a cool thing to do.

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First core party since lockdown was much appreciated

We finally had a monthly core party on May 23. Twenty-seven residents attended and many new owners joined in as we had a fun afternoon with some delicious food and desserts.

President Tom Tarker welcomed everyone and asked the new people to introduce themselves and tell us where they moved from.

Tom also discussed getting bike racks installed in our bike room.

A survey was also taken to see how many people would like to start going out for a monthly luncheon. Please check our information bulletin board for dates and times for these events. One more core party was also voted on, and it will be the last one until the fall.

I was fortunate to interview new resident Todd Smeltzer and Joey, the cat. Todd has lived in Clearwater for over 30 years and now is happy to reside at On Top of the World. His hobbies are cycling, swimming, and dancing. He had heard of our condominiums from friends, and we are happy he decided to move here. Welcome Todd and Joey.

Water Aerobics is now at full capacity (no limits), so please consider joining us



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This year Clearwater will be having a big Fourth of July fireworks show. It will be held at BayCare Ballpark (formerly Spectrum Field) at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$5. Let's celebrate. It's been a long time since the pandemic locked us all down, and now it's our time to get out and appreciate our freedom.

Happy 4th of July everyone, enjoy your day. Remember to wear your red, white and blue!



The first Siboney core party since February 2020. Some 27 residents attended.

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Mandalay welcomes new resident

Mandalay Building is happy to feature one of our newest residents, Patricia (Trish) Lawrence.

Trish originally came from the Washington, D.C. area where she lived for 35 years. Her employment was with major corporations and large international law firms until relocating to Miami about eight years ago. She was subsequently transferred from her company to Tampa. Trish has held positions in facilities and administrative office management.

While Trish lived in Miami, she was president of her condo's homeowners association.

Trish has spent her adult life rescuing and caring for senior dogs (labs and cocker spaniels) and currently has an



old cocker spaniel named Suzy.

Trish is semi-retired and hopes to enjoy all aspects of living at our On Top of the World community.



Meet Patricia Lawrence, one of the newest residents of the Mandalay Building.



Barbecue get-together was a long time coming

Flamenco residents on Switzerland Way held their first get-together in over 16 months this past Memorial Day.

A barbecue was held in our parking lot at noon with 40 people attending. Bill Golden, our resident "grillfather" cooked up a mass of delicious hotdogs and hamburgers, grilled to personal preference.

A nice variety of salads and side dishes to compliment the meal were furnished by the residents.

Patriotic music was enjoyed before dinner. Requests were honored by Phil Matinez, who was in charge of the music played post-dinner.

Many residents spent the afternoon hours sitting under the shade of the oak trees on our street, catching up with their neighbors in conversations, sharing memories and enjoying some good laughs.

With 90% of our building residents vaccinated, it was so enjoyable to be able to remove our masks and enjoy each other's company once again.

Veteran honors the military on Memorial Day

By Gerri Jaeger

Our Rila Renaissance neighbor, Joe Maley, played taps for us again this year on Memorial Day to honor our servicemen and women who lost their lives while serving in the military.

Joe is a veteran and belongs to a group called "Taps." Thank you Joe, for your service and for honoring our veterans and those lost in war.

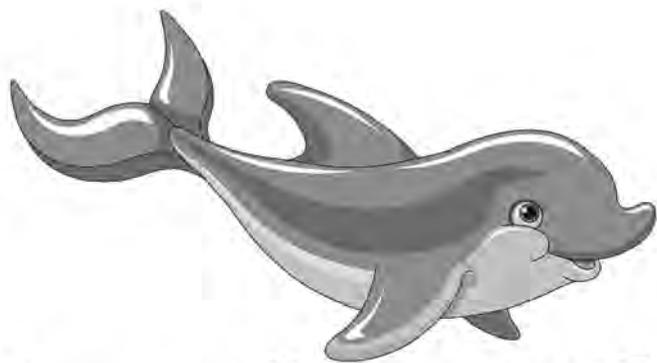
Joe had this to say about his yearly performance:

"There is a national organization called "Taps Across America." CBS news recently aired a special report about this group. On Memorial Day at 3 p.m. everyone across the country in the group was to play Taps to honor deceased military members past and present. As a veteran and member of this group, it made me proud to do this."



Joe Maley plays Taps every Memorial Day for Rila Renaissance residents.

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Nearly 30 residents attended a Rizal Building Memorial Day weekend barbecue.

Rizal residents gather for building-wide barbecue

Memorial Day weekend saw almost 30 Rizal Building residents come together for a building-wide barbecue.

Hot dogs, salads, and several scrumptious desserts were the order for the first event of its kind since early 2020.

It was a wonderful way for residents to re-connect, meet new residents, make new friends and celebrate their ability to safely gather again.

This was such a successful event that discussions are already under way for a similar gathering in the fall to welcome back those residents who were still unable to travel to their Rizal Building homes.



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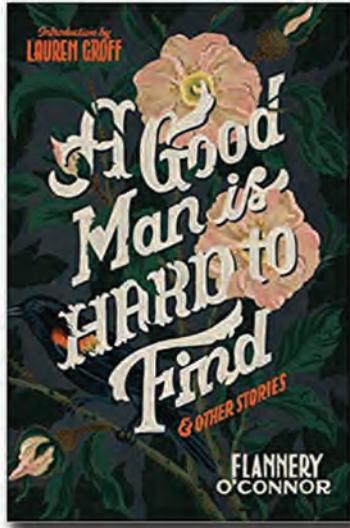
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