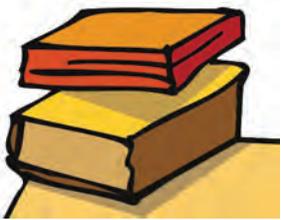




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Library

By Katy Gerritt

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It's a great way to recycle books you no longer need. They can be brought to the library during regular hours on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We have several new large print books, including "Until the End of Time" by Danielle Steele, "The Guardian" by Beverly Lewis, "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy, "Chance of a Lifetime" by Jody Thomas, "The Storyteller" by Jody Picoult, and "Six Years" by Harlen Coben.

We also have a paperback copy of "Heart and Soul" by Maeve Binchy.

We are looking for positive reviews of books from our readers. We can then share these recommendations with others who are looking for a good read.

So let us know when you enjoy a



Diane Norwood checks out one of the many books for sale at the On Top of the World library.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

book and feel others would like it too. It doesn't need to be a new book - just one we have available at the library.

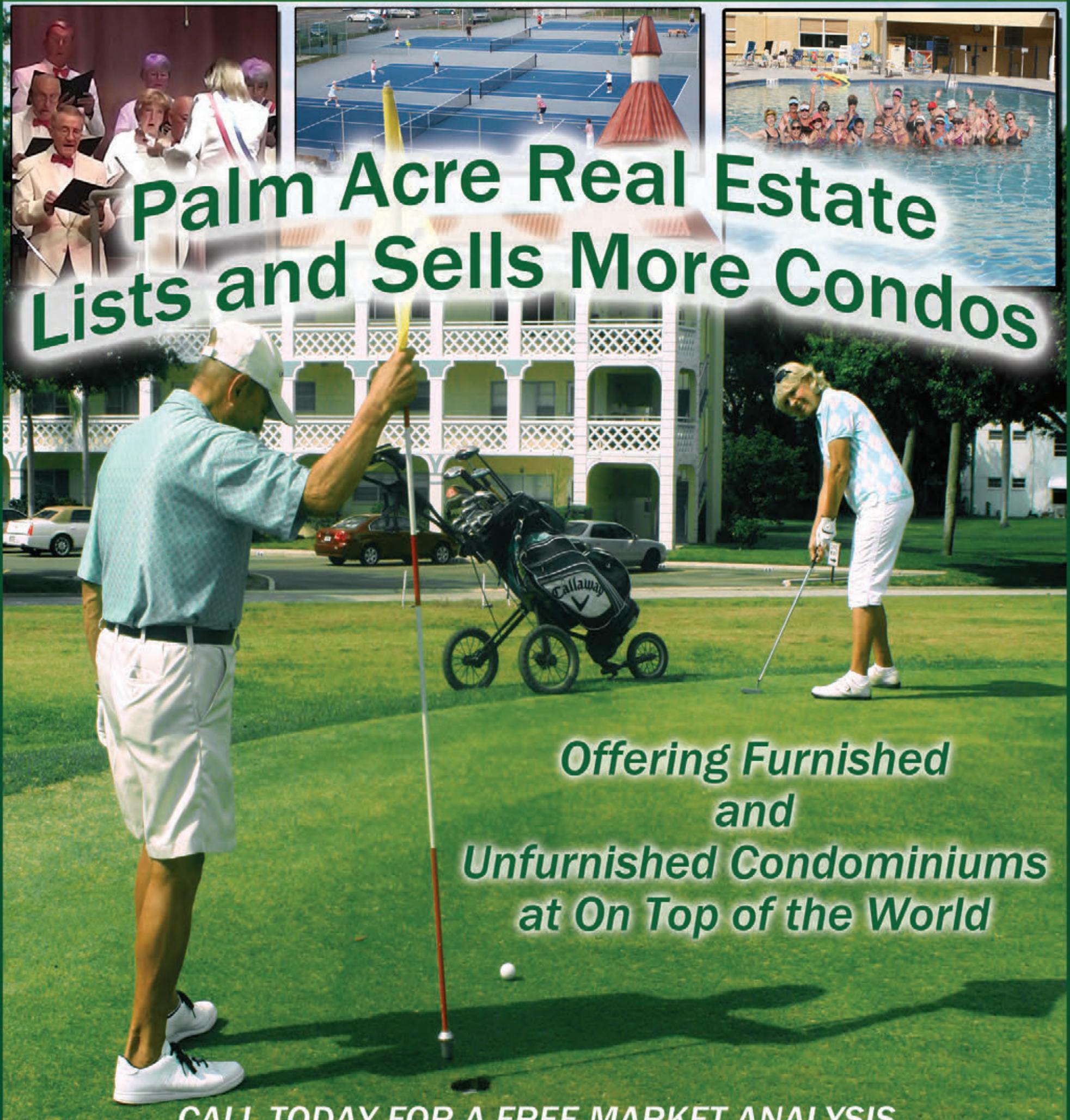
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Annual meeting is around the corner

General Meeting

Notices were mailed in May to remind residents of the On Top of the World Condominium Association General Meeting 10 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013, at the East Activity Center, 2069 World Parkway Blvd.

There is a lengthy agenda as the Board reports on the status of the Association.

Your Board cannot underscore the importance of your vote, whether in person or by proxy. In order to hold a meeting and conduct business, we need a quorum. So every vote counts regardless of how you vote!

Florida statutes require that the Association establish reserves, unless waived by a majority vote of the voting interests present at the meeting in person or by proxy.

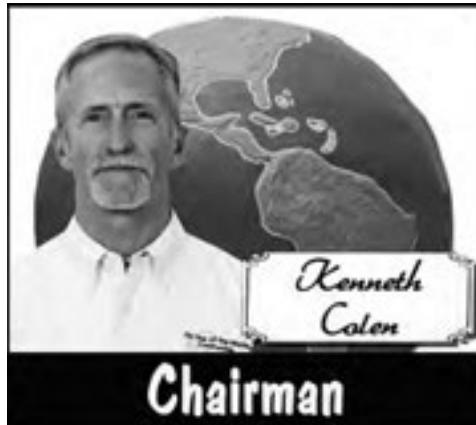
Please return the "yellow" proxy form to the Association at your earliest convenience in the envelope provided.

Landscape and Architectural Controls

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

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

Maintenance of landscape and related features in the common areas is an ongoing process. In many cases, the owner that made the original modification has moved on and the landscaping has grown out of control.



At times, an owner may become irate with the management company personnel that trim back or remove plantings (in most cases made without first consulting the Association). Your Board can be sympathetic to a point in these types of matters. However, when a tree begins to scrape and erode shingles on a roof mansard, or lift up walkway or pavement, or when shrubbery encroaches into a walkway, it is time for the offending plant to be removed to protect the safety of both residents and property.

I mention this in the context of this article because certain owners have become shrill in their correspondence and rude to the employees performing these necessary and valuable services. The Association has a job to do for the benefit of all owners. It is never personal, even when certain individuals wish to make it so.

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. Return it with a detailed description of the work requested and a dimensioned drawing of the affected

area. A representative of the Association will inspect the area and advise the owner of approval, approval with modification, or denial.

Maintenance Update

We are definitely into the summer season when air conditioning is needed.

If you're like most people, you never think about your air conditioning unit (AC) until it stops working or floods your unit. The condensate from a normally operating AC must be able to drain outside during normal operation.

The management company inspects and services the common AC condensate drain line annually. Servicing entails suctioning the line and making sure it is flowing freely into the drain wet well.

Please take note that this process is not a substitute for the unit owner's responsibility of maintaining their own cooling system. It is the unit owner's responsibility to have their air conditioning system serviced EVERY year by a licensed and insured contractor.

Drain lines will not operate efficiently without the unit owner's cooperation in keeping their HVAC system serviced at least yearly. The owner's service must include the following items:

- A service check of the exterior condenser, including a coil cleaning.
- A service check of the air handler and cooling coil on the inside of your unit, including checking the drain pan for leaks or weak spots and checking the flow in the lateral pipe from the drain pan to the common condensate line.

Overflowing (backed-up) air conditioning condensate draining interior to the owner's unit is one of the most frequent causes of water damage to a unit and the adjoining units. This

can become very costly and be a real nightmare to fix. Call today for service!

Reroofing is completed for this season. Pavement resurfacing work was completed for the current budget year.

Painting will be happening on the back elevations of Building 71, which completes the repaint cycle for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Projects affecting elevators are as follows: Annual elevator inspections will be ongoing from June 10-21. Key stop switch installation will be added on select elevators if necessary.

Hardwired smoke detector installation will begin on buildings 17, 21, 22 and 23. Again, we appreciate your cooperation. So far, installations have been going along well with only minimal delay.

Ongoing construction projects are as follows: railing replacements are pending on Buildings 52 and 39, subject to release of building permits. Spall repair on the walkways at Buildings 80 and 18A are ongoing. The management company has bid repair work and hope to begin work in mid-June. Header and window sill repairs are ongoing as needed, as are sidewalk and walkway repairs. Structural inspections are also ongoing.

Building 7, unit 40, and adjacent units, will be ongoing with fire investigation and the start of restoration. We anticipate some level demolition within that unit as well as the water damaged unit below it. Fortunately, the fire was contained and caused no structural damage, however, water obeys the laws of gravity, flows downhill and wreaks havoc. The unit upstairs and the two neighboring units had minimal smoke odor that should be addressed easily. Thereafter, the restoration project has an approximate duration of 150 days, County inspections notwithstanding.

Vinyl tile floor replacement will be started at Building 71 (third floor) in mid- to late-June. Flooring replacement in the East Activity Center will also be ongoing in select areas during the month. Installation schedule may progress slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures. Please use caution in all work areas.

Ongoing projects include parking lot stall number re-stenciling, water meter box number re-stenciling, and compliance enforcement in all categories.

OTOW Budget Meeting
10 a.m., Thursday
June 13 in the
East Activity Center auditorium



Kenneth Colen, Publisher • Doug Kates, Editor • Dave Hart, Asst. Editor

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Yvonne Courtney, President

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NEXT DELIVERY DATE

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This month's volunteers:

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- Dawn Rubio
- Barb Sundberg
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- Barbara Sensale

Newsroom Hours

9:30-6 Mon-Thur

9-2 Fri

***The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but our color ad space will likely sell out before the 15th. Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.**

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- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

* For timely service, please schedule a request a day in advance.



Smoke Detector Retrofit Schedule

JUNE

#17, #21, #22, #23

JULY

#24, #25, #26

AUGUST

#27, #28, #29

SEPTEMBER

#30, #31, #32, #38

OCTOBER

#40, #41, #42, #43

NOVEMBER

#43, #44, #45

(note: Buildings 17 and 43 will be split between two months)

Shown above is the schedule for smoke detector replacement work. If you believe you might not be present or available during your building's designated month, please cut out this form and return the information to On Top of the World. Forms can be delivered in person to the East Activity Center Service Desk or they can be mailed to the address below.

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Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

Representative name: _____ Representative phone number: _____

Representative address: _____

June starts another hurricane season - be prepared



Hurricane season preparation

The first day of Hurricane Season was June 1. Over the next six months you will read many articles and see many news reports regarding hurricane preparedness.

You will be bombarded with information, so much so that you may begin to ignore the valuable information at your disposal.

I can honestly say, that if I have to ride out a hurricane, I want to make sure I do it in Florida. Our local government leaders have much experience in hurricane preparedness and we have dedicated resources available to us in the event a storm approaches.

Due to our county's geographical position in the state, and the general formation of hurricanes, we have been fortunate to have experienced fewer hurricanes than many other areas. This, however, leads many of us to become complacent about a possible hurricane threat.

I won't spend my column inundating you with the basic information that is readily available to residents of Florida. Information is provided on pages 20, 21 and 76 in this newspaper. A posting is also provided in your building's center core providing you with excellent resources.

I would highly recommend a visit to the Pinellas County Emergency Management Website at www.pinellas-county.org/emergency/

Despite all of the above, it is important for the On Top of the World Community to have a Hurricane Plan in place. During the 2004 Hurricane Season, three tropical storms and hurricanes impacted our area. Areas of our community were without power



Tropical storm damage from last year included one of the roof areas at the lawn bowling courts.

for five days while we waited for Progress Energy crews to restore power. This posed a problem for our residents with certain medical conditions.

Even though our community is located in a no-flood zone, and there are no mandatory evacuation plans for this area, some of our residents should still consider evacuation. If you are dependent on the use of electricity for medical conditions and you have a need for basic medical monitoring you will need to register with a Pinellas County Special Needs Shelter. The phone number to register is (727)464-3800. The shelter in this area is located at Dunedin Highland Middle School. Please understand, you must make these arrangements now, not when a Hurricane Watch or Warning has been issued.

Also, keep in mind, when your building experiences a loss of electricity, you will also lose the use of the elevator. For those of you that cannot evacuate your building without the aid of an elevator, you need to consider riding out a storm in a shelter or with family or friends. The On Top of the World activity centers are not designat-

ed nor designed for use as hurricane shelters and they do not have emergency personnel assigned to assist you.

Research from prior storms reflects the most important element in hurricane recovery was the lack of potable drinking water. This was due to compromised water systems impacted by power outages and flooding.

Residents need to be prepared for the potential interruption of potable water services. Pinellas County Emergency Management Team recommends one gallon of water, per person, per day for one week. Remember to make allowances for your pets.

During a Hurricane Watch, the management company's primary responsibility is to secure the grounds and common areas from windborne hazards. Residents are required to do their part by closing hurricane shutters, lowering all window awnings and removing all personal items on patios, balconies and within the center core. These items must be placed in your unit or storage rooms.

While most of us want to remain in the familiar comfort of our own homes during an emergency, please

make the best decision for your personal circumstances to keep yourself safe. Many of your neighbors may have concerns or anxiety during a storm and would welcome an invitation to join their fellow neighbors in their homes until the severe threat of a storm has passed.

Community Census

In order to maintain the designation as a 55-plus community, the On Top of the World Condominium Association is required to conduct a census every two years. The last census was conducted in 2011, therefore we are required to conduct a new census in 2013.

The census survey will be included in the September 2013 Association mailing and will require you to complete the form and return it to the Association. The census survey can also be obtained at the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. Please return the completed form to: On Top of the World Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763.

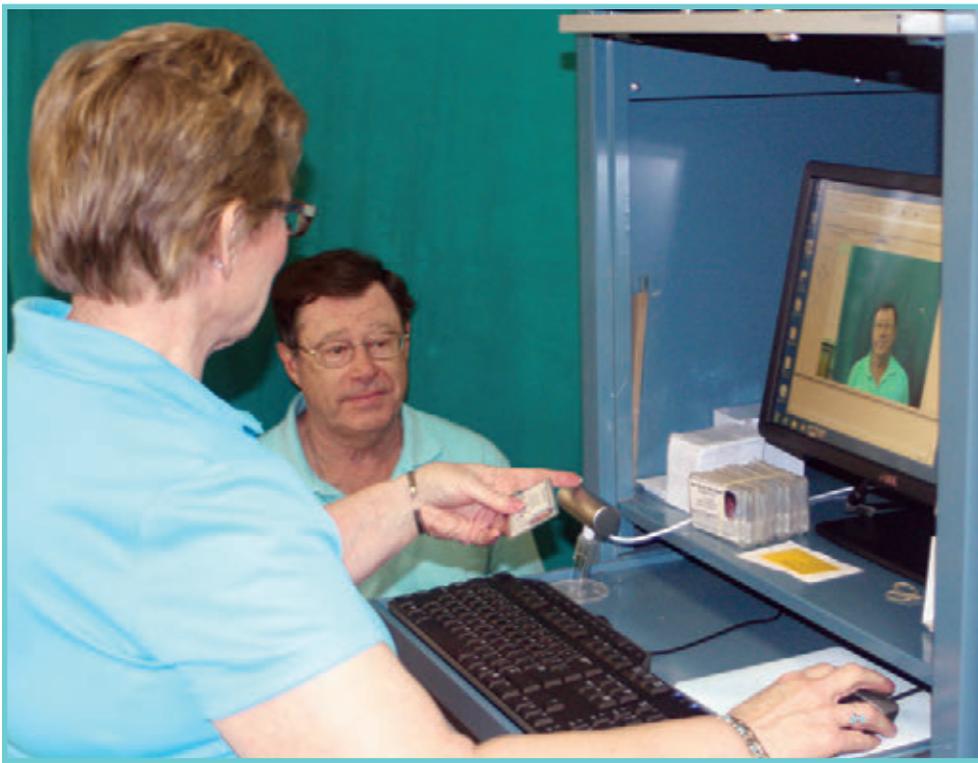
County now requires 'ductless' dryers in OTOW units

By Sharon Licata

Recent changes to the Pinellas County Mechanical Code impact new washer and dryer installations in the On Top of the World Condominium Community.

In order to approve a new dryer installation, you must purchase a "ductless" dryer. The county no longer permits the use of the indoor dryer vent kits, and at this time the Association prohibits dryers to be retrofitted through the exterior building wall.

Avoid the rush on new rec cards



OTOW's Karen Brasted clicks a few buttons on her computer and within seconds Jim Harrington (seated) gets his new Recreation Card. Jim was No. 118 in line on May 20.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



ARTWORK DOES NOT SHOW THE ACTUAL CARD

On June 30, 2013, all previous On Top of the World Recreation Cards will expire.

Avoid the long lines and lengthy time delays that will occur as the deadline approaches.

New cards began getting issued on April 1. This month, cards will be issued June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24 from 9-11:30 a.m. Be aware, you may be asked to stand in line for a brief period.

The new cards are digitally produced and printed on specially-coated stock paper with residents' pictures in color and in high resolution. The cost will remain the same great value of \$3.

So far, the response to get new cards has been terrific. Unfortunately, the hours to get your card are limited because the workers are volunteers. While On Top of the World admits it will be a long process before everyone gets their new card, they appreciate your patience.

Jim Harrington, who received his Recreation Card on May 20, said he was prepared for the long wait and went for a walk with his wife, Lenice,

**Mondays
9-11:30 a.m.**

while they waited.

Your Management Company's in-house Information Technology Department and our Association's Interview Department worked many long hours to produce and upgrade this excellent recreation card.

Many thanks go out to Dean Jones and Karen Brasted for their efforts.

Also, a great value, are the newly expanded services at our Community Service Office (CSO), located adjacent to the first floor lobby in the East Activity Center. The CSO has added copy, FAX and notary services at competitive prices.

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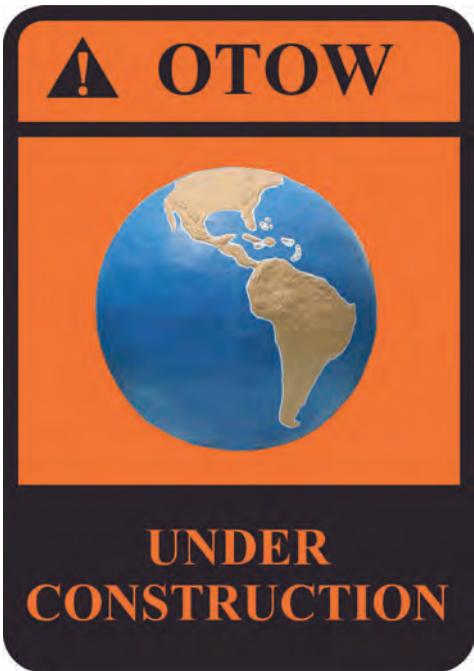
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Early in May, workers replaced the entire roof over the West Activity Center. The facility, pool and dog park were closed for a week as the project progressed.



In mid-May, crews put a fresh coat of blacktop over the entire East Activity Center parking lot facing World Parkway Boulevard. The project included bright, new, yellow, parking lines and blue handicap parking designations.



Above, in mid-May, crews spread a powdery material over the East Activity Center lawn bowling courts. When mixed with water and rolled many times, the material came together to establish a brand new surface on the courts. At right, in April, OTOW crew members replace a portion of the sidewalk outside the East Activity Center. Yes, that's an electric saw and yes, that's cement. Look like fun?

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New board vows to improve on last season



Press Association

Your On Top of the World newspaper kicked off another season in May with Publisher Ken Colen welcoming the new board to lead the staff over the next 12 months.

The board vowed to continue producing good news and keeping the community informed of building, club, sports and association news.

Ken said each year provides a great challenge, because the goal is to do an even better job than the previous season.

Accepting this challenge for 2013-14 were Yvonne Courtney, president; Jackie Dooley, vice president; Arlene Bergen, secretary; and Gloria Walz, building coordinator.

Arlene is the only newcomer to the board. She replaces previous secretary Dana Garlick.

After the officers were sworn in, editor Doug Kates addressed the remaining staff. He said the newspaper is going to try to save a little money over the summer months, and to achieve this, there will be an effort to cut down on the number of pages from June through October.

"This is a natural time to cut down on pages because most of the clubs and sports are not meeting," Doug said. "We would like to drop down from 84 pages per edition to 72 or 68 pages per edition."

To reach this goal, the number of sports pages will be cut from six to two. There will be no Bulletin Board page over the summer, and the cards



From left to right are Buildings Coordinator Gloria Walz, Secretary Arlene Bergen, Vice President Jackie Dooley, President Yvonne Courtney and Publisher Kenneth Colen.

2013-14 Meeting Schedule

June - No Meeting

July - No Meeting

August - Thursday, Aug. 1, 1:30, Large Card Room

September - No Meeting

October - Thursday, Oct. 3, 1:30, Large Card Room

November - Thursday, Nov. 7, 7:00, Veranda

December - Thursday, Dec. 5, 1:30, Large Card Room

January - Thursday, Jan. 2, 7:00, Veranda

February - Thursday, Feb. 6, 1:30, Large Card Room

March - Thursday, March 6, 7:00, Veranda

April - Thursday, April 3, Time TBA, Location TBA*

* Appreciation Luncheon

and poetry pages will hibernate until November. Instead of two calendar pages, an effort will be made to create one calendar page.

These moves will only exist over the summer months. When the Snowbirds begin to return, and activities pick up again, the newspaper will return to normal length.

In other news, Doug informed the staff that in April, about 65 percent of the stories were submitted over the Internet, which is a drastic

change from 2-3 years ago when most people submitted stories on paper, which then had to be retyped.

On behalf of the typists, Doug thanked everyone who filed electronically.

Doug also reminded reporters that they should not pick other reporters as topics for feature stories. Every Press Association writer already has the freedom to write about themselves on a monthly basis. There is no need to be featured in a story.

"There are 10,000 residents here

and 80 consistent reporters," Doug said. "That means there are 9,920 other people out there we can write about. We do not need to feature ourselves."

The Press Association will not hold any meetings in June or July. The next meeting will be 1:30 p.m., Aug. 1 in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

There will be no meeting in September, but meetings will resume with a day meeting in October and a night meeting in November.

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My dog won't give up his front seat to anybody - not even his grandma

Every once in a while, someone stops into the newsroom and says, "Doug, it's been a while since you told us a funny story about your dog."

To be honest, my dog, Montana, is such a comedian, I could probably write stories about him every week.

However, back in April, there was one particular event which took place – and even Montana will admit - he out-did himself.

My mother was visiting from New York for two weeks and one of her favorite things to do is visit Kapok Park off McMullen Booth Road.

One Sunday morning, during her stay, my mom asked to go to Kapok for a walk along the beautiful trail. This also happens to be Montana's favorite park, so the dog was obviously invited to come along.

Unfortunately, this trip provided a first-time problem I wasn't prepared to handle. You see, Montana owns the passenger seat in my car. He will sit nowhere else and no one can take it from him.

In past years, this would not be a problem because my mom would simply open the back door and sit in the back seat. Certainly she swallows a little pride everytime a passing motorist sees her in the back and Montana riding shotgun – but there's really no alternative.

As we prepared for this trip, the new problem we had to deal with was getting my mom to the back seat. You see, I now have a two-door car instead of a four-door car, and my mom had to squeeze past the front seats and into a cramped back seat, which, by-the-way, has no leg room.

It took a while, but my mom did make it to the back seat for the ride up to Kapok, but she was not very happy with Montana, who was riding "first class."

I closed the passenger-side door, walked around the car and got in myself. I looked at my mom in the back and looked at Montana in his comfy front seat.

Sarcastically, I asked Montana if he was ready to go and I got a big smile. I asked my mom if she was ready to go and I did not get a big smile.

I started the car and off we went.

During the trip, I turned on the radio and Montana picked his favorite station. It was a beautiful Sunday morning.



Minutes later, Montana, mom and me reached the park. I opened the passenger-side door and Montana leaped out ready to start exploring.

My mom, on the other hand, did not "leap out" from the back seat.

She actually needed about 4 ½ minutes.

When she emerged, you would have thought it was going to be a great feeling to get both feet on land again ... but trust me ... it wasn't a pretty sight. Boy did I get a horrific look!

My first instincts immediately took over. I said "Let's go!" and I was off exploring with Montana.

The three of us eventually walked the path, looked at the ducks, saw a few turtles, and stared at the pretty birds. An hour later, however, it was time to head home and there was no way to avoid what was going to happen next.

"I am not sitting in the back seat again," my mom said. "No way!"

"Hm-mm-mm," I thought, as I looked at mom and I looked at Montana. "This is definitely going to be a problem."

"OK," I said. "I have a plan."

Every time Montana jumps into my car, first thing he does is goes to the back seat to make sure his tail doesn't get caught in the door when I close it. I instructed my mom that when Montana jumps in and moves to the back, move really quickly, sit in the front and take his seat away from him!

I got another horrible look from my mom, but even she realized, it was the only chance we had to out-smart the dog.

On three I opened the passenger-side door. Montana leaped into the car and, as expected, went right for the back seat to protect his tail. My mom then quickly ... well ... rather quickly ... slid into the front seat and closed the door behind her.



Montana in his front seat.

It appeared our mission had been successful! But, in the back of my mind, as I walked behind my car toward my door, I knew this appeared to be too easy and I knew Montana was no dummy.

Seconds later I slid into my driver's seat and was relieved to see my mom already putting on her seat belt. Montana was still in the back seat, peeping his head between seats, and it was obvious he wasn't happy.

Before I could even start the car, Montana made his move. He began pushing his way between seats and back toward the front row.

My mom started swatting Montana as if he was a giant 110-pound spider, but Montana was determined and kept coming.

Montana put his weight into it and eventually made it past the emergency brake, past the cup holders and over the gear shift.

Despite our best efforts, Montana forced his way up to the front and there was nothing anyone could do to send him back.

At first, Montana sat his butt down alongside my mom and it appeared this might be a cute, sweet ride home with grandma and grandpuppy sharing the same seat.

But, of course, it didn't last.

Montana began wiggling his butt and used his lower body strength to push my mom out of "his seat" and against the passenger side door.

"Montana!" my mom yelled. "You're squishing your grandma!"

But Montana didn't seem to care. He didn't appreciate our plan to steal his seat away from him.

I quickly exited the car and reopened the passenger-side door to free my mom from becoming a pancake. A few words were exchanged between grandma and grandpuppy, but Montana just looked around in disbelief as if he didn't understand a word of English.

Finally, my mom and I admitted defeat and realized we had to go through the whole routine again just to get my mom into the back seat for the ride home.

It took a while, and grandma was not happy, but eventually everyone did get a seat in the car and we were ready to head back.

This time, when I got back in the vehicle, there was complete silence from the front and back seats. No one was talking to anybody.

Before driving out, I looked to the left to make sure the coast was clear. I looked to the right to make sure the coast was clear. Then I looked right into Montana's sweet, brown, beautiful eyes to see if he felt the least bit of guilt about his recent behavior.

His response ... ?

A very innocent, "What?" expression on his face.

He had no idea he had done something very wrong.

Can you hide your assets by transferring them to your children?

A. Here's my question for you: What happens if you transfer your assets to your children and then lo' and behold you DON'T go into a nursing home?

Or, how 'bout this question? Suppose you transfer your assets to your children and you don't go into a nursing home AND you live in good health for a very long time?

Or, how 'bout this question? Suppose you transfer your assets to your children and one or more of your kids are faced with a divorce proceeding filed by his/her spouse?

Or, how 'bout this question? Suppose you transfer your assets to your kids and one of them gets into serious financial trouble?

OK, OK. I could go on and on and on, but I won't.

Here's the thing: Simply transferring your assets to your children in order to avoid nursing home expenses is not such a simple thing to do. The very act of the transfer will "trigger" a look-back period which can result in a Medicaid ineligibility period of a substantial length of time.

In my opinion, folks should not — the applicable word here is "NOT" — transfer assets for long-term nursing care issues without retaining an elder law attorney who is familiar with all aspects of Medicaid eligibility requirements and with the strategies that may be available.

This kind of advice must nowadays be very specific to the person or persons involved.

So to my way of thinking, a generalized statement that one should transfer assets to children — without a clear



understanding of the particular facts for that person — is, to be polite, silly.

And since I'm on a roll here, let me go on.

Your neighbor spoke of the state taking your assets. That's a flat out misconception about what happens when one applies for Medicaid benefits.

The "STATE" does not take anything. That's not at all what happens. Rather, one either is or is not eligible for Medicaid benefits. If one is eligible according to existing law, then one obtains those benefits. Otherwise, one is declared not to be eligible for Medicaid benefits and thus, doesn't get them.

Q. I live at On Top of the World and I was told that if I pass away my children cannot inherit my apartment. Can you explain about this?

A. It is impossible for me to understand how this FALSE — ABSOLUTELY FALSE — rumor got started. An apartment at On Top of the World, be it in the name of one person or more than one person, be it homestead property or "Snowbird" property, is just like property owned

anywhere. It can be inherited and the beneficiaries will own the property. It's just that simple. Period!

Q. If I own my home with my wife, what happens if one of us passes away?

A. This depends on a few facts. And I don't have them from you. So I will take two different scenarios and hope I've come up with the right one for you.

First: If the title is held in your name and your wife's names as "husband and wife" or as "husband and wife, tenants by the entireties," then when one of you passes, the survivor remains as the sole owner of the property. It is advisable to record a death certificate for the one who passed on in order that the public records shows what happened.

Second: If you and your spouse were wise enough to have obtained a pre-nuptial agreement before your marriage, then it is possible — I said possible — that the heirs of the deceased spouse may have an interest in the property. Keep this in mind. The way a title to a property is held will probably take precedence over what one's will states.

Q. For getting the \$50,000 Homestead exemption and the Save Our Homes Cap protection, is there any difference between owning a home under a 99-year leasehold and holding it in fee simple?

A. The simple answer is "no." The more complex answer is STILL

"no." In either situation, an owner who resides in his home (Florida home that is) as his/her/their residence is entitled to the complete Homestead exemption and the Save Our Homes Cap.

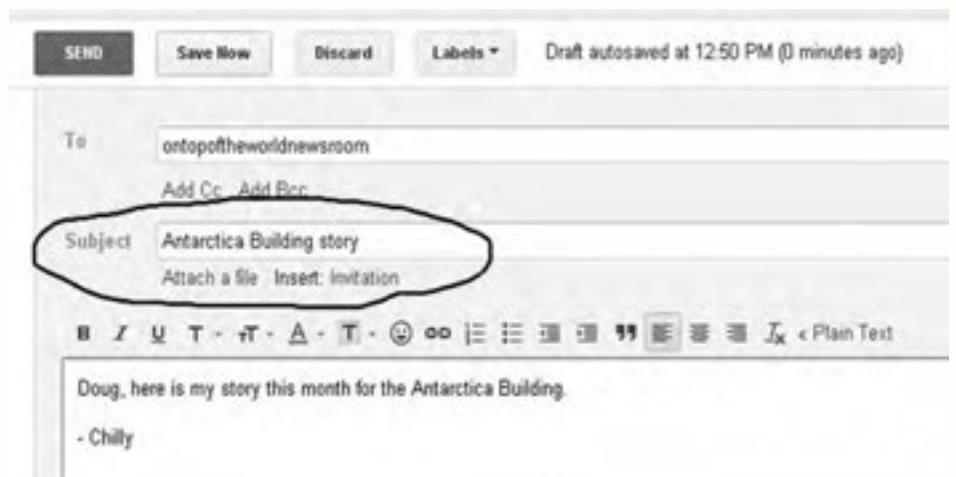
Q. A neighbor of mine has told me that I should transfer my assets to my children, so in the event I go into a nursing home, the State won't take my assets.

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Attention OTOW News writers ...

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



Alabama appealed to a variety of musical tastes, which influenced more than 42 No. 1 hits

They began their careers in Fort Payne, Ala., and ended more than three decades later at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Three cousins – Randy, Teddy and Jeff – quit their day jobs and formed a band they called Young Country.

Looking for better venues to play, they moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and played at the Bowery Pub for seven summers just for tips.

Changing their name to Alabama, this was the beginning of the most popular country band of all times.

In April 1980, Alabama signed a record contract with RCA, selling more than 73 million records, second



**Walter
Balderson**

Inside Showbiz

only to Elvis. The group had 42 number one hits, including 21 gold/platinum albums, and were named “Artist of the Decade” by the Academy of Country Music in 1989.

Alabama’s career sales ranked the group as one of the 10 biggest bands

in the annals of popular music.

The band had a blend of traditional country music and southern rock, combined with elements of gospel and pop, which gave them enormous crossover appeal.

During the band’s 30-year career, it raised millions of dollars for various charities. In one benefit performance, the group raised more than \$150,000 for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In recognition and appreciation for the group’s philanthropic commitment, they have been honored with many awards, including the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

One of their favorite awards was the USO Rising Star Award for supporting our men and women in uniform. The award was presented by Florida Congressman Bill Young.

Alabama’s smooth sound and harmonies attracted fans of all ages. In May 2002, Alabama stunned the world, announcing to Dick Clark during the Academy of Country Music Awards telecast, that the group had made plans for a Farewell Tour in 2003.

After more than 30 years of performing, there was no better place to end their career but at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

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Leibys will never forget the smiles they helped deliver

By Doug Kates
Editor

For Carl and Betty Leiby, “retirement” starts today.

After coordinating Meals on Wheels delivery services here at On Top of the World for more than 40 years, they are finally letting go.

Letting go ... but handing the “car keys” to no one.

Meals on Wheels at OTOW is a volunteer-based business, which has helped provide a hot, home-cooked meal for hundreds of residents, who at some point in their lives needed a little help.

Carl and Betty are stepping down as coordinators of this service. No longer will they have to calculate a delivery schedule. No longer will they have to find drivers to deliver the meals. No longer will they have to get on the phone and find replacement drivers because of the summer Snowbird season or an emergency.

The problem is, there is no replacement and the future of Meals on Wheels is very much in doubt.

“It’s so disappointing,” Betty said. “It’s such a pleasure to help other people.”

“This is something you do from the heart,” Carl said. “We’ve been doing it for so long, we’ll never be able to stop thinking about it.”

In place of new coordinators, the Neighborly Care Network will do its best to continue food delivery service inside the OTOW community.

But as Betty says, Neighborly Care already has its own budget problems and now the OTOW burden is getting dropped in their laps. In the near future, OTOW delivery volunteers may have to drive 15 miles just to pick up



Betty and Carl Leiby

the meals every day, and if this happens, the number of volunteers could drop. There is the possibility of working with the Neighborly Care Network delivering the meals right to OTOW, but now there are no coordinators to facilitate that negotiating process.

The thought Betty dreads the most

is if OTOW loses all of its Meals on Wheels volunteers. Residents would have to join the county program, of which there are currently 300 people on a waiting list, or residents would have to start paying for commercial meal delivery services.

“It will no longer be neighbors de-

livering to neighbors,” Betty said. “It will be strangers delivering to strangers.”

Back in the mid-1970s, a local Kiwanis group was coordinating meal delivery services to residents, but at the time, the men’s club was struggling with the program and asked for a new volunteer to take over. Carl and Betty, who began volunteering together since the day they got married, stepped up and took over. Soon after, Kiwanis was completely out of the program and a huge responsibility was given to the Leibys.

Looking back, Carl and Betty said they would do it all over again. They said, in the 1970s, many people volunteered to help other services and organizations. They said no club or group at OTOW ever had a hard time finding volunteers because it was something people looked forward to doing.

Today, they said the volunteer spirit has definitely changed - not just with Meals on Wheels, but with the clubs right here in the community. They’ve heard reports that people don’t sign up for committees, there aren’t enough people to clean up after functions, and some groups don’t have enough individuals step up to create a full board.

“It’s tough,” Carl said. “For seven months I waited for someone to take over.”

“Now, it’s going to be a worry,” Betty said. “It’s just puzzling.”

A month from now, a year from now, Carl said he will still be thinking of OTOW volunteers delivering meals to smiling OTOW residents.

“We’re not heroes,” Carl said. “It just makes you feel good to bring a smile to someone’s face. It’s not about what we do. It’s what we love to see.”

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Anyone can contribute show ideas, but first you need to join our team

By Marvin Flam, president

As we prepare our show for the fall, our members are coming forward with great ideas which we welcome.

Tony Baker, our second vice-president and one of the talented directors and stars of last year's Jester Show, presented me with a poem that says it all:

Come join the Jesters and have some fun.
Your nicest experience has just begun.
We'll meet in September to discuss the show
From that day on, "It's Go Man, Go!"
"Fifty Shades, The Musical" is the name of the show.
Being written and directed by Evelyn and Remo.
There are lines to remember, and music to choose.
We are all having fun, we have nothing to lose.
To find all our dancers and teach them their part,
On stage with Donna is a good place to start.
When rehearsals are over, it's time for the show.
Ladies in costumes with sequins aglow -
Are we all nervous? The answer is, "Yes,
Because we want our show to be a success!"
Please come and join us. Don't delay.
You could become a member as quick as today!

Not only have Tony and Betty come forth with ideas for the show, but last year's musical directors, Bernee and Bob Krause, also have made suggestions.

Bernee and Bob are thinking of movie songs to help further our murder mystery musical.

Sue Carlson has suggested a unique dance sequence to our choreographer Donna Ryan.

Joanne Marick, who we know for her singing and dancing, has presented some comedy material for consideration.

The same is true of last year's co-director Pat Cummisky, who will again be part of this year's creative team.

This is the marvelous spirit that makes Jester shows so much fun for Jester members and the OTOW residents. It is a team effort and everyone helps by contributing ideas to the final product our audiences see and enjoy.

We'll be at the East Activity Center on Mondays and second Thursdays of the month during the summer from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to answer your questions. Or you can call 797-1761 or email: jestfun21@gmail.com.

As the poem points out: Don't miss out, come join us. "Jest For Fun."



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Do you know this 15-year resident of OTOW



Guess Who

By Lill Cervinka

This lady and her husband have been living at On Top of the World for 15 years.

She is originally from Malone, N.Y.

She and her husband celebrated their 63rd anniversary on May 30.

They have six children.

Our Guess Who was a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps. in Watertown, N.Y. She plays pinochle twice a week, belongs to the Ladies Que-T Billiards Club and is a volunteer at the library.

I have the pleasure of sitting behind her at church every Sunday.

Figure out who she is?

Stop by the library and ask Theresa Drake to help you find a nice book!



Hurricane Tip Page

June is the start of the hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm.

Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association related assets, and making sure we have an up-

dated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure roofs in the event of damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. With that in mind, this page contains key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

Prepare for the possibility of a hurricane

- Designate as a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number, and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.

- Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate.

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

- Remove furniture from porches or patio, and secure hoses so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.

- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further dam-

aged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.

- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

As a hurricane approaches

- Refill prescriptions.

- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

- Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

- Tape, board or shutter windows.

- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMS may be closed for several days following the storm.

After a storm

- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”

- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

- If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Use the phone only for emergencies.

- Conserve water! DO NOT WASH DRIVEWAYS OF DEBRIS. If the power is out and you still have water pressure it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power.

During a hurricane

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

- Follow the orders of local authorities.

- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.

- Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

The insurance process ...

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.

- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

- Keep records and receipts for ALL expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

If your electricity goes out

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match as this is a fire hazard.

- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Hurricane Center
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Hurricane & Storm Tracking
<http://hurricane.terrapin.com/>

The Weather Channel
<http://www.weather.com/index.html>

Progress Energy Hurricane Preparedness
<http://www.progress-energy.com/aboutenergy/stormcentral/index.asp>

Printable Hurricane Tracking Maps
<http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw/tracking-maps.html>

Democrats learn the importance of voting

The Democratic Club held a very successful and well-attended meeting in May at which time a discussion took place on the topic of Pinellas County priorities for seniors.

The discussion was led by Ken Welch, chairman of the Pinellas County Board of Supervisors.

Our May meeting was on the 23rd and the guest speaker was the Honorable Mark Henesee, chairman of the Pinellas Democratic Party.

We were honored by his presence at our annual holiday party held in December. He returned to fulfill a promise to discuss the importance of voter participation in the electoral process.

Donna Ryan, our new hospitality



Democratic Club

chairperson, discussed plans for our upcoming club picnic.

Our next meeting will be 2 p.m., Thursday, June 27 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Refreshments will be served.

Transportation to the meeting is available. If you have any questions, contact Van Farber at 729-6887.

NOTICE

Important bulletin for all residents of On Top of the World

A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. WATER INTRUSION is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an ACRYLIC URETHANE or POLY URETHANE sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Stay active this summer by line dancing with us



Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

We will miss our line dancing Snowbirds as they head north, however, this is a wonderful time for everyone else to join us.

Yes, we line dance through the summer!

We have individualized instruction to help you learn the steps. As shown in the picture, "If you're over 50, you can be a swinger!"

Hazel Donnelly created this poster and shared it with all of us. Hazel was featured in the March 2013 issue of On Top of the World News. Hazel (92 years young) is joined in the picture by Lilia Bensonoff, who is an instructor and always breaks down the line dance segments.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World recreation card along with your money to Mary.

Please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing.

We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and moral support.

We line dance every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium. The beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Beginner lessons are 30 minutes and are extremely helpful.

We welcome everyone and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding our Line Dancing Club, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!



Lilia Bensonoff and Hazel Donnelly show off a poster.



Singles Club

Club learns history of Vinoy

By Mary Widman

A good time was had by all as we Jolly Trolleyed our way to the luxurious Vinoy Hotel in St. Petersburg in April.

Our thanks to a wonderful driver, who survived 35 women all at once!

We learned the history of the hotel, going back to the early 1900s.

Our tour guide pointed out all the important dates in history, including the years during World War II when the government leased the hotel to the Armed Services.

We thank Club President Dorothy Carpenito for all her efforts to bring us fun activities, like this trip.

Our June meeting was 6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 1 in the East Activity Center. We hosted a wine and cheese party and residents got the chance to meet and greet their neighbors.

If you know of a club member who needs cheering up, contact our sunshine lady, Mary, at 796-1184.



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

Lost & Found is now in the Community Service Office

Don't fear a reunion, laugh about it

It was my class reunion and all through the house,

I checked in each mirror and begged my poor spouse...

To say I look great, that my chin wasn't double,

And he lied through false teeth – to stay out of trouble.

He said 'neath my thick glasses, my eyes hadn't changed,

And I had the same figure, but it got rearranged.

He said my skin was still silky, although lose in drape,

Not so much like smooth satin, but like silk crepe.

I swallowed his words hook, sinker and line ...

And entered the banquet feeling just fine.

Somehow I expected my classmates to stay

As young as they were that long ago day.

We'd hugged farewell hugs, but like me through the years,

They'd added gray to their hair, or pounds to their rears.

But as we shared a few memories and retold some class jokes,

We were 18 in spirit, though we looked like our folks.

We turned up our hearing aids and dimmed down the light,

Rolled back the years and were young for the night.

Marge
Mayer



Marge's Humor

View this newspaper Online

Did you know you can view this On Top of the World newspaper Online?

Did you know readers from 19 different states and Canada read this newspaper Online last month?

Are you aware of some recent changes that were made as to where you can view this newspaper and past editions?

Simply visit otowclearwater.info and click "Community Information" at the top of the page.

Once there, scroll down until you see the OTOW Newspaper banner. Press where it states "Click here to view this month's newspaper."

You will be redirected to the Press Association's own Website, complete with current newspaper and newspapers from the past 12 months.

Once you've reached this page, bookmark it, so you can easily return to view new and old newspapers.

Also on this site, you will be able to see what pets are in the running for Pet of the Year. Soon, you will be able to vote for the best decorated holiday condo

And in case you haven't visited the Box Office Website yet, find the link on the Press Association page and enjoy the latest OTOW has to offer online.

Join club members at pride parade

By Dave Beaven

June is known for many things: weddings, the beginning of summer, end of the school year, and also the celebration of gay pride.

The Tampa Bay area is home to a large pride festival in St. Petersburg, which takes place this year on June 29. Members of our club will be going down to watch.

Here at On Top of the World, our June monthly social will be a Pride Party. You are invited 7:30 p.m., June 14, to wear your rainbow beads and come on down to the Lambda Lounge (Craft Room) in the East Activity Center.

We will be doing Flairaoke - which is a painless version of karaoke. You pick any song in advance, then lip sync it with "flair." If you wish, costumes, dance routines and background singers can all play a part of your performance. The difference is, you don't have to worry about singing - you can



Lambda

lip sync.

We will also be having something this month especially for our lesbian residents here at OTOW. On Tuesday, June 18, there will be a get-together at 7 p.m. We're calling it the L salon. Come over for a glass of wine and some conversation. This will be at a condo, so RSVP to the club's e-mail box for more information. Hope to see you there.

Lambda is a social club for gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for

various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda gets together monthly for a social on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Bingo, wine and cheese on June 26

By Jack Casey

Sixty people attended our Pizza Party on April 24 and the crowd was beyond our expectations.

We appreciate the great participation and residents staying involved in our club.

Please be sure to add the following events to your calendar and come join us!

At 6 p.m., June 26 we will have a wine and cheese party in the East Activity Center for a \$3 donation. There will also be free bingo.

Our "Christmas in July" event will be 6 p.m., July 24 in the EAC. Tickets are \$8. Please bring 1-3 wrapped Grab



NY / NJ Club

Bag gift(s) to participate in a game, but it is optional. There will be music by the DJ, "Denise with a Twist," and food will be served. You might even find Santa in a summer outfit roaming around.

On Aug. 28 we will host a hot dog

party and Sept. 23 an ice cream social. More on those events later.

Remember! You do not have to be a member of the New York-New Jersey Club to join in the fun. Beginning in June and through August, ticket sales are on Mondays only, unless it is a Good Neighbors Thursday that week (the second Thursday of the month). Tickets will be sold in the EAC from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Be sure to buy yours early.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Casey 727-475-9762 or Bob Jennings 727-953-9534 for any further information concerning ticket sales.

Family History gets lesson in women's education

By Anne B. Watkins

At our final meeting for the season, we heard about "Emma Willard and the Temple of Time."

Emma Hart Willard was a staunch proponent of education for women. She was born in 1787, just a few months before our Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia, and she was the next to last of Samuel Hart's 17 children.

Emma's father was a captain in the American Revolution, and a descendant of Deacon Stephen Hart, a founder of Hartford, Conn.

At age 12, Emma taught herself geometry, and at 20, was in charge of both a boys' and a girls' school in Vermont.

At 22, Emma married Dr. Willard, a widower 28 years her senior, and seemingly retired from teaching. However, Emma was studying the books her husband's sons were bringing home from Middlebury College (open only to men), and realized the



Family History

depth and breadth of education that was closed to her own sex.

In 1812, Dr. Willard was in deep financial problems, so his wife asked if she could open a school in their home, to which he reluctantly agreed.

In 1818, Emma lobbied Governor Clinton of New York with her famous "A Plan for Improving Female Education," which was read and approved



Anne B. Watkins shows off an Emma Willard display, including photos and memorabilia.

by not only the governor, but also by President Monroe, Thomas Jefferson, and Samuel Adams.

The New York Legislature failed to vote the necessary money, however, but the Troy, N.Y., council did, and the school moved there and has thrived ever since - operating continuously for 200 years - the bicentennial celebration to be in 2014.

Early in the years of the Emma Willard School, there were science courses that were more advanced than those taught at most men's colleges.

Emma was one of the first to demonstrate that there are no subjects which young men can grasp that cannot equally be mastered by young women.

She wrote many geography and history texts for her teaching, using drawings of her own, such as the "Temple of Time." It was an architectural device to help learn important events and persons by numbering each column of the temple as a century. Over time, some famous graduates of the school were Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Jane Fonda, and the current senator from New York, Kirsten Gillibrand.

Emma Willard will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame on Oct. 12. She was chosen because she "blazed an extraordinary trail on behalf of women's education."

Memory Challenge on your Box Office Website

Now two levels - easy and very hard!

Games are a proven, fun way, to keep your mind sharp.

At your On Top of the World Box Office Website, a new game is available which is easy to play, yet challenging for your brain.

Remember the days of playing Concentration where you flipped and matched cards until there weren't any left?

Well, this new Online game provides the same challenge without having to find a deck of cards.

There are now two skill levels for Memory Challenge.

In the easy version, match 14 of your favorite fruits until all 28 cards are gone.

In the hard version, you must match 30 On Top of the World buildings until all 60 cards are gone.

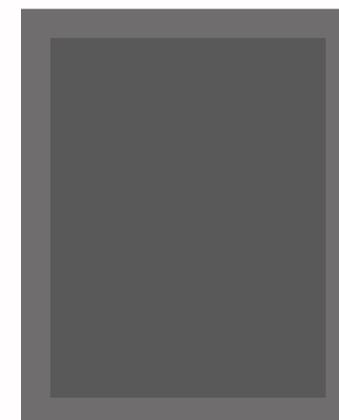
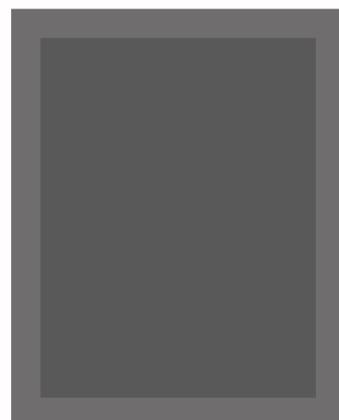
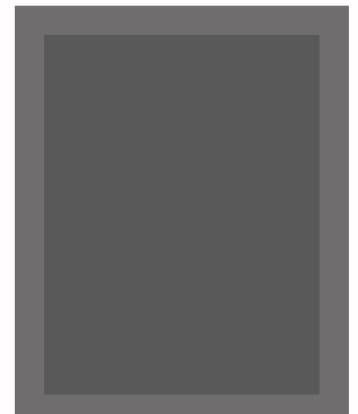
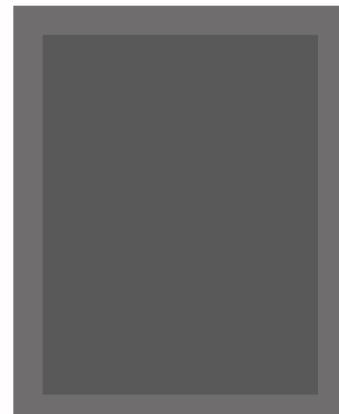
How long will it take you to find all 14 matches at the easy level?

Do you have the patience to find all 30 matches at the hard level?

Give it a try. Create a strategy. Try to beat your previous score. Heck, try to beat everyone's score.

Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Rec Centers & Amenities" at the top of the page and then look for the "Box Office" link. Once you've arrived at the Box Office Website, bookmark it for an easier return. Once you have entered, scroll down until you see "Play Memory Challenge" and chose a level.

Good luck!



***Congratulations!
You found a match!***

Theater Workshop anticipates a blockbuster year

By Lilli Scheifen

Theater Workshop had a beautiful dinner to end our 2012-13 season and On Top of the World Chairman Ken Colen graciously conducted the ceremony to induct our new board of directors.

Our new board is pictured in this article: President Tony Scheifen, Vice President Nellie Kellogg, Treasurer Roger Nicoll, Assistant Treasurer Pat Kangas, Secretary Lillie Schiefen and Assistant Secretary Barbara Hynson.

Did you ever see such a handsome picture, so suitable for a Post Office wall?

(This is where everyone chuckles)

The dinner was surrounded by an atmosphere of optimism and expectations for an upcoming blockbuster year as Theater Workshop plans to salute the USO in its next performance. Many challenges lie ahead and we intend to utilize all talents avail-



Theater Workshop

able, both in administration and performers.

If you would like to join us, we can help discover talents you may not even know you have.

Also at the dinner, there were also tons of hugs and promises to keep in touch through the summer season. For the hardy bunch who remained, we plan on enjoying the tropical Florida weather.



Pictured above is the new Theater Workshop board for 2013-14. From left to right, in the front row, are President Tony Scheifen, Assistant Treasurer Pat Kangas, Assistant Secretary Barbara Hynson, Vice President Nellie Kellogg and Secretary Lillie Schiefen. In back is Treasurer Roger Nicoll and On Top of the World Chairman Ken Colen, who officially swore in the new officers.

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- June 19 Grandma Millies homemade baked ziti with Italian green beans and garlic bread.
- June 26 Aunt Zelda's stuffed peppers with veggie medley.

All meals include salad, bread, dessert and ice tea or coffee.

Meals are \$5 per adult, \$3 per child and no family pays more than \$20.

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Wii bowling returns this summer

By Mike & Terry Mikulski

Come join Wii Bowling on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. at the East Activity Center in the big card room.

See how good of a video game bowler you can become. We've had some good games thrown and some not so good games, but everyone has a good time.

On April 7, Neva Gamble shot a 289!

Wii Bowling is here all year. We have coffee and snacks. If you come just once, we are sure you will come back.

Hope to see you on Sunday.



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OTOW Snowbirds Club offering several cruises and casino charters



Snowbirds Club

By Sandy Sanborn

Our trip to Savannah aboard a charter bus had a freeloader, who was not discovered until the Snowbirds arrived for dinner at Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room.

The freeloader was later identified as Flat Stanley, grandson of Ed and Dolly Foland.

Turns out, Flat is a first-grader who took the trip as part of a school project. Ed and Dolly were designated to show him around.

Unfortunately for Flat, he was not old enough to go on a May 19 casino bus trip to Biloxi, but those who were old enough said they enjoyed the trip and many were making plans to return again on Aug. 18.

A charter bus day trip Aug. 15 to the Jungle Gardens in Sarasota will show a slice of Florida's days gone by. The gardens are full of flora, fauna, and fun, where you can mingle with and feed the free-roaming flamingos. The trip includes lunch and is only \$60.

Other upcoming bus trips include Oct. 20 to the Show Palace dinner theatre to see Hello Dolly. On Thanksgiv-



Freeloader Flat Stanley enjoys a dinner at Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room in Savannah, Ga. Seated from left to right are Paula Weir, Dorothy Carbenito holding guest of honor Flat Stanley, Bob Rostedt, and Alice Rostedt. In the back row from left are Rennie Duccillo, Rose Duccillo, Donna Meszaros, Leslie Meszaros and Dolly Foland. (OTOW News photo By Ed Foland)

ing Day we will see White Christmas and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

OTOW cruises now have several trips to chose from to make it easy to find one or two that fits your schedule. Cruises include the cancer cruise

on Nov. 17, floating vacation on Dec. 8, and dancing with the stars on Jan. 5.

Summer hours for our sales and information desk are June 3, 6, 10 and 13, and July 1, 8, 11 and 15 from 8:30-10 a.m. Monthly member meetings

will be held in the Starlite Room on June 3 and July 1 at 11 a.m.

Abundant information is available on our user friendly Website, www.snowbirdstotow.com, and from Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922.

East Side Pool Exercises



East Activity Center pool exercises will run 9-10 a.m., starting May 6 for the summer. Everyone is invited. All you need is a swimsuit and a smile.

Exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool. You do not need to know how to swim.

We enjoy the water, have fun and do something good for us. Join us!

OTOW Entertainment Committee

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Best way to learn more about this summer's short day trips is by attending club meetings

By Patricia Zorland

President Audrey Jones welcomed everyone to our May meeting, which was very well attended.

Everyone was in agreement on the changes made to the format of running the club. This was a very informative meeting with many topics covered.

Our first upcoming trip discussed will be to Pigeon Forge from Sept. 22-28. The deposits were all collected and there were 35 or more people who said they were going with us. There are some seats left on the bus. If you are planning on going with us, it is necessary that you pay your deposit so the tour company knows how many hotel rooms to book for our group. Everyone who has paid



Travel Club

their deposit is guaranteed hotel accommodations.

A last-minute trip was scheduled last month. On May 23 we went to the Armed Forces Museum, and Heritage Village with a stop for lunch. Look for a report on this day trip in the next addition of the newspaper.

A day trip has been added to the schedule for June 26 to the Mosi (Un-

der the Sea and Up a Tree).

The board is now working on some more day trips for the summer months. These trips may come up at the last minute, so please come and visit our table or attend a monthly meeting for details. We meet the first Friday of each month, 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center.

This winter, there will be a trip to New Orleans in December 2013. Come to the meeting and find out what it is all about.

In January, 2014, we will take a three-day outing to Orlando.

In April, 2014, we will take a trip to New York City.

In October, 2014, we are headed to Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

And in December, 2014, we are planning on visiting the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C.

Roxie Maggio has reported that our new Lunch Bunch outings have been very well attended and will continue once or twice a month.

In June, Roxie has on her agenda an outing to Cody's and Chili's.

There is always someone at the Travel Club table to answer your questions from 9-10:30 a.m., Mondays, in the East Activity Center. You can always stop by on Mondays for information on last-minute trips. Also, we are now on OTOW Channel 96/720 which can be found on your TV.

For more information on the Club call Shirley at 726-4619.

Special contest set when Thursday returns in July

Hello, good neighbors!

There will be no Good Neighbors gathering on the second Thursday of June as the SCA is having a business meeting that day.

The next gathering will be the second Thursday in July, so come on out. I promise we will have a surprise for you.

At the Good Neighbors meeting in July, we will have a contest called Kids Say the Darnedest Things, so gather up some of the funny things your grandkids may have said, and bring those stories to the Gift Shoppe between 9:30-10 a.m., Monday and Friday. I will review them and read them at the meeting. Make sure you leave your name and phone number. We will have prizes for the three top winners.

We are going to start serving coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. We want to move the meeting along. We have to cover a lot in a short period of time.

Building reps: If you need a File of Life,

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

you can pick it up at the Gift Shoppe from 9-11 a.m. This is on a "need only" basis. They can't be given out at random. We don't have that many, and many people have them but don't use them.

Also, your rep meeting is held before the Good Neighbors meeting, so be there, downstairs in the card room, at 8:30 a.m.

The Gift Shoppe will be open all summer except for holidays (July 4 and Labor Day).

See you at the activity center.

Morning exercise class continues through summer

Come join us for the 8 a.m. exercise class in the East Activity Center lower gym room.

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and we added music to our daily cardio workout.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Does your building have a Good Neighbors representative?

Good Neighbors representatives meet 8:45 a.m., the second Thursday of each month, in the EAC large card room prior to the 9:45 a.m., Get Acquainted morning social upstairs in the auditorium. Good Neighbors representatives help answer questions for new residents. Reps will invite new neighbors to the Get Acquainted social. Reps will also distribute vials for life and update residents in their own buildings of any new rules or policies at OTOW. Call Shirley at 946-3968 for more information.

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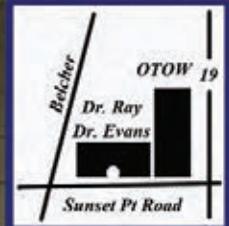
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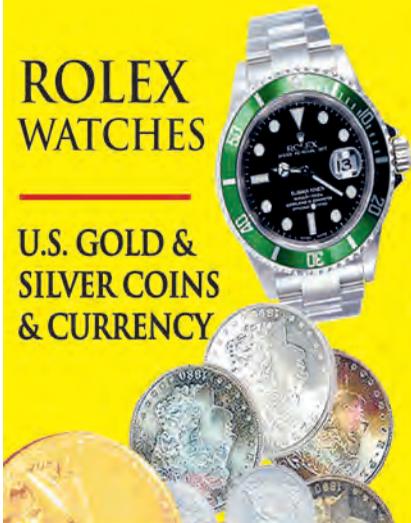
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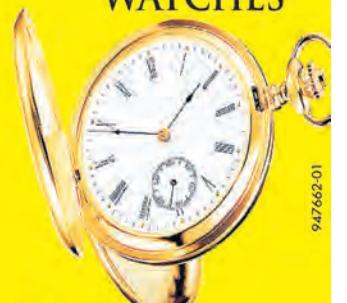
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Susan Salmieri works a shift in the Good Neighbors Gift Shoppe. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Once moving to OTOW, Susan Salmieri did not hesitate to volunteer and join clubs

By Tom Brennan

Hi neighbors, how in the world R U?

I would like you to meet Susan Salmieri, born and bred in Philadelphia, Pa., known as the “city of brotherly love.”

She moved from Dunedin to On Top of the World two years ago. Only here for six months, she has already signed on as a volunteer in the Gift Shoppe.

Susan is the mother of four children - two boys and two girls. Luckily, they all live in the “neighborhood,” Tampa, Holiday, Tarpon Springs and

Clearwater. Susan says it’s really nice that she sees them all together on Mother’s Day and for other family celebrations.

Susan was a stay-at-home mother for 14 years while raising her family. When she went into the working world, she worked part-time at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Pennsylvania. She now works part-time as a cashier at Bright House Stadium, according to the season’s schedule.

After living in Dunedin for 18 years, Susan wanted a change, so here she is at OTOW. Dunedin’s loss is our gain!

Susan is a member of the Penn-

sylvania Club, the Italian-American Club, the Snowbirds Club and Travel Club. She goes bowling once a week in Dunedin, and has been a member of a Texas card group for the past 10 years. I understand she’s some kind of a “shark.”

Sue has four grandchildren - two boys and two girls - and would you believe she’s the great-grandmother to baby, ZeZe.

Thank you Susan for a good interview and thank you from all us for the time you give volunteering.

Manager Eugene Paino says, “It’s volunteers like Sue who keep the Gift

Shoppe running smoothly.”

A little Philadelphia trivia: This is a very important city in our country’s history. It was founded by William Penn, a Quaker from England, who came to America in the 1660s to escape religious persecution.

The territory was named Pennsylvania after William’s father, an Admiral in the English Navy.

The citizens of Philadelphia had such a love for William that they erected a statue and placed it on the highest building with the intention that all could see him. No buildings can be taller than his statue.

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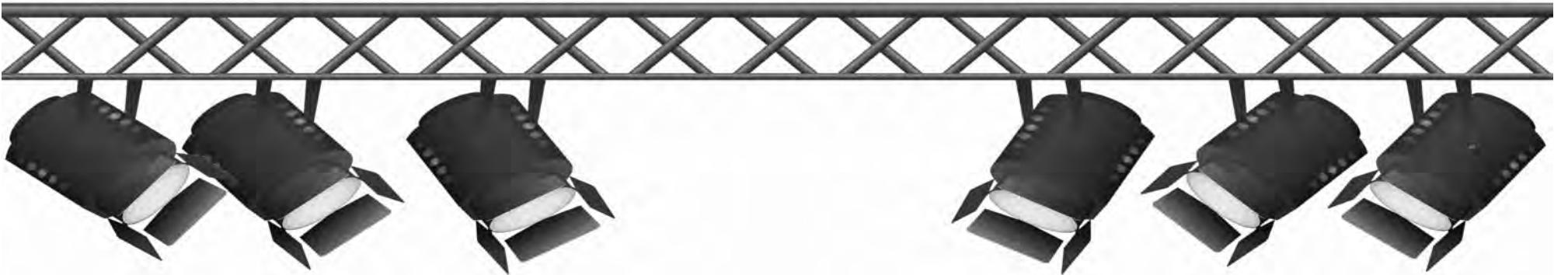
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Hazel Kelly

Chairperson

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It is also time to reserve your seat at a table for our annual August Dinner-Dance. If you have season tickets, remember to stop by and confirm your dinner reservation with Barbara Sloup, or call 386-5752.

If you need tickets stop by and see us at our table.



Les Whynot, Dale McMinn and Marc Schell announce results from the Entertainment Committee's golf tournament.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

June is also the time for you to make reservations for your Thanksgiving Day dinner with us. It will be served right here at On Top of the World. For only \$24.95, you'll have a traditional turkey dinner catered by Marguerite and entertainment provided by the DJ

with a Twist, Denise Looney.

So, reserve your place at the table, or reserve a whole table for you and your friends. Don't miss out on this exceptional offer.

On Saturday, June 8, dance to the music of Caliente, a colorful trio of

seasoned performers, who are well-versed, not only in Latin rhythms, but in virtually any other genre. Their three vocalists play some two dozen instruments. Stop by and pick up your ticket.

On June 9 at 2 p.m., our free Sunday-in-the-Park at the East Activity Center will feature entertainment by Louis Bravo, who performs music from the 50s through the 90s, including classics, oldies, classic rock, Bolero, Salsa, Merengue and much more.

And, of course, we'll serve up some lite refreshments following the show. We remind you to pick up your 50-50 tickets when you come in. You could be a winner in the drawing.

We had a lot of fun at our second annual golf tournament and as promised the prizes were given out at our Golf Par-Tee Dance. The first place winners were Russ Caughey, Mike Crittenton, Herb Kuhl, and Pete Rode.

I'd go on, but there were too many winners to announce here for all the prizes we gave out.

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At left, Bitter-Sweet performs in the East Activity Center auditorium while Lois and Ron Marten, right, dance to the music.
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Thursday Golf League title comes down to final day and 10 very close contenders ... the champion is?

The Thursday Golf League's official season ended recently and after a long and close race we congratulate John Maloof as League Champion.

John's steady play earned him enough points to narrowly edge out several other members.

Ron Parham finished in second place and Gary Bronson and Dennis Trauffer tied for third place. In the last four weeks of competition, no fewer than 10 players had a chance to claim the title.

In Week 24, two players, who both enjoy the sand at the beach, battled and Pete Dominguez finished just ahead of Ron Parham. Ken Smith took third place. Rich Ziembicki, Tom Keating, Ron Parham, Pete Dominguez and Vic Ruggiero all collected a skin.

In Week 25, the champion was Dan Hyden. Don Leamy was second and Pete Cosgrove placed third. Bruce MacPherson won two skins. Gary Bronson, Don Leamy and Dan Hyden took one skin each.



Thursday Golf League champion John Maloof.

On Week 26, the last official competition for the season, Rich Ziembicki took home first place. John Maloof put away the year's race with a second place finish. Long-hitting Bruce "Whacker" MacPherson was third. Don Baker grabbed three skins. Bruce MacPherson, Ron Parham, Bill Hig-

gins and Rich Ziembicki all had one skin each.

The league will continue to play throughout the summer. Our first off season competition was won by Ron Parham. Gary Bronson edged out Alan Teal in a tiebreaker for second place. One skin each was collected by

Kim Norried, Bruce MacPherson, Paul Meyers, John Maloof and Ken Smith.

The off season will take the league to outside courses in order to take advantage of the lower greens fees. Any OTOW resident interested in trying out our competition is welcome to join. The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members at any time. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Play begins at 11a.m. and sign in starts at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday.

We play the course to a Par 67. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow tees where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggol@aol.com.

Be early and stay hydrated on golf day

By Pete Milner

June is here and the Snowbirds are all gone. My building is like a ghost town!

The Men's Golf League has gone to shotgun starts on Wednesdays, which means it's that time of year when there are probably less than 60 golfers signed up to play on league day.

Remember, shotgun starts are 8:30

Men's Golf

a.m.

Also remember, temperatures will soar, so this means your water consumption, before and after golf, should increase.

The On Top of the World golf course is in excellent shape and, as far

as I'm concerned, "plenty challenging."

We recently held a "Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament" which was very enjoyable, as was our lunch after play. Our President-Elect Les Whynot is feeding us well.

Please make sure you check out our scoreboard on a regular basis for scheduling changes, rule changes and special events. Check out your scorecards before you sign them. We don't

want a good score disqualified because someone added wrong. When you sign a card, you attest to the score.

This summer, everyone needs to be ready to play 30 minutes before our starts. Don't get shut out. Sign up for the following week must be done before the last tee time. Too many golfers are waiting too long to sign up.

Stay hydrated and enjoy your golf game. Until next month, keep your head down and your eye on the ball.

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OTOW golfer scores 10th ace

Vance Wilson has reached double digits in holes-in-one.

Coming into April 26, Vance had recorded five aces at the On Top of the World course and four aces on other courses.

But on this day, Vance scored a hole-in-one on the first hole of the nine-hole course to give him 10 career aces. He used a 7-iron.

Witnessing the marker was Bruce MacPherson.

Congratulations, Vance. Not many golfers can say they've had 10 holes-in-one.

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SPORTS

You can join the women's billiards league with little or no experience - just ask Maureen or Elizabeth

By Penny Page

All On Top of the World women are welcome to join us 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the West Activity Center.

There is no need to know the game when you first come. We are lucky enough to have wonderful coaches who patiently spend time helping us learn this fun game.

This month we'd like to introduce you to two of our team players. Maureen Doire and her husband, Joe, have lived here two years. Hailing from Rhode Island, they have five children living in Clearwater, and a daughter living in Rhode Island.

They are an adventuresome couple with a true appreciation for this wonderful continent. Before settling down here, Maureen and Joe spent five years traveling in a fifth wheel from Maine to Alaska visiting all the Canadian provinces except Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

If you see them playing pool, be sure to ask them about their journey!

Maureen joined our Women's Que'T Pool League shortly after arriving at OTOW. She always liked to play pool and played two seasons in Yuma, Ariz., during her travels.

What does Maureen like to do for fun now that she's in Florida?

"I really enjoy playing pool with the girls...they're a lot of fun," she said.

She also makes creative greeting cards and she and her husband just returned from a fun camping trip to Disney with their kids and grandchildren.

Elizabeth Asselta serves as treasurer of our league. She is one of the first players to join the women's league.



Maureen Doire and Elizabeth Asselta

Shortly after the club was formed, Elizabeth came over to see what pool club was all about.

"I never played pool before because when I was growing up, pool was played in smokey pool halls," she

said. "When I found out about the club, I decided it might be fun. I met a lot of nice ladies and made friends."

When Elizabeth joined, there were about 30 women in the league. She found that there was great instruction even then. She didn't know how to hold a cue, what a bridge was, and



Que'T Billiards

she used to get nervous, but now she doesn't.

When the league held their first tournament, Elizabeth came in first place. She has developed into one of our best players!

Before she retired, Elizabeth worked in Rhode Island in the corporate office of MetLife where she was the first litigation administrator. The company transferred her to Florida and the rest is history!

Living here for six years, she is originally from Utica and her daughter still lives there.

For fun, Elizabeth is an avid golfer, loves to read, and when she was in Utica she played racquet ball and was in the curling club.

When you come to play in our pool league, you will meet some wonderful, talented, funny women who will welcome you into the group. You will soon feel like you've been playing forever.

If you would like to know more about our league, you can contact our president, Becky Balderson, at 727-674-1733, or email her at becky@beckybalderson.com.



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GUYS & DOLLS

Barbara Sundberg-Nick Sapienza, and Tony Baker-Rashanee Turner win pool titles

By Joe Ventimiglia

On April 25 the Men's Billiards Club hosted a Guys and Dolls Tournament with the Ladies Que't Billiards Club.

There were 24 players making up 12 teams. The teams were divided into east and west sides. At the end of the night, there were numerous teams tied and playoffs were conducted to see who would finish in the top three for each side.

From the east side, Nick Sapienza and Barbara Sundberg took first place, Al Palumbo and Barbara Barnhart took second place and Denny Balderson and Ellen Frederick took third place.

From the west side, Tony Baker and Rashanee Turner were the champions, Gene Baranowski and Maureen Doire were the runners-up, and Joe Doire and Terry Wittman took third place.

All players had a great time.

Special thanks to scorekeepers Tony Esposito and Will Schafer for helping with the tournament, and Ed Solivan, who was our referee.

Their will be no Guys & Dolls tournament during the summer.



From left to right are Barb Sundberg, Nick Sapienza, Tony Baker, Rashanee Turner, Gene Baranowski, Maureen Doire, Joe Doire, Terry Wittman, Barbara Barnhart and Al Palumbo.

Only a water leak could stop Tim Rush

NINE-BALL

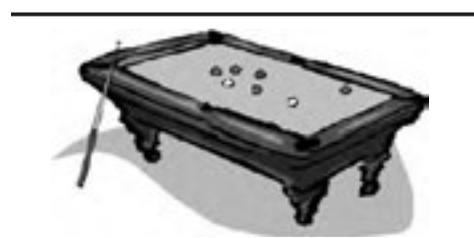
We completed four rounds of 9-ball action on April 23 when the West Activity Center was closed down due to a water main break.

Since we had to evacuate the building, play was discontinued despite Tim Rush leading the pack winning all four games played.

At nine-ball tournament on April 30, Joe Doire captured first place with Gene Baranowski claiming second.

The West Activity Center was then closed the week of May 6, so no tournament was held that week.

On May 14, John Fier took first



Men's Billiards

place and Barb Sundberg took second place.

If you're looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoons, get in on the action and out of the sun. Join us

at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card and join the fun in this 9-ball tournament using the round-robin format.

EIGHT-BALL

In the Men's Billiards Club 8-ball tournament on April 22, Denny Balderson took first place in the A Flight, Gene Baranowski claimed second place and Tony Baker took third place.

In B Flight, Bob Ellis captured first place with John Fier taking second place. Mario Rodriguez, Ian Hunter and Ray Quirion all tied for

third place.

On April 29, there was a playoff between Joe Doire and Andy Suhar for the A Flight title. Joe won the playoff to take top honors with Andy settling for second place. Hugo Orantes was third place.

In B Flight, Marc Schell took first place, Ray Quirion took second, and Howard Wilson, Terry Wittman and Barb Sundberg all tied for third place.

The 8-ball tournament held May 13 combined both A and B Flights. Norm Theriault captured first place, Tony Baker took second place and Jim Anzalone third place.

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Annual barbeque was delicious

By Katarina Tepesh

We enjoyed our second annual barbeque at the home of Duck Drake and Patti Jones.

Featured were delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, various homemade salads and especially Duck's dessert, a mixture of nuts and chocolate.

Thanks to Valerie Martin for arranging a free boat ride in downtown Tampa. A wonderful tour we plan to do again.

Our Baby Boomers are regular listeners at "Blast Friday," also known as free concerts in downtown Clearwater, as well as Dunedin concerts in the park, picnic style.

We plan daily outings at the swimming pool and Jacuzzi, and bump into each other on daily walks or casual bicycle ride around On Top of the World.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteer group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to two monthly meetings, we



Baby Boomers

communicate via email, Facebook and OTOW-TV Channels 96/720.

We meet the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month. Therefore, we are meeting on June 5 and June 20 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda room, followed by a Happy Hour at restaurant/bar Nauti Nancy, Varsity Club, Cody's or Whistle Stop.

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Work on a project with our Painting Pals group

By Jean Doane

As you read this newspaper, summer will be here and the day long and sunny.

The Art Guild will not have a meeting until 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8, but the Painting Pals class will continue to meet through the summer and fall.

Painting Pals is a group of several artists who meet from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons to work on independent projects. There is also conversation and company. The light in the East Activity Center Art Room is good and there is a lot of room to spread out tables. Newcomers are very welcome.

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Legislation may allow Canadians to spend two additional months in the United States

By Rick McLauchlan

On April 17, the Jolt Act, a bipartisan bill, was filed in the United States Senate, in an attempt to expand international travel to the United States in order to increase economic growth.

One of the provisions found in the Jolt Act would allow Canadian retirees, who meet certain requirements, to spend up to eight months in the U.S., two months longer than current policy allows.

According to the Canadian Snowbirds Association (CSA), Canada is the largest international tourism market for the United States. In 2011, Canadians made an estimated 21 million trips to the U.S. and spent approximately \$24 billion.



If the Act is passed into law, to be eligible for the Canadian Retiree Visa, one would have to satisfy the following criteria:

- Have Canadian citizenship;
- Be 55 years of age or older;
- Maintain a residence in Canada;
- Own a residence in the U.S. or

have a rental agreement for the duration of stay;

- Will not engage in employment while in the United States; and
- Will not seek assistance or benefits.

The Visa will also allow the retiree's spouse to be admitted for the same duration.

Further, time spent outside of the United States, during the eight month period, will not be counted against the Visa holder or their spouse. Real estate investment will not be required to obtain a Visa.

While the CSA remains optimistic, we would like to emphasize that the bill has only just been introduced. The bill must go through committees

before it is brought to the floor for a vote.

We will keep members updated on the status of the legislation as it progresses.

If our readers are not members of CSA, they might want to contact the CSA at www.snowbirds.org for more information.

Meanwhile, scheduled events for On Top of the World include social games from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 and March 27.

Registration night will be 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22.

Our Christmas party will take place 5:30-10 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

More in July!

May Photo Search Answers

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| 1. 'Barber pole' decoration added | 4. Stripes on clown jacket switched direction | 7. Yellow bib removed |
| 2. Clowns shoes changed color | 5. Pink stripe added to clown's pant leg | 8. Sunglass frame changed color |
| 3. Message in shamrock changed | 6. Clown's pant leg pattern changed | 9. Baby clown's leg removed |
| | | 10. Bow tie missing on a clown |



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Does this OTOW couple look familiar?

Getting to Know You
 A monthly feature about the people in your
 On Top of the World community
 by John Koning

Did you ever pass someone on the street and wonder, "Where have I seen you before?"

Ann and Al Adams are two On Top of the World residents who have faces that beg that question.

It is a question that might baffle you until you understand that Al and Ann are senior models and their faces are quite literally everywhere!

A few years ago, on an otherwise forgettable day, Ann received a telephone call from a photographer friend, who asked Ann and Al to pose for a photo shoot. What none of them knew was that this seemingly benign exercise would change their lives forever.

Al and Ann brought a few changes of clothing to the photo studio where their photographer friend shot 1,500 photos over a six hour stretch with not so much as a lunch break.

Just as the models were ready to collapse from exhaustion, the session was declared complete and their friend got busy as a marketer. She put together a portfolio of photos and began selling them on the internet through a major photography Website. Within months, one of the shots of Al and Ann sold 1,000 times and their innocuous first photo session led to 10 more.

Ann met Al when he was a dapper haberdasher in the Belk Lindsey department store in Tampa. Ann was the belle of the cosmetics department. They were in their early 50s when they

tied the knot and have been married now for almost 33 years.

Between them, they boast eight children. Ann has five from a previous marriage and Al has three.

Al and Ann have lived at On Top of the World, on and off, since 1981. Ann is active with the OTOW Chorus and line dances on both sides of Belcher Road.

Al proclaims himself to be Ann's chauffeur, shuttling her from activity to activity. Ann disagrees on that point, but Al simply shrugs his shoulders and quotes his license tag, "whatever."

Ann and Al are active in their church and also in local theater. They are actors with the Gilbert and Sullivan Players and have performed at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center, St. Petersburg College and other local venues.

Name any Gilbert and Sullivan musical production, and chances are that Al and Ann have been in it. Of all the productions they've appeared in, Ann's favorite is "The Mikado."

Al is partial to his role in H.M.S. Pinafore.

At home here at OTOW, Al and Ann are collecting quite an array of self portraits. Many have been mailed to them by friends and acquaintances who have recognized them in a magazine, in a picture frame or on a promotional poster. Ann and Al never know where or when they will see their faces and find them in a wide variety of places.



Ann and Al Adams appeared on the cover of Senior Lifestyle Digest in December 2009. (Reprinted with permission from Senior Lifestyle)

Recently, Ann revisited Barberville, Ky., for the first time in 40 years. When she walked into a tiny curio store in town, she found four pictures of herself and her husband.

When you look at the sample mag-

azine cover on this page, it's easy to see Ann's remarkable resemblance to television actress, Betty White.

Now you can rest easy knowing what it is that makes their beautiful faces seem so familiar.

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Let us introduce you to the OTOW News Pet of the Month for June - Bud Bully. Don't let the name fool you. Don't let the bulldog physique intimidate you. Bud Bully is a 3 1/2-year-old French Bulldog. His owner is Eileen Lester of the English Gothic building. Eileen thinks Bud Bully would make a great Pet of the Month. He was a rescue dog that had been mistreated, but now he is very sweet. He loves everyone, including other dogs, cats and even doves. He is just so full of love and appreciation.

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Fit Trail gets a new routine at Paradise

By Doug Kates

When you approach the new Fit Trail at the Paradise Reserve, your pulse rate should be slow and steady.

But if you complete all eight, brand new, exercise and stretching stations, your pulse rate should be pumping and sense of accomplishment should be sky high.

In late May, On Top of the World workers installed the new Fit Trail, which is designed to provide a total fitness and conditioning workout.

There are 10 stations.

Station 1 introduces residents to the trail and explains each stop. Residents are also asked to check their pulse rate over a 10 second period and then compare it to their pulse rate at the end of the trail.

The goal is to establish a pulse rate of 16-17 over 10 seconds for beginners, or 21-23 for advanced-level trainers.

The workout begins at Station 2 with calf muscle stretching. Next is hamstring stretching and quadricept stretching at Station 3, followed by sit-ups at Station 4.

At Station 5 there is a chin-up bar. At Station 6 there is a knee bend bar. At Station 7, push-ups and leg strengthening are the focus.

Station 8 starts with side bends followed by the start of a cooling down period. At Station 9, test your balance on a balance beam.

Finally, at Station 10, release your tension and test your pulse rate. See how you did.

The exercise and stretching trail was designed by professionals. The goals are to improve flexibility, cardiovascular conditioning, muscle strength and muscle endurance.

The designers recommend using the trail with a partner, or participating as a group. It always helps to have a partner cheering you on.

The actual trail can be walked or jogged. It is recommended that serious residents should use the trail every other day to see best results. However, prior to using the trail for the first time, everyone should get the OK from a doctor to proceed.



Above, OTOW workers level a metal bar residents will use at Station 6 for knee bends. The entire Fit Trail at the Paradise Reserve section was replaced in May. This was the work done at one of 10 stations. At left is a new map showing the different exercise and stretching stations.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

At right, crews dig a hole at Station 9 for the balance beam, which is pictured behind them. Keep in mind, the balance beam is shown on top of the ground. Once installed in the fresh holes, however, the finished balance beam will be much lower to the ground. This station is designed to improve your balance.





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New resident brought her banking experience to track

On April 16 a group of women from our building had a lovely luncheon at the Wildflower Cafe in southern Clearwater. What a fun time it was! We managed to schedule it while many of our Snowbirds were still here, including some of our friends from Germany (see photo, above).

We welcome a new resident in our building, Barbara Craig. Barbara hails from Canada originally, although she has lived in Florida since 1994.

Barbara has banking experience, and when she moved here she applied for a teller position, which she thought was at a bank. As it turned out it was at Tampa Bay Downs! She accepted the position and enjoyed working there for many years.

We are happy to have Barbara in our building and look forward to getting to know her better.



Did you hear that Pepe, the Myers cat, loves to eat cookies, especially Italian Pizzelles? It's true... he nibbles on them with gusto!

Just like everyone else at On Top of the World, we miss our northern friends and will be glad when they return. In the meantime, some of us



A group of Flamenco ladies enjoy luncheon at the Wildflower Cafe recently.

have trips and summer events planned. Safe travels to everyone, have fun, and bring back your summer stories to share!

A very happy Father's Day to all, and as Bill Cosby said, "Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope!"



Modernage building reporter Gloria Walz (on the right, in sunglasses) was recently feted with a surprise cake and many good wishes on her birthday.



Bill and Barbara Mooney are new Modernage residents. They enjoy a diverse range of activities, from reading to water aerobics to scuba diving. Their son is a U.S. Army colonel, who they try to visit often.

OTOW RECREATION CARD RENEWAL

OTOW recreation cards are available at the West Activity Center every Monday morning from 9-11:30 a.m., except holidays. Each person must present two proofs of residence (one of which is a picture I.D.) to validate his/her own card. Proofs may be a Florida driver's license, a Florida I.D., electric or cable bill, etc., which shows name and OTOW address. NOTE: All residents will need a new recreation card by July 1.

Couple enjoys visiting son's Army duty stations

Here it is June already. We honored mothers last month and now it is time to honor fathers. If you have either or both of them still alive, you are certainly blessed. Be sure to put out your flag on the 14th, which is when we celebrate it, since that is Flag Day.

We have a new couple to welcome into our friendly building. Their names are Barbara and Bill Mooney (see photo at right). They like to travel.

Their son is a colonel in the U.S. Army and they have gone to places he has been stationed. They have been to Egypt, Jordan, Rome, Paris and Germany, among others.

Both are originally from Boston, where they met. Then they lived in New Hampshire for 31 years. Since retiring, they have been enjoying themselves



in the Virgin Islands. They have four children and 11 grandchildren. Both like to read, and she is an avid Red Sox fan and also enjoys water aerobics. He golfs and enjoys scuba diving.

Our building eats out together once a month and usually on a Thursday. It happened to fall on my birthday

recently, and I was pleasantly surprised with a beautiful and delicious cake (see photo at left). Thank you so much for the celebration.

Be sure to let me know your interesting news to be published in our OTOW paper. Call 724-5909 or put a note in the white box by our bulletin board.



COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center main ballroom.

Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is a minimal 40 cents; a donut is 60 cents. The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at OTOW.

So come visit your recreation center, see the changes and enjoy a cup of coffee at your Coffee Corner!

Dads of all generations love being honored on Father's Day

Barb and Paul Brown have a new resident living with them. She is a female by the name of Corky.

She is black and white, has 4 legs, and is a little Chihuahua. Barb says that Corky has a mind of her own and wants to do what she wants to do, when she wants to do it.

I can guarantee that. One morning as I looked out my kitchen window, Barb was walking Corky. Corky sat down, looked at Barb and refused to move. Barb tugged on the leash a little and Corky just sat there.

Every now and then Corky would get up, take two steps and sit down again. I laughed and laughed. It's great to once again see Barb and Paul walking a dog.

Doris and George Edwards celebrated their 63rd anniversary by going on a two-week trip. They started



by going to Ft. Lauderdale and taking a cruise through the Panama Canal to San Diego. They said the canal was very hot, but when they got to San Diego it was 53 degrees.

They then flew from San Diego to Austin, Texas, to visit their daughter for five days. During that portion of

the trip, they visited with their grandson and his Australian bride, Nicole.

After that visit, Doris and George flew home to Florida. I am very specific about Florida because after all these years of being Snowbirds, Doris and George are now Floridians.

As of June 30, all previous OTOW Recreation Cards will expire. On page 7 of the May issue of this newspaper, Leslee Colen explained all the info.

You will need to get the new type of card, and the cost will be the same \$3 that has been charged for years. Don't get caught short. Get that new card right away so you are not standing in line for a long time.

Palm Acre Real Estate used a picture of our building in their full-page ad in the May issue of the paper. I am very pleased that our building has been honored in such a way.

This month we celebrate Father's Day. In our building, we have real seniors, baby boomers and children of baby boomers. I'm sure all you senior dads remember the good times of years ago.

Do you remember: (1) free road maps at service stations? (2) Curb finders on your car? (3) Aluminum ice cube trays with pull handles? (4) Home milk deliveries in glass bottles? (5) TV test patterns early in the morning?

You younger guys will have to come up with your own memories when you become "real seniors." I'm sure computers and cell phones will be among your memories.

To all of you dads, have a great Fathers Day!

Next month is the Fourth of July, so start planning.

It was a 'magical' wedding for these Disney employees

My brother, Patrick Kelly, visited with us for a week. The primary reason for his Florida trip from Buffalo, N.Y., was to attend the wedding of an especially close lifelong family friend.

Nathan and our family had a special bond while he was growing up in Buffalo. I worked with Nate's mom, Ginny. My brother grew very attached to this precious little boy and they have remained close over the years.

Wally and I thought of Nathan as our adopted grandchild. He spent many sleep-overs at our home with our granddaughter Megan. They were a year apart in age.

He and his mom celebrated with us at Christmas, Easter and all the other holidays and events with our family.

My brother attended many hockey games and other sporting events as Nate matured. When Nate graduated from Penn State College, he relocated to Florida and was hired by the Walt Disney Co.

There he met the love of his life, Bethany. Bethany is a dancer at Disney and performs with the Beauty and the Beast cast. Nate works in supervision in Fantasyland.

Their wedding was held at the Disney Resort at Vero Beach. The hotel was a lovely setting for the outdoor ceremony and reception. It was a warm day but the ocean breeze made for comfortable surroundings. No other company can make an event so special. Disney never disappoints.

Our family has been blessed to have been a part of this amazing young



Newlyweds Nathan and Bethany are shown with Pat Kelly at the Disney Resort at Vero Beach. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

man's life. We wish him and Bethany lifelong happiness.

The young couple will reside in their Kissimmee home. Ginny, the groom's mother, is a teacher on the outskirts of Buffalo. She will retire in six years and move to Florida to be close to her only child and her new "daughter."

"Till We Meet Again"

New building president welcomed at meeting

We had a very interesting building meeting on Saturday, May 11. About 25 Austrian Alpine residents met for coffee and Danish, as we discussed what will be going on the next couple of weeks.

We welcomed our new building president, "Dutch," and our new vice-president, Kathy Ahrens. Also assisting Kathy will be Annette Duchess. We gave Jim Trenton a big thank-you for a wonderful couple of years as our building captain.

Keep a watch on our bulletin board in the lobby as we are planning a wine and cheese party on June 7, another dinner get-together and many social events for the summer months!

We gave Donna Berndt a big thank-you for the flowers planted and weeding our front sign area. She worked hard for two days on that project. She also shared with us that her son, David Keller, moved back to Florida with his wife and two children. They lived in Boston for a number of years. She's happy to have family here now.

Dolores Strenkoski is looking forward to going north to see her two handsome sons and two beautiful daughters.

Blanche Mahrle will be going to Plymouth, Mich. to her grandson's wedding. And what's so special about



this is her grandson decided to marry on Blanche's birthday.

Well, I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day. My daughter surprised me with a great breakfast on Clearwater Beach and then a day of fun in the sun at the Sand Pearl Resort.

Grace Hodek enjoyed a visit from her son Joe, daughter-in-law Donnie and Grace's granddaughter. They went to dinner at Shephard's on the beach, and the granddaughter collected many shells. She was given a beautiful long-haired Chihuahua puppy. She welcomes any training tips!

I hope everyone enjoys our wonderful summer months. We are lucky to live here in paradise, and I thank my blessings every day. Let's all try to attend our get-togethers that we are planning, and if you have any news, just stop by and give it to me.

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His name is 'Bud' but this reporter calls him 'Daddy'

As we turn the calendar to June we realize 2013 is half gone! Summer is here and it is hard to believe how quickly the months have gone by and Christmas is only six months away!

We will celebrate several holidays during June including Flag Day on June 14. Fly the flag to show respect for "Old Glory" and our independent nation: One nation, under God, indivisible.

The second Sunday of June is set aside to honor fathers. This reporter is blessed to have her father living here in On Top of the World!

Frank (Bud) Henry Hovelman was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a real "buckeye." He is 91 years young! He is very active, he walks regularly with Mom, he volunteers many hours at his Salvation Army church and has always been a man of faith.

He moved to the Midwest to follow his call into full-time ministry as a pastor. In June, he will attend a 70th reunion celebrating the year he was ordained and commissioned as an



officer with The Salvation Army.

He loves baseball and enjoys watching games in a ballpark (see photo) as well as on TV. Many times he could be found on a baseball field helping young men learn the game. His grandsons and great grandchildren enjoy his enthusiasm and love for the game. He has taught them, too!

Happy Father's Day, Daddy. I am honored to be your daughter! My sisters and I thank you for loving us, teaching us the importance of serving others and living a life worthy of your calling. Our



Baseball fan and building reporter's father Frank ("Bud") Hovelman still attends Rays games at age 91, (left photo) and, at right, reads just about anything he can find concerning the sport. He is featured in this month's column.

prayer for you is continued good health and happiness. Honor and celebrate your father. To the fathers reading this: Happy Father's Day, we honor you!

Many of you have served this country to keep it free: we honor and



thank you. Many of you have worked long hours to provide food and clothing for your children: we honor and thank you. Many have spent hours teaching and helping your children to learn the lessons of life: we honor and thank you.

Long rides, long tours and long visits – read all about them

The Long Ride – One beautiful day in Germany when Jutta Lane was younger, friends dared her to take a bicycle ride to the Bodensee, a lake 400 kilometers away.

Undaunted, Jutta and her friend Gertrud, a nurse, accepted the challenge. They pedaled away with their friend, Benno, who said he would go along with "the two nuts" as protection and to witness the ride.

They left from Miltenberg along the Main River taking routes which stayed away from the main roads and heavy traffic.

For food and lodging, they stopped at inns along the way and packed lunches and snacks.

"My first memory was a constant pain in the butt which never really went away. The second was that, in spite of all that exercise, I never lost a pound. Later I learned that fat turns into muscle that weighs more than fat."

Finally, a short distance from home at Friedrichshafen, she called friends. Everyone came and enjoyed a welcome home celebration. The cyclists got a ride home.



The Long Tour – Phil and Carole are resting after a memorable 14-day tour of Italy. It began at Assisi, a medieval mountaintop city, with a visit to the church of St. Francis. Next was four days in Tuscany. At the coastal city of Genoa, they saw the ancient walled city of Lucca, saw the leaning tower at Pisa, and took the boat ride to the quaint village of Portofino. On to four days in Venice and Florence.

Finally came a four-day tour of Rome where they visited the Coliseum, the Roman Baths, the Forum, and ended with a tour of the Vatican.

Another day was spent visiting

the Tivoli Gardens and Christian Catacombs. Finally, they traveled to the port city of Naples and Pompeii viewing the excavated ruins of the Roman City buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

"Lasting memories and friendships were made from this wonderful trip," Carole and Phil stated.

The Long Visits – February and April were full of busy days for Mary Bronstein visiting with family and celebrating. Mary's daughter Lorraine brought along her daughters (Mary's grandchildren).

Mary tells me that she hangs a Cookie Island sign in her window for the grandchildren's arrival. They say a trip to OTOW is like "flying over the causeway to Cookie Island where there is no homework, no clocks, no worries, etc. Days are filled with cookies, sunshine, and hugs."

Along with Lorraine's sister Jane, they celebrated Lorraine's third year of breast cancer survival. "Hurray!" Then they "did Florida on a tankful," as recommended on Channel 9.

To recap: Miniature golf, cart races, dinner at Arigato's, the Dali

Museum, a dolphin show and super rollercoaster at Busch Gardens, ice skating and new dresses at the mall, sunsets at Clearwater beach, root beer floats at the Cinema Café.

Next, a two-day reunion in Ft. Lauderdale with youngest daughter Pat at her friend's high school. To recover, there was a week's cruise with Pat to the Bahamas, Aruba, and Curacao. Summer is finally here!" Mary sighs as she gets ready for Biloxi.

This month, we'll check out Poblano's Mexican and the Longhorn Steakhouse on Hump Days, and remember our Spaghetti Club on Mondays at Capogna's Dugout.

Y'all try to "stay cool" this summer, hear.

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Fan gets one-of-a-kind Mother's Day gift

Mother's day was grand. I received beautiful flowers from our son Mike and then dinner with pals later on.

While enjoying breakfast at the Acropol, I ran into neighbors Vicki and Adam Stettler. Adam was taking his mom to breakfast.

Vicki was sporting her Pittsburgh Steelers jersey which Adam (unbeknownst to Vicki) had it autographed for Mother's day. That's huge if you are a Steelers' fan, which Vicki is. She was thrilled. It sure made her day special (see photo).

Chris Tuttle relates this story: Chris and Maggie Whitaker went to the Bobby Palermo show recently at the East Activity Center. Mr. Palermo is a "Neil Diamond" impersonator, writes many of his own songs, tells jokes, plays many instruments, and is just a great and talented guy.

Among some of our neighbors and friends that attended were Minnie and Dominic, Theresa and Gary Gates, and Chris Tuttle's neighbor Rosalie Borselli. Saw Theresa and Gary do a slow dance... very nice and romantic.

Also saw Rosalie dancing — what a fun lady to know! Didn't take much coaching for Maggie to get on the dance floor and kick up her heels. Maggie called the next day and told me what fun she had, and was sorry she didn't do this sooner, as this was her first time in 16 years that she ever went to a show here at OTOW.



Steelers fans Adam and Vicki Stettler (with her new autographed jersey) shown here after Mother's Day breakfast at Acropol.

I knew I would corrupt Maggie sooner or later... a wonderful time was had by all!

Parking lot sure is empty these days. Almost all our Snowbird pals have all about taken flight. Wish them safe travels and look forward to seeing their return to our part of paradise here at OTOW in the fall.

Speaking of paradise: Our beautiful pool on the East side is being enjoyed by many as the days heat up. The game of musical chairs continues with the 14 green loungers and 12 chairs in greater demand than ever. Everyone wants seating higher and more comfortable than hard, low plastic ones afford.

John and the crew are to be commended on a great job keeping the pool in such wonderful condition for our enjoyment. A big thank you to all of them.

Thank you Steve Mazurek — in advance — for remembering Flag Day, June 14. You do our building proud, pal.

Okay boys and girls. Send me any news that's fit to print to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Till next time enjoy...

Hint of the month: Use a baby stroller in lieu of the wire wheelie baskets. Will hold a big load of groceries. Much easier to load and handle.

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The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

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

Prolonged stress can be likened to holding a glass of water

Want a little help in handling the stress in your life?

Walk around your home with a glass filled with water. No, this is not one of those "Half empty or half full?" moments. It's one of those "How heavy is the glass of water?" moments. Answers might range from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

In truth, the weight of the water doesn't matter. It depends on how long you hold it. If you hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If you hold it for an hour, you'll have quite an ache in your right arm.

If you hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer you hold it, the heavier it becomes.

That's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, that "load" becomes increasingly heavy, and it makes it a lot more difficult for us to carry on.

As with the glass of water, you have to put it down and let yourself rest for a while. When you're refreshed, you can once again "pick up the glass" (metaphorically speaking), and carry on with your life, not necessarily stress



free, but certainly better physically and mentally to handle a new day.

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is "UP." It's easy to understand UP, or is it? When we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP; why are company officers UP for re-election; why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends. We use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers, and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and fix UP

the car. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. And when we have to go somewhere we start UP the car.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, we should look UP the word UP in the dictionary.

It takes UP almost a quarter of the page and can add UP to about 30 definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP your own list of the many ways UP is used. It will only take UP a little of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more of its uses.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. Storms often mess things UP, and when it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

When we make a mistake, we screw UP. I could go on and on, but my time is UP, so I'll just wrap things UP, and for now, shut UP!

It's UP to you what you do after reading this column. (Remember Superman? "UP, UP, and away!")

It's June. Summer arrived two months ago. The humidity arrived one week later. The Florida seasons do not necessarily coincide with the rest of the country (now there's a surprise). There's a thunderstorm warning in the forecast every day, along with the words "heat index." The golf course becomes a vast wasteland after 11 a.m. Everyone's air conditioner becomes their best friend. The pool becomes a hot tub. The seat-belt buckles in our cars become branding irons, southern Florida once again becomes a mega-sauna, and hurricane season starts June 1.

Most important, however, June is watermelon seed-spitting time. There will be a sign-UP sheet for all contestants who are interested. There are only two rules: you've got to bring your own watermelon, and all contestants must stand in a circle facing one another.

This month's philosophical truism... a truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Have a great June!

Mourning doves find OTOW ideal for mating and nesting

Nature is spiritual and sparkling with love. We were recently brought such joy on the wings of a dove.

We stood in the foyer watching for the arrival of mourning doves as they sought out shelter to ensure their survival. They dwell and protect the two eggs day and night. The miracle comes and soon the hatchlings take flight.

Mourning doves are in abundance here at On Top of the World. They are a beautiful soft gray brown with a small head and a long tapered white edged tail. The male and female doves look alike.

As a birdwatcher, I realize that when mourning doves sing, this begins the season of nesting, claiming territory, and raising young. Their obvious coo as “woo—oo-oo-oo-oo” gives the birds its name. Doves tend to mate for life and are also referred to as turtle doves.

Their habitat is open land with trees and shrubs for cover and nesting. In many of my walks, I have seen an array of nesting areas they have claimed here at OTOW.

The nests are built with twigs



and pine needles from five feet to 25 feet above ground. This is to protect their squabs from snakes, squirrels, and cats.

They nest as early as March, but their peak season is from April to July. There will be two eggs, which both doves incubate for two weeks. There are doves that will raise multiple broods all summer.

I spoke with Celina Klimowicz and she told me that the doves have returned to her backyard for four years to nest in a flower pot she has at the end of her awning. The nest has no



Nest intact, this mother dove and her eggs made it through a recent storm at OTOW.

covering from the weather. One year there was an awful storm which filled the area with torrential rain, but the nest with the two eggs made it through the storm (see photo above).

In addition, I spoke with Drew Skillman and he indicated that it is an

awesome sight for children to watch both doves build the nest to comfort their young, to watch the doves take turns sitting on the nest to protect it, watching the squabs as they are hatched, nurtured, and fed by both of the doves, and then watching them take flight.

Let's help take care of our new building garbage containers

Not too many months ago, the Valencia received new garbage containers. The owners were very pleased.

However, one by one, these new containers were being damaged. First the lids, then the containers. It is not known for sure how the damage occurred. This is our home, and we each have the responsibility for keeping our building clean and presentable. If you see things happening in our garbage room that should not be happening, speak out! Or drop an unsigned note in the box at our bulletin board. It may not do any good, but then again it may.

Our Philippe Park picnic was held on May 22 with Kentucky Fried Chicken and cold delicious watermelon. Also, there was a bean bag toss, putting, and bingo with prizes awarded.



The ladies had an enjoyable lunch at Farmer Boy's Restaurant on May 9.

Check the bulletin board for June activities.

Mama sez: Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.



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Weather was just right for Michigan visit

Leave it to Dorothy Churchill, who organized a building luncheon at P.F. Chang's in the Countryside Mall on April 25.

P.F. Chang's has a private room and different menu. It was nice getting together to share a lot of laughs and fun before Dorothy took off for a trip to Michigan for a couple of graduations.

First was her granddaughter who got her degree in Internal Medicine at Michigan State.

Then the next day, Dorothy's grandson received two degrees at the University of Michigan, first in communications then another in German. He will soon be off to Germany for a three-month stay.

The weather on the trip was perfect. Dorothy told everyone up there she had brought Florida weather with her to Michigan! Her first stop was Jackson at son Brian's, then Cheboygan to see son, Jim.



Dorothy got to see a lot of Michigan.

She enjoyed watching the Kentucky Derby on TV and having her first Mint Julep! The jockey, the first woman she bet on, lost, but put up a good race. Dorothy enjoyed spending Mother's Day with both her sons.

Emily and Bob Anderson's daughter, Tara, has been admitted to the Daughters of the American Revolution by virtue of her descent



Dorothy Churchill went to Michigan to see her granddaughter and grandson graduate.

from a patriot of the Revolutionary War. This honor was made possible by Bob's diligent work in researching his family's background and obtaining all the documentation necessary to prove this link. Congratulations to the Anderson family!

Birthday wishes are extended to Dorothy Churchill on June 13. Enjoy your special day, Dorothy!

NEWSPAPER IS ON THE WEB

The OTOW News is online, and you can easily download and view the complete current issue, as well as issues from the past 12 months.

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At the Press Association site you will see a thumbnail image of the current issue's front page. Directly underneath is a "Click Here" link.

Be sure to bookmark the link. You may want to send the link to your family and friends up North so they can keep up with all the happenings at On Top of the World.

WANTED: OTOW Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Carl and Betty Leiby are stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.

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THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 49: June, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- June busted out all over for OTOW folks: On June 7 they went to Florida Downs to enjoy the horses. \$4 included bus and entry.
- Father's Day Dance was on June 14. \$1.50 per person for "Happy Hour," ice and prizes.
- Tuesday, June 10, was the trip to the Showboat Dinner Theatre. Transportation, dinner, theatre and gratuities were enjoyed for only \$15. Bob Crane starred in "Beginner's Luck."
- Asolo Theater in Sarasota was next on June 11. The show was "Tobacco Road" with everyone enjoying dinner at Zinn's Restaurant.
- June 20 featured a mini-cruise on the Gulf of Mexico. A two-hour cruise with a delicious hot buffet was enjoyed by all.
- For accordion lovers, a new class was available beginning June 16.
- The OTOW paper had good news from 30 buildings.

See you next time!

Summer brings with it some of the most-enjoyed holidays

*The flashy shirts and ties they gave!
Dad flinched but still he's proud;
His kids not only love him well
But also good and loud.*

Yes, it is Father's Day month, and I know many a dad will identify with the above poem. But the bottom line is: All was done in love and you can still look back and relish that.

To me June is always flag month, with Flag Day on June 14. July Fourth is looming on the horizon.

Enjoy those lazy days of summer, which arrives June 21.

The April dinner meeting at Cody's was well attended with 22 Melbournites enjoying food and fellowship. Always happy to see so many there. Tentative plans was for a May 25 dinner at Sunset Grill. More next month.

Connie Valentin reports that she had a great visit with her cousin, Carmen, and her daughter. She hadn't seen them in a year. Then her daughter was with her for one week in May. She couldn't wait to see them and her two grandsons.

Shirley Jones enjoyed a visit from her daughter for two weeks. Then her son from Georgia was at a beachfront condo at North Redington Beach for a month. She was excited to have them.

We welcome new residents on the Irish Lane side, Stormy Harris and Ted Pickering. We also want to congratulate them on their marriage



on May 26. We are happy to have them at Melbourne. Stormy lived at On Top of the World on Israeli Drive seven years ago.

Al and Rose Wallace enjoyed their granddaughters and son visiting for two weeks at spring break time.

Pat Hedgecoth had a wonderful visit with eight cousins who came down from Ocala. They combined the visit with a great lunch at the Beachcomber.

Betty and Larry Hayhurst were happy to have grandchildren visiting from Louisiana, Ohio and Alabama.

They also hosted a niece and her family from North Carolina. Sounds like a busy time at their house, but we know they enjoy having all.

Again we thank you all for the newsy notes — without them we couldn't write a column.

With all the Snowbirds flying north, June should be a quiet month.



Val Yarnell tosses marker at goal as Bob Osborne waits his turn at American Gothic's recent backyard picnic, held to bid farewell to the building's winter residents.

April picnic over, another being planned for July 4th

Spring has sprung and summer is not far behind.

We waved goodbye to many of our Snowbirds at the backyard picnic in April. Approximately 45 of our residents joined one another in the yard behind the patio of Bob and Elaine Ellis. Outdoor games, good conversation and tasty food abounded.

As dusk began to fall, the last of the frolickers folded their chairs and headed home all hoping for a repeat performance next year.

For those of us staying put this summer, lunch was served at Queen's Pizza on May 16 and another lunch is being considered for either Kally K's or Lucky Dill in mid-June.

Once again we will celebrate the independence of our nation in July. Hopefully, we will be able to hold the annual "Indoor BBQ" again in the second floor core. For this I am going to need a couple of volunteers to help set up and take down.

I will once again provide the hot dogs and will ask residents to provide



buns and other food items suitable for a picnic. Of course, desserts are always welcome as are snack items. If I get enough feedback on this I will work to put it together.

Last year, some of our veterans exchanged stories of their military service. Patriotic music filled the air and some of us even braved the mosquito attacks to watch fireworks from the third-floor veranda. Where else can you have all this fun and not need a designated driver?

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1	Saturday	6:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
4	Tuesday	6:00 PM	No.82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
5	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
7	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
8	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
9	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee "Sunday In The Park"	Auditorium
10	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
13	Thursday	10:00 AM	OTOW Association Meeting	Auditorium
14	Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
14	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Crafts Room
17	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
20	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
22	Saturday	6:00 PM	Rainbow Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
26	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
27	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
29	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Crafts Room

*D-Day Anniversary
Thursday, June 6*

*Flag Day
Friday, June 14*

*Father's Day
Sunday, June 16*

*First Day of Summer
Friday, June 21*

Daily Calendar

MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 9:00 Photo IDs Sunrise Room
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Cards Blue Room
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Canasta Game Small Classroom
 5:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00 Mens 8-ball Tournament Billiards Room
 6:00 Bingo Auditorium
 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Caring and Sharing Crafts Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Jewelry Making Lapidary
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting Veranda
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 12:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 1:00 Canasta Game Small Classroom

1:00 Mens 9-ball Tournament Billiards Room
 1:00 Line Dancing Auditorium
 2:00 Chess Game Rainbow Room
 5:30 Dominos Game Small Classroom
 6:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 6:00 Pinochle Cards Large Card Room
 7:00 Bible Study Meeting Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Computer Club Computer Room
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Room
 9:00 Slimnastics East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 12:00 Mahjongg Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 1:00 Painting Pals Painting Art Room
 1:30 Scrapbooking Class Kitchen
 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym

11:00 Yoga Exercise East Side Gym
 12:30 Euchre Game Small Classroom
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Yellow Room
 1:00 Drawing Class Art Room
 2:00 Chess Game Rainbow Room
 5:00 Pinochle Cards Large Card Room
 6:00 Mens Billiards Tournament Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Ceramics Crafts Room
 9:00 Computer Club Help Computer Room
 9:00 Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 1:00 Chess Game Rainbow Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game Small Classroom
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta Small Classroom
 6:30 Contract Bridge Cards Large Card Room

SATURDAY

8:30 Line Dancing Auditorium
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting Large Card Room
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Cards Large Card Room

SUNDAY

2:00 Wii Bowling Large Card Room

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Honor Flight program selects Mandalay veteran

A large contingent of Mandalay residents went to lunch at Country Pizza, enjoying the food and each other's company.

Bob Backland (retiring building captain) had just come back from a special program called Honor Flight, organized to honor aging WWII veterans while they are still around. He was so energized he just had to tell us all about it. (I met with him later and got more details.)

The group that sponsor the flights periodically selects a crew of veterans, pairs each one with an individual sponsor and flies veterans and sponsors to Washington, D.C., where they are treated to a marvelous day.

They were given a royal welcome at the airport, including fire trucks blowing their sirens and using paired water guns to create an honorary arch (of water) for their plane to taxi through a throng of 250 cheering greeters.

They were given souvenir hats and golf shirts, taken on an extensive tour of the monuments and sights



in the city, such as WWII, Iwo Jima, Korean War, Jefferson, etc., monuments (see photos). They toured the Pentagon and were treated to lavish meals. The cherry blossom trees were in full bloom, so the surroundings were quite beautiful.

On the plane going home, they announced "mail call" and each veteran was given a large envelope containing numerous letters from school children, congressmen, and other citizens thanking them for their service.

They got plaques and copies of a group picture taken in front of the famous "raising the flag on Iwo Jima" statue.



The Honor Flight group, of which Mandalay resident Bob Backland was a part, poses in front of the Iwo Jima flag-raising statue during the group's visit to Washington, D.C.

The final touch was being met upon landing back home by a welcoming crowd of approximately 300 people.

I will soon have details on a trip my husband and I took to Alabama to see our granddaughter.

I would love to hear about other trips our neighbors have recently taken to enliven subsequent articles for this column.



WWII vet Bob Backland stands at the column representing Florida at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.



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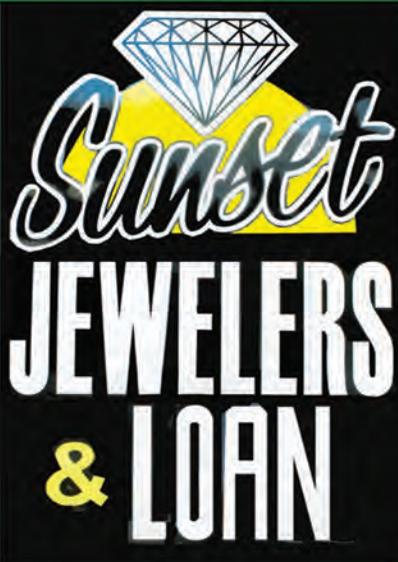
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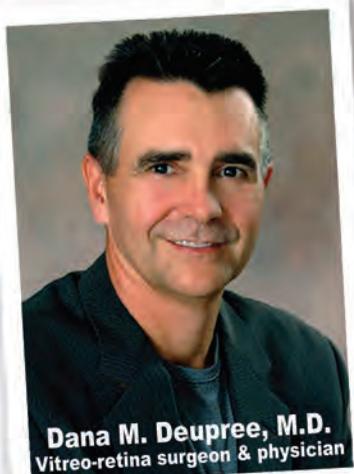


Pat Burns of the Speciality Landscape division is shown sprucing up an area on OTOW's West side. Landscape workers stay busy making sure the community's grass, plants, trees and flowers are well-cared for. (OTOW photo by Doug Kates)

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Path to lake has a new look, thanks to OTOW landscapers

Happy June to everyone... June is the month of graduations, weddings and for some reason lots of birthdays to celebrate.

So get the cakes out and the noise makers as we wish a happy anniversary to Jean and Paul Kelly on 58 years, and to Frank and Maureen McGuire.

The McGuires will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year which actually took place a couple of years ago, but due to chaotic selling, buying and moving activities it just didn't get celebrated! It's just never too late to have some fun, is it?

Jackie and Judge Bobby Milam are hoping to make it up North to their grandson's high school graduation; while George Algozzina and Dick Mikszenas will celebrate their birthdays, which fall close to one another under the sign of Gemini. Happy wishes are extended to everyone.

The Englander's path to the lake has a new look. OTOW's landscaping crew trimmed back the woods along the conservation land leading to the lake. "OC" and his crew did a fantastic job clearing and cleaning the brush back, giving us a clearer view to the lake. Before and after photos are shown at far right.

Once they were done, I saw a big raccoon approach the new area and exclaim, "Where am I going to live when I get home?" Eventually, she found her way into the woods and is living happily ever after!



I hope you all remember to see the night-blooming cereus, which blooms only during the first week of June, and only during the nighttime hours. It sure is a sight to see! During the daytime, you'll notice the big tree with an ugly climbing vine in front of the Lake Arbor dock. It's hard to imagine that such a homely plant could produce such spectacular blossoms.

Did you know there is no need to miss the news or have your neighbors send or save the summer issues of the OTOW News for you? Now you can keep in touch with OTOW while you are away from your Clearwater home. The OTOW newspaper is available online at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, then click on the "Community Information" tab. Then just scroll down to the newspaper section and follow the simple directions.

Happy summer to everyone — be safe!



(Above) OTOW landscape workers clear away underbrush and overgrown tree branches on a pathway to the lake near the Englander building. The results of their efforts can be seen in the photo below.
(Photos by Terri Mikszenas)



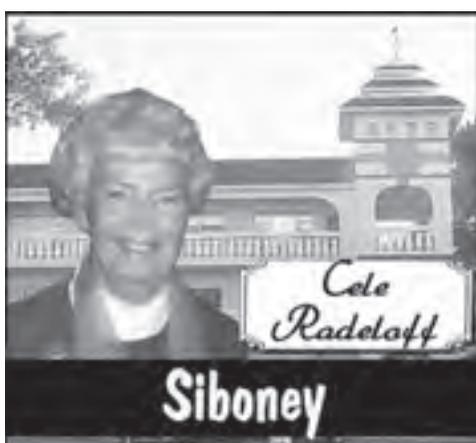
50th anniversary gala was result of much volunteer work

Fifty friends and neighbors attended the 50th wedding anniversary party for Mario and Dolly Gonnella, held on the third floor of the Siboney building.

The hall was transformed into a beautiful setting with round tables decorated with gold tablecloths, gold and white balloons everywhere and a huge cake adorned with a bride and groom, supplied by Laura Evans.

Mario and Dolly's wedding picture from 1963, in a large white frame, was the highlight of the affair. They even danced for us to strains of the "Anniversary Waltz" by Lawrence Welk, one of their favorites. "When Your Old Wedding Ring Was New" was also played. Music was supplied by this reporter who also wrote a "This Is Your Life" (on where and how they met, etc.), which was read by Paula Ergang.

Many, many thanks to Mary Jane DeVoe, Laura Evans, Paula Ergang, Linda Mathewson (and their husbands) and Rita Tombari for all the planning and decorations. Twelve of our Snowbirds had left already, and they missed an



elegant affair. We were happy that Dolly's cousin, Lisa Trombino, of the Orizaba building, could attend.

Again, congratulations, Mario and Dolly!

We have several newcomers in the building, including Penny Drummond from West Virginia. She is Doris Prekopa's sister and was a nurse for 32 years. She has two sons and is a very welcome addition. She's been very kind to me.

Also new to the building are Lillian and Michael Foy from Little Egg Harbor, N.J. That's near Atlantic

City, and Lillian worked in one of the casinos there for 16 years. Mike worked for a printing company. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Lillian likes to bowl, and Mike loves fishing and NASCAR racing. We welcome you and hope you'll enjoy our Siboney activities.

Audrey Decker attended the graduation of her granddaughter from Vanderbilt University in Nashville where she received a Masters degree. She's a behavioral analyst and has a job already in Boston. Lucky girl! (Also very lucky to have such a nice grandma.)

The May decorations were donated by Audrey Decker and were put up by Cele and Rita. They have a patriotic theme in honor of Memorial Day. Thank you, ladies.

Just a word of thanks to our Sunshine Lady, Ethyle Lee, who has been posting birthdays and anniversary notices on our board for about 27 years. She sends the get-well and sympathy cards and neither asks for nor receives any remuneration from the Siboney Club. This is her gift to the Siboney, and

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Happy Father's Day to all.

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Nearby small towns offer charming dining experiences

Nearly 20 years ago when I several times visited a friend in Tampa, we, of course, made frequent trips to Clearwater Beach. We often chose different ways to return to Tampa. We certainly do have a choice of bridges, don't we?

A couple of times we would go through Safety Harbor, which then had fallen in a state of somewhat disrepair or "aging."

The present gorgeous spa was not operating; the narrow streets were faced by small offices, shops and lunch places, but nothing to attract diners or serious shoppers.

Once we stopped and, on our own, wandered through the spa. We hoped that restoration would come soon. And it has! Many may not realize that the elegant Safety Harbor Spa, pier, charming buildings, shops and dining places in small homes and bungalows that have been turned into specialized dining places are relatively recent.

Our building April Lunch Bunch site was a grill that had a wonderful menu, both food and drinks with fabulous names, with a small front on Main Street but lots of outdoor space.

Inside were several tables and a long bar. There were pull-down plastic curtains and electric heaters for those very chilly Florida evenings.

A special item was fried green tomatoes. The hamburgers were topped with these instead of the red version. My mother was an Eastern Shore of Virginia native and still enjoyed her



fried greens when red ones weren't in season. We children didn't pretend to like them; we just wanted familiar red ones although as a teenager I did admit "they weren't bad."

Our table ordered several plates of French fried pickles and tomatoes, so we all tried some. Pickles were "not bad."

A few years ago, while visiting Churchill Downs in Louisville, we had lunch at a charming restaurant that specialized in elegant Southern dishes, and several of my companions, all originally from the Midwest, tried the fried green tomatoes for the first time and ordered more. I prefer good ripe red ones but also enjoy the yellow or green ones now, but never will I enjoy okra, however presented.

If you venture into some of the restored or renovated eateries in Palm Harbor, Ozone, or parts of Pasco, you may find some enjoyable three-hour adventures and see great scenery, too.



Loch Lomond's April "Lunch Bunch" enjoyed dining at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Safety Harbor. (Photo by Sophia Kugeares)

Maureen Girard has a visitor, "Charley," her son's little dog, so in addition to enjoying his companionship, she can join the several other dog walkers, an easy way to get one's sunshine and exercise.

Sherry Ladell's granddaughter is visiting and taking a short break from her heavy high school schedule. She attends a New Hampshire high school that sponsors lots of national and international scholarship projects so already she has participated in much travel and advanced study.

Shortly after arriving, Sherry and her granddaughter found a bicycle and refurbished it. The young lady is also keeping up with her physical activities.

To those away, we miss you – enjoy, stay safe.

To those here – enjoy, do as many local things as you care to or grab a book or just daydream, go to a ballgame or watch a game. Just stay well.



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See you next month.

Reporter writes of encounter with 'microburst'

The following should be titled, "Sailing in a Microburst." A couple of years ago, Bob, a friend of my brothers who had a 27-foot sailboat invited us to go sailing with him.

I would like to share the following account of our brief adventure with you, as we sailed into a situation that left us wondering how we survived.

It was a beautiful day with the temperature in the mid to high 80's and good steady winds of about 12 knots from the west-southwest with a few rainstorms building to the north of us.

We sailed north about two miles and noticed some very dark clouds forming about three-quarters of a mile ahead of us, so we decided to head back south.

We had just begun sailing along very comfortably at about five knots when Bob shouted, "My God, a microburst — get the sail down!" There was no time to do anything to cope with what was about to happen.

In a matter of seconds the temperature dropped from the high 80's to the low 60's. The winds shifted from



westerly at 12 knots to 60 or 70 knots from the east. The headsail whipped around violently to the starboard side causing Bob's hand holding the jib sheets to shed a few layers of skin.

The boat heeled to a degree that put the cabin top in the water. We all held on for dear life to stay aboard and to this day none of us can understand why we did not capsize.

The quarter-inch by two-inch stainless plate on the bow was twisted and torn away from the bow. The forestay attached to the plate slackened so much that the mast was leaning back

toward us at near a 45-degree angle. The jib sheets knotted, which prevented slackening sail to take pressure off the jib. That caused the headsail to be ripped to shreds.

It felt as if the boat was being destroyed with us helplessly aboard. All this happened in just a few minutes, but to us it seemed an eternity.

The winds then subsided and the temperature slowly returned to normal. We were stunned, shaken, bruised and Bob was bloody from knuckles down.

We tied the main halyard to the bowsprit to keep the mast from falling further back upon us, started the engine and limped back to Bob's dock.

The best part of this story is that no one was seriously injured, although Bob's hands were sore for a week or so. We were all very fortunate that we were not hit by any flying debris or flailing cables and made it back home safely.

Our Monaco birthdays in June are as follows: June 3, Sandy Cashin and Ralph Knapp; June 8, Werner Springer; June 28, Barbara Maurer. Congrats and best wishes to all!

Building fish fry featured delicious fresh-caught grouper

May is one of the months we are allowed to display our flags at the Azores. The flags went up on May 23 and came down May 29.

We are grateful for the opportunity to show our respect to those that sacrificed so much for our freedoms and our way of life. I think Father O'Brian's poem says it best:

It Is the Soldier...

*It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the soldier, not the poet, who has
given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the soldier, not the campus
organizer, who has given us freedom
to demonstrate.*

*It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right
to a fair trial.*

*It is the soldier, who salutes the flag,
who serves under the flag, and whose
coffin is draped by the flag, who allows
the protester to burn the flag.*

And now to leftovers from last month. We had an unusual occurrence at the Azores, three important birthdays: Walter O'Meara, Marilyn Goode, and Rose Caso. All born on the same day and in the same year!

Walter and Marilyn moved in as the doors first opened at the Azores. Since ladies are involved, I won't mention their ages, but in just one more decade you will be able to see them on a Smucker's jelly label. Congratulations!

Gerald and Ava Smith host an annual fish fry here at the Azores. The participants have to catch the fish. This year saw Gerald Smith, John Parham, Tom Pirrello, Don Kislyk, Chuck Kilgore and a couple of guests suit up in their finest fishing attire and head for Tarpon Springs.

The first stop was for bait, John paid extra for "top of the line" grouper bait — he was after that big one out there — then off to the boat.

The Captain took them to one spot that did not yield the action these



guys were seeking. The Captain then moved the boat directly over a school of Red Grouper. Grouper school was in session, with the older groupers trying to teach the younger groupers how to "steal bait." If the youngsters didn't get it right, they got the hook. A tough course!

It wasn't long before John Parham hooked that big one! Lots of excitement and a little strutting on John's part. After all, his fish measured 20-3/8 inches, a real beauty and certainly a keeper!

Suddenly, Tom's line went taut and his pole bent almost double. He had caught a big grouper also. After a tough and lengthy fight, the fish was finally landed and carefully measured, 20-3/4 inches long, a tad longer than John's.

Still, the two fishermen remain friends and are pictured here with the catch of the day. Congratulations guys!

After returning to the Azores, Ava carefully prepared the fish and Gerald deep fried them to a golden brown. Folks brought side dishes and a great adventure was concluded with a wonderful meal.

A few last thoughts: There is a cruise being planned for next March. For more information on the details contact Dolores Parham or Ava Smith.

As you read this, keep in mind we just entered hurricane season. Time to stock up a little with batteries, can



John Parham and Tom Pirrello proudly display their 20-lb. groupers they caught while on a recent fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico. The fish was later served at an OTOW fish fry.

goods, extra water, etc., just in case.

I have been reminded by Barbra Huntley that her dog, Henry, will have his tenth birthday (70 in dog years) on June 30. Henry enjoys receiving

cards and goodies on his birthday, so remember him on his special day.

Watch the bulletin board for the latest in upcoming events — participation creates community.

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Welcome to Brahman resident Rita Kress, shown with her pet dogs, Mimzy and Splash.

New resident nurtures a lifelong love of animals

Hello Brahman Neighbors. This month, as promised since her arrival, I am introducing a new neighbor to you who moved in to our building in February. Her name is Rita Kress.

Her arrival in Florida was from Texas, but she was born in Brooklyn N.Y., then as a child of seven moved with family to Pittsburgh. As an adult, she lived in Houston for 34 years.

She formerly was a student advisor for Lone Star Community College. She retired from the college system five years ago.

Rita has a love of animals and had an aviary of Cockatiels and Lovebirds she raised and bred for five years. She also has raised poodles and trained horses.

Her two dogs named Mimzy and Splash are adorable and sweet. You may see them one day entered into the pet(s) of the month contest. In addition to all of the above, she also loves to photograph animals, nature and pets.

She has a love for travel and has been on 17 cruises going to Hawaii,



Tahiti, Alaska, the Mediterranean, Portugal, Bahamas and Morocco, just to name a few.

Rita does not let the grass grow under her feet. She has already joined the NY/NJ Club, Baby Boomers, Singles, Snowbirds, and the Italian Club. She loves the outdoors and stays very active.

I am sure she will get along famously here being so involved and loving the warm weather. So if you see her around, give a shout-out to her!



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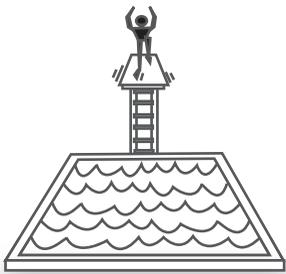
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- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Walkway work is progressing nicely

Summer is here and the weather is getting warmer every day, and that is why the year-round residents are here.

People talk about the heat and humidity, but when I look at the weather report it is usually warmer in the northern regions than here. The pool is convenient and as long as you have enough sun blocker you are ready to go.

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes and the pro asked them if they had a good day.

The first old guy said "I had five riders today, pretty good for me."

The second old guy said "I had seven riders today, my most ever."

The third old guy said "I had three riders, same as last time".

The fourth old guy said "I beat my old record, I had twelve riders today."

Another golfer heard them talking and went to the pro and said "I have been golfing for a long time but I never heard of a rider, what is it?" The pro said "It is when you hit your ball far enough that you can actually get in the golf cart and ride to your ball."

I want to take this opportunity to wish the June celebrants a happy



Orizaba resident Walt Sutkowi.
 (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

birthday. They include Jack Herman, Fran Grillo, Barbara Chigos and Walt Sutkowi (see Walt's photo at right).

Walt is from Michigan, a former General Motors employee and a volunteer at Bright House Field for the Phillies spring training. Walt has a very interesting background and I hope to sit with him someday soon and interview him for this column.

The work on our walkways is in full-forward mode and this can be verified by the sounds of drilling each morning. Hopefully all the work will be finished by the time the Snowbirds return in the fall.

The monthly luncheon at Kally K's was well-attended by approximately 20 residents. This month's outing may be a little lighter but just as entertaining as Jackie Blair takes us to the Paradise Restaurant.

I have to stop saying "How stupid can you be?" Too many people are taking it as a challenge.

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Hello from Rila Renaissance. Several of our residents had some recent family events.

Roy and Louise Parsons are originally from Canada. They went home for a few weeks to see the birth of their first grandchild. They are happy to announce that they have a new grandson who is now two months old (see photo).

Their daughter, son-in-law and grandson visited them recently for a week at On Top of the World. They brought the perfect weather with them. They enjoyed the pool and beach, the wonderful restaurants and sights in the area. Congratulations, Louise and Roy, on your new grandson.

Our part-time neighbor, Judy Godwin, who lives in Georgia, recently visited OTOW. She has signed over ownership to her daughter, Jana Godwin and son-in-law Ron Miller. This is the third generation of ownership.

Jana and Ron will live at OTOW part-time for a few years until they retire. They were introduced by our building captain at a recent gathering and met many of our neighbors. Jana and Ron live in Kentucky, and a few months ago hosted a wedding reception for her mother, Judy.



That wonderful event was to celebrate the wedding of Judy Godwin to Sylvan Berlin. The wedding and reception was on a river boat attended by their immediate family.

We congratulate Judy and Sylvan and welcome Jana and Ron to our building. We know that we will see Judy and Sylvan when they come to visit their daughter.

Building news: as the last of the Snowbirds are getting ready to leave, it is important that you leave an emergency number with your building captain and the Service Department. Also list the name and phone number of a person who has your condo key. If there is an emergency in the building and your condo has to be checked, it is best



Rila Renaissance residents Louise and Roy Parsons pose proudly with their first grandchild, a little boy, on their recent visit to Canada.

that someone nearby be able to let the Service Department in to check. This will possibly prevent serious damage to your condo.

Periodically check the bulletin boards for important messages from our building captain or the Service Department.

If you have any news, happy events or great trips, please let me know. It would be interesting to read about. Please leave the news in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.

We wish all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Trip up North nearly froze reporter's Florida-bred yorkie

Congratulations to dads, grads, and newlyweds!

When I was thinking about what I was going to write about June, in addition to the happenings at Capistrano, I went on-line and entered holidays in June. I found June is National Accordion Awareness Month, Candy Month, Aquarium Month and Fruit & Vegetable Month.

June also has the honor of hosting Applesauce Cake Day. June 7 is National Donut Day, June 8 is Best Friends Day, June 22 is National Chocolate Éclair Day and June 10 is Iced Tea Day.

Well, the Snowbirds are pretty much gone, parking spaces are plentiful, pool lounge chairs are easily available, some of the dogs in the doggie park are wondering where their friends are, and it is pretty quiet around the unit.

I know those who remain will miss their friends, but with Skype and iPads and smart phones many will keep in touch.

Claudia and Delmar Dorris from St. Petersburg are new residents of Capistrano. Welcome to Capistrano, Claudia and Delmar!

Karen and myself and the dogs Timmy and Angel celebrated Mothers Day in Buffalo. Did we miss Capistrano! We wore jackets, hats and gloves it was so cold. After coming from sunny and



warm Florida we nearly froze in the 42-degree temperatures of the city of good neighbors.

Little Angel, our new yorkie born in Florida, shivered in the cold, Timmy is an old hand, but he too was not a happy camper in the cold, but didn't want to show his weakness to his new sister.

Well, I guess this is all I have. Next month I will have the news of who the big winners were in the Memorial Day at the Races.

Have a great Fruit and Vegetable Month and enjoy an éclair on Chocolate Éclair Day June 22, and maybe a piece of applesauce cake on Applesauce Cake Day, or a donut on Donut Day June 7.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads of Capistrano!

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Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
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Out-of-town visits made for an enjoyable month

The highways and skyways were very busy this past month with Snowbirds returning and with some of our friends visiting or having visitors.

Jan Guyton, for one, flew to St. Louis for a week. She surprised her daughter, Pam, who celebrated her 60th birthday. Aside from the party, Jan had some very good times enjoying her granddaughters and especially her great-granddaughter.

Upon her return home her son-in-law, Dave, drove her to Key West. Jan's granddaughter had just moved into a condo. She procured for Jan and Dave a lovely suite at the resort that she manages there.

Donna Cameron had good company for a week. Her daughter, Susan, hubby and granddaughter, arrived from Michigan. A great-grandson was also in tow. Anyone who met this 2-year-old was deeply impressed by his good behavior and chatter.

In April, John Hanrahan had a visit from his son, grandson and great grandson — all John Hanrahans! (see photo at right). His grandson came down from Wisconsin for a wedding with his wife and two children, while his son and daughter-in-law came along to babysit the great-grandchildren and visit John Sr. John F. Hanrahan Sr., John F. Hanrahan Jr., John F. Hanrahan III and John Lee Hanrahan enjoyed the first time that all of them were able to be together!

I-E Davies spent a week in Long Island visiting daughter Leeann and family. This was followed by a weekend in Naples where her daughter Marylee resides. I-E will be moving to Mease Manor soon. We will miss her but wish her well in her new home.

Gin Upton accompanied her best



Four generations of one family visited OTOW recently. From left are John F. Hanrahan Sr., John F. Hanrahan Jr., John F. Hanrahan III and John Lee Hanrahan.

friend on a business trip to Atlanta. Since this city is where Gin hails from, it gave her an opportunity to see relatives and friends.

As for me, I flew to Philadelphia for a long weekend. The occasion was to see my youngest granddaughter make her acting debut as the star in the school play "Alice in Wonderland."

Weather permitting, there are still some of us who enjoy "happy hour" beneath the "oaks." We invite all new residents to join us if at all possible.

The ladies still meet the third Monday of the month for luncheon at various restaurants. Places and times are posted on the bulletin boards and all are invited.

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Dining room table w/extra leaf, 6 chairs \$300; BR suite \$400; desk w/chair \$100; rattan/glass shelving unit \$100; rattan chair w/cushions \$50; Hoover Elite sweeper \$25. 724-9664

Reduced: small microwave, Hamilton-Beach, 1000W, white, in box, like new \$35; prepaid AT&T phone cards, say \$100, worth \$50, sell for \$15 as is. 725-1879

American Tourister suitcase, 18" x 30", navy, rarely used \$10; ladies red hat \$4; magazine rack, dark wood \$5; electric food blender \$5. 796-7890

24" iMac \$499; bag of tools \$40; phono/CD recorder \$125; bike \$40; two golf sets, mens/womens \$50 for both; red hat \$20; two lamps \$30. 729-7101

Rowenta Focus iron \$20; picture with frame (garden scene with water fountain), 41" x 32" \$40; aloe plants \$2. 692-7028

1980-era bicycle, Iron Horse, custom refurbished 2012 \$105; ladies Schwinn bicycle \$45. 366-2515

Many furniture and décor pieces and books. Call afternoons and evenings to inquire about specific items. 796-2640

Omega 707 manual typewriter, like new, used once \$75 OBO. 796-8271

Moving boxes, 7 wardrobe size w/bars, 7 small packing boxes, 6 large boxes \$55 for all; dinette table, 36" round, Formica top \$25. 736-4056

Telephone answering machine with three cordless handsets, speaker phone, AT&T model EL52300, new, unopened box, paid \$60, asking \$40. 726-0126

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