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On Top of the World and local Post Office officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 14. From left to right are USPS Retail Manager Carol Shirley, Marketing Manager Jacquelyn Villemaire, Clearwater Postmaster Doug Fiedler, Clearwater Vice Mayor Jay Poglaze, OTOW Community Service Coordinator Josh Mostyn, OTOW SCA Manager Dessa Barabba, OTOW Community Service Coordinator Nancy Rogers, USPS District Manager Nancy Rittenhouse, Post Office Operations Manager Stephanie Hartman and OTOW Chairman Kenneth Colen.
(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Our community now comes with stamps, boxes

No longer do you have to drive outside the On Top of the World community just to buy a stamp or pick up a box for mailing.

We now have our own post office right here at the East Activity Center Community Service Office.

OTOW Chairman Kenneth Colen said the Good Karma Café was created out of convenience so residents could purchase a food item or beverage without leaving the community. Now, the post office is a great complement to the café. Residents don't have to wait in long lines at a busy post office.

United States Postal Service District Manager Nancy Rittenhouse was given the honor of cutting the ribbon at a ceremony which took place May 14. Nancy said OTOW becomes one of about 500 village post offices in the country.

"This is not something we do every day," she said. "It's a new concept. It's a win-win for the US Postal Service."

In fact, Nancy said our community post office will service more people than the average village post office. The opportunity is there for residents to buy individual stamps, forever stamps, rolls of stamps or sheets of stamps. Also available are flat-rate shipping boxes ranging in price from \$6-\$18.

And of course, you can stop by just to mail a bill or letter.

One thing residents do need to keep in mind, they cannot bring just any box to the CSO for mailing. Our post office has no scale. Flat-rate boxes may be picked up at no charge, stuffed at home, and then mailed at appropriate cost during normal business hours.



On Top of the World resident Nancy Wikle looks over a variety of stamps before buying a sheet at our new post office.

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OTOW bus adds Aldi stop

Recreation Card renewal time is approaching

Recreation ID Cards

As a reminder, please check your recreation card's expiration date.

Most Recreation Cards expire Wednesday, July 1, 2015, and will need to be renewed at the Community Service Office beginning July 1, 2015, and no later than July 15, 2015.

Please be aware that any card not renewed will be invalid until punched. To use the SCA facilities, all cards must be valid and presented upon request.



SCA Bus

The SCA bus will be adding a new run to Aldi supermarket. The route change is in response to many resident requests and will replace the Wednesday morning Publix run. The change to the schedule will begin on Wednesday, June 3

AAA Driving Course

The AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite room on Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms

can be found on page 44 of this On Top of the World Newspaper.

F.L.O.W. Bus

The F.L.O.W. bus was not able to come as scheduled on Friday, April 17, as they were experiencing mechanical difficulties with the bus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

They will return on Friday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Activity Center North parking lot.

East Belcher Road Entrance

Work has been completed at the Belcher Road entrance on the east side and the new sidewalk, fence and gates look great.

We will be planting new landscaping, so the work will be ongoing. Please pardon our dust while we complete this project.

Good Karma Café

You can now purchase prepaid gift cards in the café for any amount needed.

There have been many new items added to our menu that include: chicken salad wraps, chicken Caesar salads, fruit salads, Italian kaiser sandwiches and many new snacks.

We now have flavored and regular creamer, cottage cheese, sour cream, and wheat bread.

If your club needs catering, we can assist with that as well.

For more details, stop in at the café and see Amy or Destany.

A list of menu items and a reservation form are also avail-

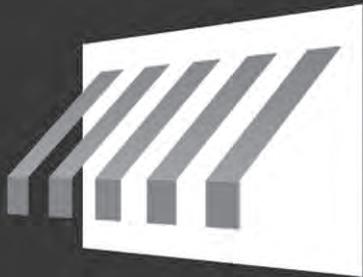
able on the OTOW Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Enter the Website, look for the Good Karma button and explore our new Web section.

Reminders

Observe all rules when visiting the recreational facilities and keep all food, drinks and outside pool furniture away from the pool area. If such items are brought into the pool area you will be asked to remove them immediately. Drinking water is allowed in plastic bottles only.

You must bring your recreation card with you when using the SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool.

As always, I would also like to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job, and if you think so too, please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office.



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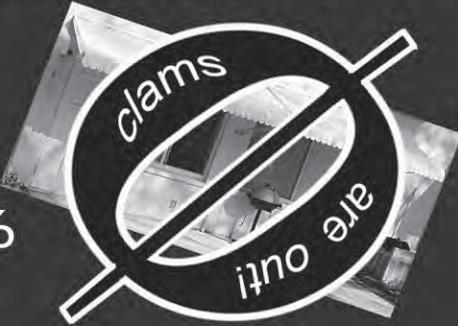
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General Meeting

Notice of the General Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association to be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E., Clearwater, Fla., was mailed to residents in May.

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.

It Takes a Village

I've always said that On Top of the World is a small city. Not only do we now have a small convenience store and restaurant, the big news is we now have a branch US Post Office as well!

This new branch is conveniently located in the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. Hours of operation are the same as customer service: Monday-Friday 8:30-12 and 12:30-3 p.m.

Landscape and Architectural Controls

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

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

Maintenance of landscape and related features in the common areas is an ongoing process. In many cases, the owner who 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. The Association has a job to do for the benefit of all owners.

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

Maintenance Update

Painting/Waterproofing: The backs of Building 94 and Building 1 are scheduled for new waterproof coatings, while Building 3 will have its front facade repainted in June. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Railing Improvement Projects: Building 19 is the next structure slated for improvements and work is scheduled to begin in late June or early July, pending permitting from Pinellas County.

A licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made. The im-

provements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure.

Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Construction, Roofing, and large scope projects: Asphalt improvements are scheduled to conclude in the first weeks of June.

As in years past, the vendor will be working in multiple areas on each day that they are here. It's important that residents keep an eye on their bulletin boards and car windshields for the latest paving updates. Parking areas will be cordoned off for a minimum of 24 to 48 hours after the new asphalt has been applied to allow the product time to cure correctly. The asphalt curing time is crucial before it is driven upon. This time will also allow the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions as well as minimize tire scuffing on the new asphalt.

We politely ask that residents observe the closures and wait until a management company representative has removed all the barricades at their parking lot before venturing onto the new asphalt.

Alternative parking will be available on roadways and in visitor spots at surrounding buildings for those residents displaced during the work. Keep in mind, management company employees will be working in close proximity to the roadways during this work. For safety's sake, we ask that residents slow down, pay close attention to any direction given by flagmen, and obey posted speed limits. The worker's safety depends on your cooperation.

Tree removals, as well as replants required by county permit, will be wrapping up in June. Residents will see stump grinding crews shortly thereafter and personal vehicles may need to be temporarily relocated for this work to take place.

Please be aware that you may be asked to move your car if a tree was removed in close proximity to your parking space.

Elevator improvements will continue into the month of June.

Most improvements will require that the elevator be taken out of service for a period of 3-7 days, depending on the scope of the work. Residents will need to make the necessary arrangements during these upgrades as the elevator will not be available for usage.

Please keep an eye on your bulletin boards and inside the building's elevator for work start dates. As always, watch your step in and around work areas and excuse our dust while we make these annual improvements.

An underground utility contractor will continue working to replace the potable water service lines at Buildings 16, 17 and 18A. The crews will be working at Buildings 16 and 17 in the month of June, with 18A following in July.

Brief water service outages will occur as each building is tied into the new water supply feed. These outages average 5-6 hours, so please plan accordingly.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the change-over advising of dates and times. Orange safety fencing will be erected around work zones as a safety measure. We ask that residents avoid these areas and not venture into them unnecessarily until the work has been completed.

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

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

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property.

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

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

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

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corner - make your vote count

The patching and painting of all building common areas, due to unapproved wall penetrations, is continuing across property.

A large majority of this work is being performed in advance of contracted painting crews.

Notices regarding this necessary work are being posted in the affected buildings in advance of the work. All in all, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, but the management company is asking for all residents' cooperation in not drilling into or attaching any unapproved fastener to the structure in the future without modification approval by the On Top Of the World Association.

If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

Inspection Services Division

Compliance inspections of storage rooms are continuing across property.

Many times new items are randomly placed in other residents' allotted space, or the items are of a nature that they are not permissible for storage. To assist in keeping these areas compliant and orderly, the Inspection

Services Division of the management company started performing preliminary storage room inspections and tagging non-compliant items.

Residents who would like to request an inspection, or have general storage room questions, should visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. A representative will be glad to contact them regarding the matter.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

A recent inspection by the Clear-

water Fire Marshall's office confirmed the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community. In particular, it's focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings that present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top Of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and

disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Awnings

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services Division of the management company.

The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clamshell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure.

The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised, older-style awnings, in disrepair or with weak attachment points.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

General Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 10 AM, EAC Auditorium



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Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.

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Refreshing residents on summer projects, pets, family units and hurricane season

Community Enhancements

The past few weeks have seen the exodus of our Snowbirds and the commencement of the many projects that must occur during the time of the year with low occupancy rates.

Paving and roofing projects are almost complete for this budget cycle. Painting, railing improvements, landscape enhancements and common area and amenity improvements will continue throughout the summer.

We ask that you refer to building postings, the On Top of the World Clearwater Website (otowclearwaterinfo.com) and this OTOW newspaper for important notices and project schedules.

For your safety, and the safety of the work groups, please do not walk or drive through construction areas or barricaded locations.

Important Reminders Animals

Not only does Pinellas County have a very strict leash law, On Top of the World has strict rules with regard to animals residing in the community.

Animals brought into On Top of the World must be well behaved. Any breed, or variety of dog, cat or other animal, deemed especially aggressive or offensive, and any threatening or disruptive animal, as determined by the Association in its sole and absolute discretion, may be excluded from On Top of the World.

While outside the unit, all animals must be kept on a leash, or other restraint, and must be accompanied at all times by the owner. Please don't allow your dogs to run freely along the edge of Lake Arbor for "exercise."

Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner. Your compliance with the above ensures a peaceful community for all residents alike.

Use and Maintenance of Units

As a reminder, each unit must be



used as single-family residency and for no other purposes without prior written consent from The Association.

No units may be used for business or professional purposes.

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

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

Please refer to the Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association for a complete review. A copy may be obtained online at otowclearwaterinfo.com or by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Hurricane Season

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 and government leaders have a lot of experience and we have dedicated resources available to us.

Due to our county's geographi-

cal 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. A posting is provided in your center core providing you with excellent resources. I would highly recommend a visit to the Pinellas County Emergency Management Website at www.pinellascounty.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 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 Middle School. Please understand you must make these arrangements now, not when a hurricane watch or warning has been issued.

Also, keep in mind, that when your building experiences a loss of electricity, you will also lose the use of the elevator. For those of you who 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.

Another item our residents need to be prepared for is the potential interruption of potable water services. 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.

Pinellas County Emergency Management 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.

If you require assistance in securing your patio and center core items, the Management Company does offer a contracted service that requires additional staffing. The service charge is \$ 30.

Keep in mind that once the staff schedule is full, the management company may be unable to provide additional assistance. To sign up for this service please register with the Community Service Office.

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

Phone Numbers You Need To Save

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799-3417
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Gerald Colen will lecture here on wills, trusts and probate on June 22

For folks who live at On Top of the World in Clearwater, I am pleased to announce that I will be giving a lecture on Wills, Trusts and Probate on Monday, June 22, from 3-4 p.m.

The lecture will be at the East Activity Center auditorium.

I will stay afterward to answer questions. There is no charge, no sign-in sheets and there will be no follow-up by me or by any member of my staff.

This is not a free lunch seminar. It's strictly informational. I hope you'll be there with me. Please mark the date and time on your calendar.

Q. Is title insurance optional? That is, if I want to buy a home and take out a mortgage, do I still need to have title insurance on the property I am buying?

A. Almost ALL insurance is optional. After all, you don't HAVE to HAVE it.

An exception is to be entitled to drive an automobile, most states (probably all states but I haven't checked with all of them) require you to have some minimal coverage.

However, if you want uninsured motorist protection to protect you against someone who is driving a car and is NOT insured, then buying it is also optional.

The state of Florida does require folks who live in a condominium or homeowners' community to have some, but that, too, is minimal.

Life insurance is optional.

Homeowners insurance is optional unless your lender makes you take it to protect THEM. That kind of insurance is called Mortgagee insurance and it definitely does not protect the homeowner.

Excess automobile insurance is optional.

Flood insurance is optional.

Theft insurance, hazard insurance, windstorm insurance, and most all other kinds of insurance are optional.

HOWEVER, why would anyone want not to have those insurances with one of them being—a very important one in my mind—is title insurance.

Q. We want our home to go to our three children. Why can't we take care of that in our Wills?

A. You certainly can. Not only



that, I usually advise my clients to leave their homestead to their children (or nieces, nephews and other blood relatives) in their Wills and do not put the homestead in trust.

Why do I say that?

The homestead is the single most protected asset anyone has in the State of Florida. So, to my way of thinking, it's best to leave that most protected of assets in the individual names of the homestead owners.

OK. So what if you do that?

Well, if the home is in the name of a husband and wife, when one passes on, the other just continues to own it uninterrupted. You don't have to do anything, although I always recommend that a death certificate be recorded in the public records. It costs \$10.

You should also file the original Will of the deceased. It costs nothing to do that but if you want a receipt for the Will, that costs \$1. You will not get the Will back but you will get the recorded death certificate back after it's been recorded.

What happens when both pass on?

So long as the homestead passes in your Will to blood relatives or to step-blood relatives, they have it free from debts.

Q. My wife and I have been married for 20 years. It's a second marriage for both of us and we have children from our previous marriages. I want to leave everything to my wife if I predecease her and she wants to do the same if she passes before me.

In the first year of our marriage, we kept all of our accounts separate from each other and they still are that way. My children tell me that the best way to do it is to put all of my accounts in transfer on death mode to



OTOW News columnist, Gerald Colen, will speak in the East Activity Center auditorium on June 22. He will also answer questions from residents. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

them (I have two) and then have my Will just leave everything to my wife and that way, if I pass first, my wife will get everything because my Will says so.

My wife's children say it's none of their business because it's not their money and whatever we do is OK with them, but they did suggest that we ask an attorney. Your thoughts please.

A. Hmmmm. Well, either your children don't understand the consequences of having accounts in transfer on death mode, OR they are being rather sneaky.

If you have accounts in transfer on death mode, then when you pass on, the funds in that account will belong to the transfer on death beneficiary REGARDLESS of what your Will provides.

So, if you don't want to put those accounts in both of your names, then you should make your wife the transfer on death beneficiary. That will assure that she gets those accounts. It just seems to me though, that since you want her to have what's in those accounts, why don't you just add her name to them now?

Q. I am a widower but have barely spoken with one of my two children, my son, for many years. I want to cut him entirely out of my Will and leave him nothing, but my neighbor says I

can't do that and have to leave him half. (1) Is that true? (2) Do I have to give any reason for cutting out my son? (3) Can I just leave everything to my daughter?

A. (1) Nope. (2) Nope. (3) Yep.

Florida does not have forced heirship where you are required to leave something to another person (unless you have a written agreement to do so, of course).

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The legend of Sarah Winchester:

You know her husband but do you know her story?

You may not believe it, but I am sure you will be amazed at the Legend of Sarah Winchester.

Sarah became heiress to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company that gave the world the famous Winchester Rifle.

After the death of her husband, she felt she was being haunted by spirits and went to see Adam Coons, a Boston Psychic. He told her she was cursed by the spirits and she must move west and build a house for herself and the spirits.

The medium told Sarah that if the construction ever stopped, she would join her husband.

She moved to San Jose, Ca., bought



**Walter
Balderson**

Inside Showbiz

an old farm house on 161 acres and immediately began to renovate and add rooms.

She kept 22 carpenters working seven days a week, 24 hours a day, for the next 38 years. The house finally reached 160 bedrooms and 149 bathrooms.

Sarah was told to build the house to confuse the ghosts of those killed by Winchester Rifles.

There were windows with no view, doors that opened to walls and staircases that led to nowhere.

She also seemed to be fascinated by the number 13. There were windows with 13 panes, stairs with 13 steps, chandeliers with 13 candles and 13 chimneys. The greenhouse had 13 cupolas.

According to the legend, there were no mirrors in the house as they would confuse the spirits that were afraid of their own images.

She knew that she must never stop building. Continue construction

and you live, stop and you die, she was told.

On Sept. 4, 1922, after a conference session with the spirits in the séance room, Sarah went to her bedroom for the night. At some point during the early morning hours, she died in her sleep at the age of 83.

Today the house has been reduced to three floors. It is a landmark and tours go through daily.

The guides tell the tourists to stay close together as the spirits do not like stragglers roaming around.

Sarah Winchester may not have been a ShowBiz celebrity, but she left a legend that continues to this day.

NOTICE

Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

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

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.

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Press Association kicks off another season with familiar faces and new members



The Press Association had an incredible season with 12 very special newspapers distributed throughout the On Top of the World community.

The next task is starting the 2015-16 season where the previous season left off.

But no sweat for returning officers Yvonne Courtney, Jackie Dooley and Arlene Bergen. They are ready to keep the success coming.

At the May meeting, Yvonne was sworn in as president for the eighth consecutive year and Arlene was sworn in as secretary for the third consecutive year.

Jackie will be sworn in as vice president during the August meeting.

Publisher Kenneth Colen told Yvonne and Arlene there is a lot of pressure keeping OTOW News a top-notch newspaper. He said residents depend on the publication for community news and interesting stories.

He hinted that most readers will keep their newspaper for a full month and the paper is often found in the living room, on a coffee table, no matter what day of the month it is.

He asked if the ladies were ready to keep this honor going.

Yvonne and Arlene both said yes.

While most OTOW clubs and groups are now on summer break, the Press Association is already in full swing for the 2015-16 season.

May was the first meeting of the



On Top of the World News Publisher Kenneth Colen officially swears-in Arlene Bergen and Yvonne Courtney as returning officers to the Press Association board. In May, Arlene began her third term as secretary, and Yvonne started her eighth term as president. Vice President Jackie Dooley was unable to attend the meeting, but will be officially sworn in during the August meeting.

(OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

new season and more than 20 staff members were in attendance.

Editor Doug Kates mentioned all regular meetings for 2015-16 will take place in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Meeting times will stay the same, 1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

The exception is the annual Writers Workshop in November, which will begin at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place Nov. 5 and is an opportunity for reporters to learn the basics about journalism-style writing.

It is highly recommended each building, club, group and sports writer attend this event - especially if recently joining the OTOW News staff.

There will be no Press Association meetings in June, July or September.

On a very important note, staffers

at the May meeting were told there will be an early deadline for finishing the September newspaper. The deadline for submitting stories has been pushed ahead from Aug. 15 to Aug. 11. The newspaper has to go to press four days early in August.

Doug also had a chance to recap the Appreciation Luncheon in April and said it was very successful thanks to everyone involved.

There were individuals who helped with decorations, room set up, appetizers and beverages. Jackie donated prizes for a 50/50 drawing.

Doug was proud to announce that even the caterer, The Stuffed Mushroom, had a good time, and the caterer's management has already indicated they would like to come back and cater the party for next year.

Unfortunately, in all the chaos that goes with hosting a party, Doug admitted he forgot to mention some important news events during the April gathering. There were several reporters who were stepping down from their positions and passing the baton on to a new reporter. For those veteran reporters, the luncheon was their last meeting with the Press Association and they deserved a better "thank you."

So, on behalf of everyone from the Press Association, special thank yous go out to Gloria Walz, Val Kastner, Ann Rost and Marvin Maziarz, who were in attendance, and everyone who stepped down during the previous season. Your monthly stories will be missed, but we will work side-by-side with the new residents taking over.



Gloria
Walz

Try our OTOW word search

On Top of the World News retired reporter Gloria Walz was browsing the Internet one day when she discovered a Website which creates word search puzzles.

Not just any word search puzzles, but puzzles where the customer supplies the words and the company creates the puzzle.

Gloria supplied this company with 35 words which had everything to do with this newspaper and the community in general.

Next, the company did its magic, created a specially-made word search puzzle, and sent it back to Gloria.

The final result is on the next page. Gloria submitted the puzzle to the newspaper and hopes everyone enjoys working on it.

On Top of the World Word Search

This is a one-time feature. See story on page 10 for details.

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Some On Top of the World clubs really taking advantage of the free Box Office Website



For many months now, the Fixers Club has been using the Box Office Website to promote its woodshop, the various tools inside, learning materials and how to become a member.

Last month, the club added three new videos to the site, which are accessible to not only community residents, but members up north for the summer.

That's correct. The club is using its free Box Office Webpage to communicate with Snowbirds, and it's as simple as posting news, photos and information, and allowing someone from out-of-state to click on the site to see it all.

Who else is taking advantage of the Box Office?

Line Dancing has photos and links to YouTube videos. Just visit the Line Dancing Webpage and you can click any of four line dance videos to watch.

The Thursday Mixed Golf League is using its Webpage to promote upcoming events, remind golfers when to show up and play, and the league has its own Top 20 Leaderboard to show off its current standings.

You can visit the Mixed Golf League Webpage and see who currently leads the season standings!

Many OTOW clubs and groups are posting pictures on their page.

The Travel Club has been very dedicated to updating their page with beautiful photos from recent trips.

Check out the softball team's page for photos from this past season and information on next year's season.

Want to see some more good photo pages?

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Pictured on this page is what you would see (in general) if you visited the Fixers Club Web page on the Box Office. Currently, there are three instructional videos.

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Fixers & Fiddlers Fumblers

Check out the Press Association Webpage, the Entertainment Committee Webpage and the Snowbirds Club Webpage.

Did you know, you can now go to the Entertainment Committee's Box Office Webpage and make a suggestion for future events?

All you have to do is click the Wishing Well, leave your name, phone number and suggestion, and members of the board will take your idea into consideration.

Did you know that the Lambda Club is a Gold Club member and lists all upcoming events on its free page?

So at this point you may be asking, does my club or group have a page on the Box Office?

The answer is, "yes."

Any club, group or sport has its own page, and the more this page is updated, the more perks your club gets.

If you are just starting to use your page to your club's advantage, you will be allowed one home page photo and one picture page photo. But as the months go by, and your group keeps updating its page, you will get more photos and more perks.

Recently, the 9-Hole Ladies Golf League began taking their page seriously. The club started with one photo on its photo page. By late this year, however, this club will have earned enough perks to post five photos and publish five different news items.

Classes, hobbies, games and exer-

cises also have their own Webpages, but it takes someone to step forward and take control of it.

If a page is not built for your group, please see Doug in the newsroom and he will get you ready.

All updates, including photo changes, are done by someone representing each group, and is done on that individual's own computer.

You do not have to go through OTOW or the newspaper office to update your page.

Any questions? See Doug in the newsroom during business hours. Want to browse? Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the Box Office link.

OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com
Click the Box Office link

Two parties to show your Pride - one here, one in St. Petersburg

June is Gay Pride month.

It's a month when parades and festivals are held around the world to celebrate the diversity of our LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community.

It is an important observance because not that long ago, being outside of the "norm" was not an option. I remember being in college in the early '70s and going to the library to find books on homosexuality. Out of hundreds of thousands of books, I found two clinical texts that discussed it as an aberration.

I, along with many other LGBT folks, tried marriage to an opposite sex spouse – suppressing an important aspect of our own identity. That's not a good way to go into a lifetime commitment and caused problems for both spouses.

Happily, through much struggle, there is now much more awareness that people don't come in only pink or blue orientations. There is a rainbow of humanity out there that deserves to



Lambda

be acknowledged and allowed to make a contribution and not be relegated to the shadows.

Our Lambda Club here at On Top of the World is a demonstration of that, and we are both happy and proud to be here.

Of course, Pride is the theme of our club social this month. On Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m., it's OTOW Pride Night!

Dance music will be coming from the Large Card Room or Lambda Lounge as we call it.

You are invited to come in and stop by the bar for the cocktail of the night: the Pink Panther. Bet you can't

have just one.

Chat up your friends and make new ones.

As usual, our members will have some tasty treats on hand for your enjoyment. Dress code: Proud!

Later on in June, on Saturday the 27th, we'll be carpooling down to St. Petersburg to watch the Pride Parade. It's a night event which makes it a lot more exciting. And for some of us, the lower lighting is more flattering.

Wink.

The Pride Parade is open to all – gay, straight or in between.

It's the same idea as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, where everyone dresses funny, drinks and has a great time.

You too can be an honorary gay for a day. And if anyone asks you how you're doing, the correct response is: Fabulous!

For more details and to have a look at last year's Pride Parade, go to our club's webpage. Tata for now.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)

residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

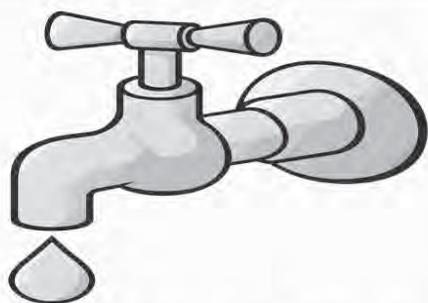
We look to expand our circle to all LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage:

lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

We are also on your Box Office Website. You can find a link to our official page by visiting us on the Box Office.

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



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- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115.
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Summer is a time to keep in touch and recommend activities for this winter



By Rick McLauchlan

For those who participated in the annual migration North from paradise in On Top of the World, it is hoped everyone's journey was a pleasant one.

For those who remain in Clearwater, our hope is that the summer is a pleasant one.

If you read our April article, you will note a change in the Canadian Club logo on our official masthead. We have eliminated the 40th anniversary symbol and replaced it with a stylized melding of the proud flags of the United States and Canada, emphasizing our club's pride of bringing members from our two great countries together.

Everytime we play, sing, eat and dance together, our goal is a positive social experience.

With the absence of activities to report upon in the next few months, it would be great if you could suggest ideas that you think our readers would consider valuable in preparing for the return to the South. Please send them to us at our new Canadian Club Comment email address otowcc2016@gmail.com prior to the first day of the month.

We will try and share as much of this information as we can. You can also use this email address to submit your comments, concerns or ideas for the coming year.

Registration Night is tentatively



2015-16 Canadian Club First Vice President Fidel Turbide and his lady Pierrette enjoying the 2015 Spring Fling Dinner / Dance.

scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Remember that membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card.

Our Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. in the auditorium. The cost

of the traditional turkey/ham festive meal and dance will be \$15 for members and \$17 for guests.

The initial ticket selling day will be Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 8:15-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room.

Remember, during the summer months, you can follow our club news by going to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and clicking the link for the Clearwater newspaper. There, you will see the front page of the current newspaper. Click and the entire newspaper will download to your desktop.

You can also follow us on the Box Office Website. Look for the Canadian Club Webpage with a link to our official site.



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Good Neighbors making fall plans

Summer is quickly approaching and our Snowbirds have flown the coop.

For those of us who call On Top of the World home, life goes on.

And for those of us with the Good Neighbors Association, work continues to provide everyone still here with the services they expect.

Good Neighbors Association has firmed up our fall schedule of events.

In October we will have our annual clothing drive, and November will be very busy with our Senior Expo, Flea Market and Craft Show.

Every month this summer, Good Neighbors Thursday will take place on the second Thursday. There is always light entertainment and free coffee

Good Neighbors



President Jim Bjorgo

and donuts for your enjoyment.

As always, representatives of your Good Neighbors Association, will continue to be at your service each Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. We are there to answer your questions and listen to your concerns. Our table is located in front of the Gift Shoppe.



Ralph Rogers entertained residents at Good Neighbors Thursday in May. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Newcomers

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)



Bobby Blethen of West Virginia

Good Neighbors
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June 5: Jesters Show 2012	
June 12: Jesters Show 2013	
June 19: Jesters Show 2014	
June 26: Jesters Show 2015	June is Jesters Month

LINE DANCING ON YOUR OWN TV

Line dancing has arrived on OTOW-TV, channels 96 and 732.

Line dance in the comfort of your own condo. Let our own talented line dancers show you how. Currently, videos have been made for Monday (9 am & 6 pm) and Wednesday (10:30 am & 7 pm). This fall, three more will be made for the rest of the week. Watch OTOW-TV for time schedule changes.

Jesters' 2016 show will have Broadway theme



By Susan Calinski

Do the Jesters ever rest?
No, they don't!

We work right on through the summer.

With our new Board in place and a director chosen, plans for the Jesters' 2015-2016 season are beginning to take shape.

Mike Albano, the director of the upcoming Jester's show, has announced the theme for this year will have a distinct Broadway influence. Keep an eye out for the show's title in a future newspaper!

Chock full of energetic musical numbers, this night in the spring of 2016 should truly be one to remember.

Calling all singers, dancers and those willing to help with this fantastic

Lillian Foy performs during the 2015 show, 'Celebrate America.'



JESTERS

show!

We are looking for those who are able to sing (either solo or in a group), as well as folks capable of energetic dancing, such as tap dancing.

More information regarding auditions will be forthcoming. We are expecting this to be a hand-clapping, foot-tapping show, filled with lots of humor and fun.

After all, we are the Jesters!

Keep watching OTOW News and the Box Office Website for future Jesters news.

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Snowbirds Club ends season with Hawaiian Luau and slow-roasted dinner

By Ed Foland

During the Snowbirds Club end-of-the-season Luau, the focus of attention was on dinner, which spent 18 hours in a mobile, open-flame grill, and slow-roasted it to perfection.

Yes, dinner was an aromatic and well-roasted pig.

The early-bird guests, dressed in bright Hawaiian attire, including many women in grass skirts, stood in line to get a sample of the fresh pulled pork that would later be served to nearly 300 members of the Snowbirds Club.

After dinner and dessert, focus switched from food to the Snowbirds Line Dance Team, also dressed in colorful Hawaiian attire and grass skirts, who performed three Hawaiian dances.

During Don Ho's signature song, "Tiny Bubbles," the air was filled with tiny bubbles from a bubble generating machine as the dance team performed.

The large dance floor was filled to capacity when Dolly Foland led line dancers in the Electric Slide and other popular dances.



Guests get samples of a slow-roasted pig that was served to all guests.

(Photo by Ed Foland)

After that, At Large did a great job once again by entertaining with a play list of danceable music.

Now, on to next season.

This is the time to make your reservations for our two cruises for next season.

The best deal is our five-night Karaoke Cruise to Cozumel and Costa Maya on Jan. 2, 2016. Our second five-night cruise departs on Feb. 8 for Jamaica.

For more info go to www.snowbirdsotow.com, click on the big blue

events button, then click on one of the cruises to view and print out a flyer.

For more details and to make reservations, call Ed Foland at (727) 417-3272. Our next member meeting is on Sept. 14 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Lawn bowler wins tournament in N.C.

By Bob Laplante

On Top of the World resident Sandy Wall entered the US South East Division (SED) Lawn Bowls playdowns in Pinehurst, N.C., and took first place in the overall women's singles division.

The South East Division consists of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The tournament is called a "play-down" as the winners gets to represent the SED at the Nationals in California next September.

Sandy was introduced to lawn bowling four short years ago at OTOW, but she proved to be a great student and a "natural" in picking up the finer points of the game.

OTOW is recognized as a social club with a high percentage of new players. Our proximity to other, more competitive, tournaments hosted at clubs in Clearwater, Sarasota, Mount Dora and Sun City, allowed Sandy to compete against the best in SED.

The access to great facilities and a good number of very good players at OTOW, and the region, provided am-

ple opportunity for Sandy to refine her skills during the winter months.

Unfortunately, there are no lawn bowl clubs located within a reasonable distance from her summer residence in Winchester, Va., so the opportunity to play year round was not available.

The good news is, Sandy won her five consecutive matches at the SED play-downs to win her title. She also placed second, with her partner Kathy McPherson from Mount Dora, in the pair's tournament. What an achievement – especially so early in her career.

Well done Sandy and good luck in California next September!

For those wondering about taking up a new sport at the age of 55+, there is no better sport than lawn bowling. Although not physically very challenging in the area of strength, with proper technique, most seniors can play at a level that contributes to the team to be competitive.

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Just ask Sandy!

Some may wonder why there is so little lawn bowling evident in the summer. The two main reasons are geography and history.

As the game became popular in England during the 15th century, it spread throughout the British Empire and remains popular in many of those countries today.

However, there was the incident called the American Revolution, which had the USA leave the Empire and everything that it came with it, including lawn bowling. George Washington's lawn bowl green at Mount Vernon is still evident.

The weather in the Deep South is the second major barrier. Between rain and heat the adage "only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid-day sun" gives understanding as to the reason for the diminished schedule in Florida.

Canada, on the other hand, has maintained ties to the old country and summer weather is quite pleasant gives rise to the greater abundance of clubs in that area of the continent.

Maybe if it became an Olympic



Sandy Wall

event?

Hmmm!

If you get a chance to lawn bowl this summer, may the gods of the greens be with you.

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George Swiderski's New York State of Mind

There are people all over the world who eagerly part with their hard-earned money to get close to celebrities and catch glimpses of the rich and famous.

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On Top of the World resident George Swiderski was one of those people.

Deep in the heart of New York City stands the glamorous Waldorf Astoria hotel. It is located in mid-town Manhattan, and is the place to be seen for celebrities, politicians, elite athletes and world class entertainers.

George worked at the Waldorf for several years as Banquet Beverage Supervisor. He feels lucky to have had the chance to mingle with people that most of us only hear about in the media. His autographs, photos and anecdotal memories could fill a book, and his stories are far too numerous and entertaining to do justice in these few words.

George's middle management position included some interesting advantages. One such perk was his visibility with anonymity. As a supervisor, he traveled freely throughout the hotel, but, unlike those who served, he didn't wear a name tag on his suit. This gave him the look of a visitor with the access of an employee. It also placed him close to many visiting dignitaries.

On one occasion, George briefly discussed "The Guns of Navarone" with Gregory Peck, who played Mallory in the blockbuster movie. As luck would have it, the movie was a favorite for both of them.

On another day George was pulled aside by Estée Lauder and asked what kind of an accent he had. When George explained his heritage, she exclaimed in her own thick accent, "Oh, I love men with a foreign accent!"

To those of us who wonder what the rich and famous are really like, George says they are just like the rest of us. He remembers most of them as very down-to-earth and approachable, presumably because of the safe and controlled environment in the hotel setting.

Of all the many famous people he met, one of his favorites was former President Gerald Ford, who George regards as a true gentleman.

On his 40th birthday, George found himself at work at the Waldorf and in the right place at exactly the right time. He was standing near a cocktail reception with Ronald Reagan, who was President at the time. During a lull in the proceedings, George approached the President, who took hold of George's hand and shook it while the shutters clicked. To this day, George keeps his souvenir photo in his wallet for the naysayers who think his stories might be just a tad delusional.

Another of the perks of working for the Hilton-owned Waldorf Astoria was George's free hotel lodging. George took advantage of this luxurious benefit and stayed in Hilton-owned hotels all over the globe. Rooms in cities like Rome, Paris and London, which would have cost several hundred dollars per night, were free of charge.

George grabbed every travel opportunity he could and sometimes found himself planning his next adventure while flying back to his New York



George Swiderski holds a photo taken of him and President Ronald Reagan. This picture was taken in 1986.

Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

home.

Not all of George's trips were luxurious. While a youngster living in Poland, he once hitchhiked solo across Eastern Europe, from Poland to Bulgaria for three weeks. It wasn't because he was crazy, as some might have thought. He wanted to challenge himself and to grow as a man.

He had pre-booked his return train ticket from Bulgaria, which, as it turned out, encouraged him to persevere when the going got tough.

After the Waldorf, George moved to the the Waldorf to the exclusive Park Avenue Colony Club, a women-only private club for the wealthy, where he enjoyed much better wages and generous Christmas bonuses. His years there were spent in a

stimulating and rewarding environment.

So how does our George end up shaking hands with Presidents, power-brokers and stars?

George is the first to admit that he has been lucky. He does, however, have the uncanny ability to be in the right spot at the right time.

Once, while traveling in London, England, George's innate sense of opportunity scored him a wave and the chance to photograph Princess Diana when nobody else was even aware of her presence.

Now, as George's adventures continue here at OTOW, where he volunteers as one of the OTOW Press Association's paparazzi, we can all benefit from this Polish New Yorker who sees things just a little differently.

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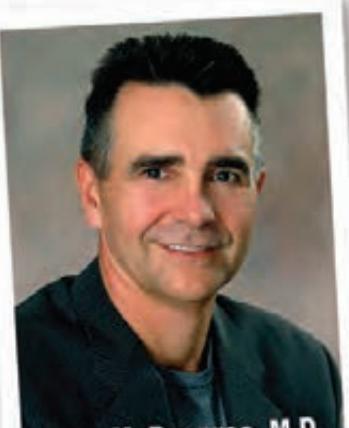
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No vacation for knitters - keep the yarn rolling!

By Phyllis Butler

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group will continue to meet during the summer months.

We make both shrugs and lap robes, which are distributed to various nursing homes and the VA Hospital.

Last month we had to say goodbye to one of our members, Mae Hanson, who moved to Coral Gables. Mae lived in the Middle Eastern Moorish building and has been a member of our group for many years.

She has crocheted many beautiful lap robes, but also has made many friends. Her dry sense of humor and her loyalty to her many friends will be greatly missed. We wish her good health and a wonderful life in her new location.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We both knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult patterns.



The products we make and distribute help cheer up residents of various nursing homes. The friendships and fellowship certainly help us enjoy what we do.

We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner. We really appreciate their help.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in our efforts and our fellowship.



Mae Hanson

County Democratic chair to speak at indoor picnic

By Donna Lukas

Think June in Florida is too hot for a picnic?

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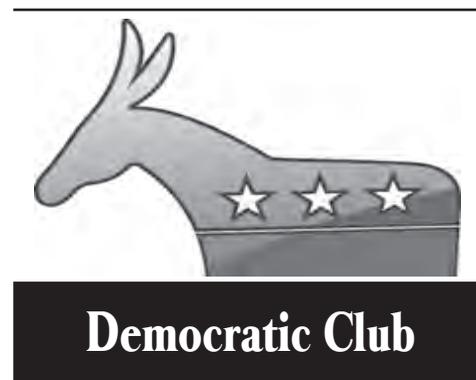
Join us at 2 p.m. for our June 11 meeting. Here's your opportunity to rejoin the club and see what's new about us.

This picnic is free to members who have paid their 2015 dues of \$12. Non-members may attend for \$5.

Anyone who wishes to attend will need to sign up by June 8 so we can plan ahead.

Sign up by contacting Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 or in the EAC on Monday morning from 8:30-10:30.

If you haven't paid your annual



dues yet, you may do so by check. You can make out a check to OTOW Democratic Club, P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL, 33758.

Our guest speaker at the picnic meeting will be Susan McGrath, chair of the Pinellas County Democratic Party.

We want our members to be active during the summer of this non-

election year, so based on suggestions from our members, we will be focusing on issues of local interest. Got something you'd like to hear discussed? Bring it in!

Have you ever thought about running for elected office or being a campaign manager?

The Pinellas County Democratic Party will be offering a seminar for candidates and managers on Saturday, June 20 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Democratic Party Headquarters (2250 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713). A \$25 donation to the party is required. Call 727-612-8177 or email williamhoney@msn.com.

Congratulations to our Bylaws and Recertification Committee. The Florida Democratic Party has recertified

our club for the next two years.

President Donna Lukas and Treasurer Jack Starr represented our club at the annual NAACP Freedom Fund dinner held at Ruth Eckerd Hall on April 24. Speaker Nina Turner, former Ohio State Senator, was dynamic in her message that "titles are fine, but actions are better" urging us to be committed to equal opportunity for all.

Steve Sarnoff, Chair of District 67, made an appearance at our May 14 meeting. His message was "Elections have consequences. That's why 800,000 working poor Floridians don't have health insurance."

Ron Baltrunas's presentation on the future of Obamacare provoked a lot of discussion. If you weren't there, you missed an opportunity to be heard.

You can still join Art Guild in the summer

By Judy Mills

Well, the season is officially over as we head into the summer months, but we still have plenty of fun ahead for the sandbirds.

On Tuesdays, Wendy is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. These classes are in the Art Room from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her

in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

New this summer, we will be having Open Studio on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. We will have a variety of things to do on that day, from drawing

lessons to art-inspired day trips.

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15 a year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, annual art show expenses and refreshments at our meetings.

There are a lot of new and exciting things coming up for our next season. You won't want to miss out!

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Feel free



Art Guild

to call me at 773-6788 if you have any questions. Come join us!

Ever thought of being a woodcarver - we have two good instructors right here



Fixers Club

By Henry Santos

Someone said that woodcarving is easy, "Just start with a block of wood and cut away what don't belong."

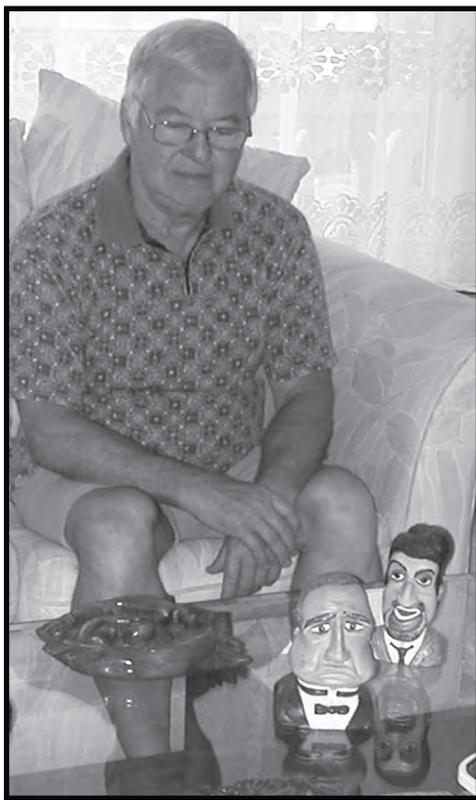
What that person failed to mention is that it helps to have a sense of shape and proportion, along with a keen eye for style and beauty.

We have at the Fixers Fiddlers and Fumblers Club two very good wood carvers who have all of the above qualities and skills ... and then some.

Norman King, a club member since 2009 and a shop supervisor, grew up in West Virginia. Like all 10-year-old boys, Norman had a pocket knife. He spent a lot of time whittling and basic carving, mostly on his own, then studying some of the techniques of older whittlers.

Here at On Top of the World, Norman began doing chip carving and relief carving, and a standalone three dimensional model of St. Michael's Church, which he is currently working on.

Most of Norm's inspirations come



At left, Adolph Kazanovich shows off two of his wood carving caricatures and plaques. Above, Norman King shows off some woodcarving projects.

from photos, magazine pictures, greeting cards and his imagination.

Norm gives many of his works to his family and friends as gifts and also donates some to his church.

Adolph Kazanovich came to America from Russia in 1979 and settled in New Jersey.

He was trained as a mechanical engineer and believes his drafting and design background has helped him with his carving.

Adolph is an accomplished cabinet and furniture maker, and his children

and grandchildren keep him busy with never-ending requests for projects.

When you watch him work, you can see he gets much joy from carving his plaques, scrolls, engravings and my favorites...caricatures, which come to life with their own personality.

Adolph scans the Internet searching for sites created by master carvers and woodworking experts in an effort to expand his skills.

Both Norm and Adolph agree that

bass wood is probably the best choice of wood for beginning woodcarving. That along with a good set of well-sharpened carving knives and tools is really all anyone needs to get started.

There are many books and videos at our local library on the subject and if you need to see Norm or Adolph in the shop, do not hesitate to ask questions or observe their techniques.

Both will be happy to share any of their knowledge and tricks with you.

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The third table will be set up in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on Tuesdays starting at 3 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

We play both singles and doubles. All residents are welcome so come join the action.

Wine and cheese party set for June 24

The New York-New Jersey Club's next event will be a wine and cheese party on June 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

There will be social games for those who enjoy playing. Those who just like to look on are also encouraged to come.

Tickets for the event will be \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. You need a ticket if you want to join us for wine and cheese, and you must buy it on Monday or Thursday morn-



ing at the NY/NJ table before June 21 or before tickets sell out.

So come as you are and plan to

meet some new friends as you enjoy some wine and cheese.

Don't forget, we are still planning to celebrate Christmas in July on July 22. Everyone is encouraged to bring a baby gift that will be donated to the Kimberly House in Clearwater.

The caterer will be Felice and the music will be by "Denise with a Twist." Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

The 24th annual Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival in Bradenton is Oct.

17. The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. You will get a \$10 lunch/food voucher with your ticket. You might want to buy your ticket early to make sure you reserve a place.

For more information on trips contact Terry Mikulski at 727-712-0597.

Remember this is a club that is open to all On Top of the World residents no matter what state you are from.

New books in library will be marked with colored stickers

By Katy Gerritt

As the heat of summer arrives, so have some new books at the library.

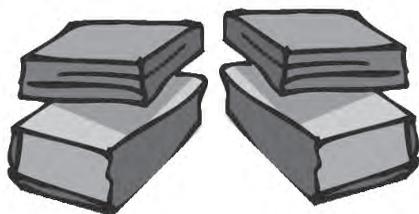
A very interesting historical novel by Jennifer Chiavereni, "Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule" tells the story of the wife of Ulysses Grant with lots of insight into his role as the leader of the Union Army during the Civil War.

"The Reluctant Midwife" by Patricia Harman revisits the hill of West Virginia during the depression years. The author has written other novels based in the same area.

"Last One Home" is the latest by Debbie Macomber. We also have "Terminal" by Kathy Reichs, "Mightier Than the Sword" by Jeffrey Archer, and "Cold Betrayal" by J.A. Jance.

There are more on the way as the summer progresses.

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Also, we have free books on the shelf inside the door of the library

and also on the top shelves in the card room. Please help yourself!

You will note that we are now identifying our new books with an orange and yellow sticker on the binding that reads "NEW." These books are on the first shelf on the left as you enter the library and remain there for six months after purchase.

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You may not recognize anyone from the Travel Club - they just got back from the Fountain of Youth

By Terri Mikszenas

Our club is fresh off our trip to see Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

This was quite a trip as many of us had never been before.

Audrey Jones, our tour guide, and our walk-on tour guides, told us about the history of Florida's First Coast and even pointed us to the best seafood and ice cream/fudge shops!

The real treat for many was the drink from the Fountain of Youth. Next time you see us, you will see how much younger and active we've become!

There was so much to see and enjoy.



Travel Club

Our May lunch bunch, hosted by Dulce Boyce, took us to Safety Harbor's Paradise Restaurant.

Our monthly luncheons are a great way to meet other members of the club, who might also become your potential travel buddy.

Don't drive?
Car pooling is always available!

Our June schedule includes a one-day trip to two Florida state parks.

The first offers you a ride on the glass-bottom boats of Silver Springs State Park, providing you with its unique underwater beauty and history.

Following a lunch break at a restaurant with authentic Russian fare, your journey will take you to the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park in Cross Creek, Fla., where Ms. Rawlings wrote her Pulitzer prize-winning novel "The Yearling."

There are many other upcoming trips on the agenda, including a visit to the Largo Armed Forces Museum on Veteran's Day, a Myrtle Beach Holiday Show trip in November, a cruise to

Key West/Cozumel in February, plus other surprise destinations.

Tickets may be purchased at the East Activity Center during June, July and August on Mondays only, or at our monthly meetings.

Don't sit at home this summer!

Come join us in the East Activity Center's Starlite Room on the first Friday of each month to learn more about our trips and events. Meetings begin at 2 p.m., but most people arrive early with their checkbooks in hand to sign in and sign up for one of the many upcoming trips.

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- Anonymous

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Each day we work different muscle groups with a different routine so you won't get bored. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning, as well. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214

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Philosophy Club

Express your views

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.



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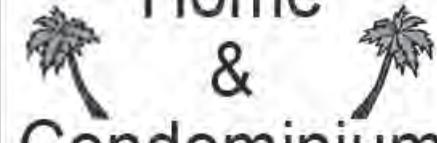
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Wine and cheese party June 6

By Mary Widman

Everyone who attended the Singles Club high tea stated it was a wonderful event.

It was held at the Wild Flower Café.

Food was delicious and the service was excellent. Thank you to all who arranged this event.

A special mention for Margo Robson for wearing her Kentucky Derby

party hat to our tea.

Our next event will be held on Saturday, June 6, when we hold a wine and cheese party in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased every Monday and Thursday in the East Activity Center from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

We have no meeting in July.

We will have a picnic 1-5 p.m.

in August to be held in the Sunrise Room. Specific date will be announced on OTOW-TV and tickets will be \$3.

Both of these events are for current members only. Hope to see you there.

For further information please call Dorothy Carpenito at 727-796-4460. Be sure to watch Channel 96 or 732 for future events.



Singles Club

Speakers announced for next five meetings

By Marvin Lazernik

The Republican Club has returned to On Top of the World with their first meeting taking place back on May 19.

Guest speaker was State Representative Chris Latvala.

Our meeting room was changed to the Kitchen/Crafts Room to accommodate a large crowd.

Upcoming meetings will include the following speakers:

- June 16 - Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
- July 21 - State Senator Jack Latvala
- Aug. 18 - US Congressman Gus Bilirakis
- Sept. 15 - US Congressman David Jolly
- Oct. 20 - Diane Nelson, Tax Collector

All meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.,



in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Crafts Room.

We welcome all Republican mindset to join us at our meetings as well as those who have not made up their minds politically. Join us and hear the Republican side of the story. You do not have to be a current club member to attend.



We've already made coffee for you

By Paul Miller

Yes, it's true. We don't have bananas.

But we do have coffee every weekday morning 7-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center for your pleasure.

Yes, we charge 40 cents per cup and 70 cents per donut. We keep the coffee brewing and the donuts fresh and hot water for your tea.

Yes, our volunteers are given

tickets to three different shows and the August dinner-dance each year for their continued service.

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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>

Duke Energy Hurricane Preparedness
<https://www.progress-energy.com/florida/home/safety-information/storm-safety-tips/hurricanesafety.page>

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

**Cash • Water • First Aid Kit • Flashlight
Pillows • Blankets • Full Gas Tank • Rain Gear
Two-Week Supply of Prescription Meds**

What's In Your Disaster Kit?



Canned Food • Paper Products • Can Opener • Radio

The following items should be in your hurricane disaster kit:

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
 - foods for infants or the elderly
 - snack foods
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools / fuel
 - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or water tight resealable plastic bag, including insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Keys
- Books and Games
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
 - proper identification / immunization records
 - medications
 - ample supply of food and water
 - a carrier or cage
 - muzzle and leash

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Residents asked for more romantic dance floors and tables for singles - we are listening!

By Marvin Flam

Your Entertainment Committee presents year-round entertainment for the "Year-Rounders" of On Top of the World.

When other clubs and groups have migrated north for the summer, the Entertainment Committee has, for 45 years, continued to provide entertainment.

Our lives do not stop during the summer.

We face summer with a cool iced-drink in our hand at the monthly dances, Sundays-in-the-Park and surprise, fun events.

Yes! We are a hearty and hardy group that survives the summer and has fun in the sun.

The Entertainment Committee is "under construction!" Yes, we heard you and our group is working to make your wishes come true!

The response to the "Wishing Well" program has been outstanding, so please keep it up.

Starting with June events, and continuing all summer and fall, you will begin to see some of your wishes being phased in, including new ideas for dances, a more intimate dance floor, new table setups and new tables for people who are single.

In this age of online everything, at an Entertainment Committee Saturday night dance, or at a Sunday-in-the-Park, you can meet and mingle with new and old friends, as well as neighbors.

Our gatherings can be up close and personal, with a full variety of entertainment while expanding your social circles.

Remember, each resident of OTOW with a current recreation card, is automatically a member of the Entertainment Committee, so take advantage of this opportunity. We want to welcome all residents to participate. Just come, relax, enjoy and have some fun!

During June, July and August we will be at the East Activity Center on Mondays and the second Thursday of the month only. The best way for you to stay informed and get event updates and not miss any of the fun is to give us your email address and we will add you to our mailing list.

Follow us on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and on the OTOW Box Office and bulletin boards, or call us direct at 727 797-1761.

You may fill out a Wishing Well form online by visiting the Box Office Website at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Enter the site, look for the group links button and then the Entertainment Committee logo in the Gold Club. Once you enter, the first thing you will see is the wishing well. Share an idea with us. It's simple.

We look forward to personally greeting each of you at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. and at all our events.



During a recent spring fling, the object was to look 'springy.' Amazing what a good pair of sunglasses can do.

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SEP 17* FLASHBACK REVUE

THEATER SHOWS - 7:30 PM

OCT 8* GREGG CLEMONS

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SEP 18 -BACK TO SCHOOL - RETROS

OCT 10 -PIRATES GALORE -LOUIS BRAVO

OCT 24-HALLOWEEN-FLASHBACK

NOV 7 -VETERAN'S DANCE -REBOUND

DEC 5 -HUG-A-BEAR DANCE-AT LARGE

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PREVIEW OF JULY EVENTS

JULY 11 - SATURDAY - MID-SUMMER NIGHT SWING
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Ever notice your favorite sayings are obsolete, or do not make sense anymore

Ever wonder what happened to those old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology?

Do you remember the phrases “don’t touch that dial,” “carbon copy,” “you sound like a broken record” and “hung out to dry?”

How about we shine some light on a few more faded words and expressions from yesterday?

Once upon a time we “had a lot of moxie.” We’d put on our “best bib and tucker” and “straighten up and fly right.”

“Hubba-hubba!”

We’d “cut a rug” in some “juke joint” and then go “necking” and “petting” and “smooching” and “spooning” and “billing and cooing” and “pitching woo” in “hot rods” and “jalopies” in some “passion pit” or “lovers’ lane.”

“Heavens to Betsy!”

“Gee whillikers!”

“Jumpin’ Jehoshaphat!”

“Holy moley!”

We were “in like Flynn” and “living the life of Riley,” and even a “regular guy” couldn’t accuse us of being a “knucklehead,” a “nincompoop” or a “pill.”

“Not for all the tea in China!”



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

“Back in the olden days,” life used to be swell, but when is the last time anything was swell?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A. (hairstyles); of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers.

“Oh, my aching back.”

“Kilroy was here!” but he isn’t anymore.

Like Washington Irving’s Rip Van Winkle, we have become unstuck in time. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, “I’ll be a monkey’s uncle!” or “This is a fine kettle of fish!” we discover that the words we grew up with have somehow vanished, gone from the landscape of our perception.

What happened to Mickey Mouse

wristwatches, hula hoops, skate keys, candy cigarettes, little wax bottles of colored sugar water, Woolworth’s lunch counters, malt shops that had booth jukeboxes. S&H Green Stamps, Italian restaurants that used empty wine bottles for candle holders (and the candles dripped), the Kodak Instamatic Camera, Kukla, Fran & Ollie, the Howdy Doody Show, and an organ grinder’s monkey.

Pshaw.

“The milkman did it.”

“Bigger than a bread box.”

“Banned in Boston.”

“The very idea!”

“It’s your nickel.”

“Don’t forget to pull the chain.”

“Knee high to a grasshopper.”

“Turn-of-the-century.”

“Iron curtain.”

“Domino theory.”

“Fail safe.”

“Civil defense.”

“Fiddlesticks!”

“You look like the wreck of the Hesperus.”

“Cooties.”

“Going like sixty.”

“I’ll see you in the funny papers.”

“Don’t take any wooden nickels.”

“Heavens to Murgatroyd!”

“And awa-a-ay we go!”

“Oh, my stars and garters!”

It turns out, there are more of these lost words and expressions than “Carter had liver pills.” “Straight from the Horse’s Mouth,” “Sunday go to meetin’ dress,” “Skedaddle,” “Madder than a wet hen,” “Lower than a snake’s belly,” “Hold your horses,” “Bee in your bonnet,” “Don’t buy a pig in a poke,” “That’s really the Cat’s pajamas.”

What about “Mind your Ps and Qs!” “Wet your whistle,” “Chew the fat,” “Take the bull by the horns,” “I’ll be a monkey’s uncle!”

Tooting your own horn,” “Eating crow,” “Jumping on the bandwagon,” “I don’t chew my cabbage twice,” “Put that in your pipe and smoke it!”

“Button your lip,” “Make hay while the sun shines,” “What’s good for the goose is good for the gander,” “Cutting off your nose to spite your face.”

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times, having the advantage of remembering words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage, and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory.

It’s one of the greatest advantages of aging. We can have archaic and eat it, too.

You know you are in Florida ...

• Every time you give driving directions, the first thing out of your mouth is take I-75, take I-4 or take I-95.

• All freeways run north to south and south to north. The only exception is Alligator Alley.

• I-275 is always under construc-

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

tion.

• Traffic lights are never timed to ease congestion. In fact, three cars usually make it through a green light, four through a yellow light and five through a red light.

• We measure distance in time, not miles.

• It is rare to drive 5-10 miles without seeing a construction barricade.

• Most streets have a name and a number. This can be fun when giving

directions to a visitor.

• Drivers do not use turn signals. If you did, people would look at you weird.

• Summer is less congested than winter driving.

When it comes to hurricanes ...

• It is perfectly acceptable to brag about the size of your generator.

• True Floridians do not prepare until the absolute latest minute. Major necessities include water, ice and potato chips.

Also in Florida ...

• Basic business attire includes flip flops, tank tops and baggy shorts.

• True Floridians do not own boats, but they know how to make friends with people who have boats.

• There are usually two drug stores

on every street corner. If there is only one, a second will be built soon.

• It’s common to sweat when putting up Christmas decorations.

• We only have one season: summer, summer, summer and ... never-mind ... you’ve already heard that one.





12-hole league starts June 2

Season closes with luncheon, but summer provides opportunity for everyone to improve their game

18-Hole Golf

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies' 18-Hole Golf Association held their spring luncheon at the lovely-decorated Clearwater Country Club thanks to Carole Whynot and Cindy Schell.

Forty-seven members and two guests enjoyed a delicious buffet of soup, Chicken Marsala, baked filet of sole, roasted potatoes, vegetables, and apple cobbler.

Jackie Woloszyn awarded the tournament prizes. Prizes were certificates from Sunset Grill, Villa Maria, Clearwater Country Club, Chi Chi Rodriguez golf center, and four bottles of wine donated by a mystery wine steward.

President Elaine Stretavski presented her outgoing remarks and was given a lovely blue monogrammed On Top of the World Golf League jacket by Ellen Fier. Pat Cassidy installed the new officers: President Ellen Fier, Vice President Jackie Woloszyn, Secretary Gail DuCharme and Treasurer Sherry Ivey.

The golfing season is winding down and over the year, one of the most improved players is Gilda Gambacurta. Her drives have always been long, but she now is improving her chipping and putting.

Gilda started playing golf just five years ago. She went out once a week with her husband, Bill, and once with her friends. At first, Gilda found golf frustrating, but when she moved to OTOW for the winter, things changed.

Gilda had more time to play and joined the 9-hole ladies league in 2011.

In 2012, she won the championship and was then ready for the 18-hole league.

In 2014 Gilda won the C flight championship and this year won the B flight championship.

The best part of Gilda's game has always been her drives. But there is an old saying in golf, "Drive for show, putt for dough." So, Gilda knew she had to work on her short game.

Lessons learned:



Gilda Gambacurta is extra-dangerous with a driver in her hand. Now her goal is to master the putter as well.

In a recent Tuesday tournament, both Gilda and Pat Eastman drove the green on hole No. 18 and were in a position to putt for eagle. Unfortunately, both three-putted.

Pat Dalziel and Sheila Meneilly reached the green on the same hole and putted in for birdie. They were rewarded for their short game.

So, "drive for show, putt for dough" is true, and Gilda has vowed to keep working it. Who knows? She may just be the Club Champion next year.

Upcoming events

June 2

Summer golf starts.
12-hole League

If interested contact Sherry Ivey.

Tuesday league winners

May 5

Flight A--Pat Eastman, Kim Norried B--Katie Quelch, Donna Smerz C--Rose Mulhall, Joyce Monahan D--Pauline Jones, Ellen Fier.

April 21

A--Pat Eastman, Maureen Stewart B--Ada Bryant, Dottie Graham C--Margaret Hachey, Fran Zaloski D--Rose Mulhall, Gail DuCharme Joyce Monahan, Ellen Fier.

April 14

A--Pat Eastman, Sherry Ivey, Gloria Sayer, Kim Norried B--Ada Bryant, Cindy Schell C--Joan Yorkery, Kay Satterlee D--Joyce Monahan, Rose Mulhall.



SPORTS

Don Hunter clinches Thursday golf title

The Thursday Golf League's race to decide the league champion is over and congratulations are in order to Don Hunter.

Our champion is decided by how well a golfer plays over the entire season. Each week points are awarded for play. The better a person plays, relative to their handicap (quota), the more points accumulated.

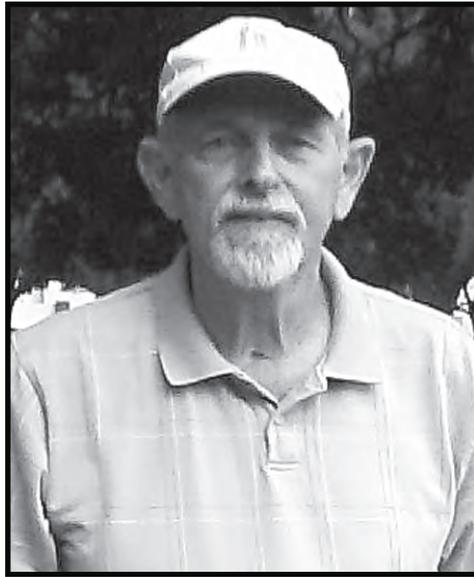
This year, the race was very close, and in the final weeks, many members had a chance to win. It came down to the final competition with both Don and Steve Yauk vying for first place.

Don finished with 49 points and Steve had 45.

Other contenders finished in the following order: Clyde Hershberger 39, Bruce MacPherson 38, Paul Meyers 36, Bill Cook 33, Patti Cook 31, John Maloof and Fred Schick 30.

A complete list is posted on the league bulletin board.

Week 20 champion was Steve Yauk. Joyce Monahan place second



Don Hunter

and Barry Levene took third place. Don Hunter took low gross honors. Jim Stewart and Dutch Michael collected two skins each. Bill Cook, Don Hunter, Paul Meyers and Ron Parham had one skin each. Gilda Gambacurta, Tom McMinn and Don Dorris had the

longest drives. Len Howell was closest to the pin.

Bill Cook placed first in week 21. Paul Meyers took second place and Gary Bronson was third. Clyde Hershberger recorded the low gross round. Steve Yauk, John Maloof, Paul Meyers and Gary Bronson collected one skin each. Patti Cook, Ron Parham and Bruce MacPherson had the longest drives. Closest to the pin went to Clyde Hershberger.

In week 22, Don Leamy beat Don Baker in a tiebreaker. Both had fantastic rounds. Gary Ordway took third place. Low gross honors went to Clyde Hershberger. Ron Parham, Bruce MacPherson, Don Leamy and Dutch Michael - all collected one skin. Bruce MacPherson won the lowest par 3 score contest.

A tiebreaker was needed again in week 23. Gary Bronson edged out Don Hunter, who placed second. Third place went to Ron Parham. Don Hunter took low gross honors and

two skins. Ron Parham, John Maloof, Gary Bronson and Dutch Michael took one skin each. Ada Culbertson, Gary Bronson and Clyde Hershberger had the longest drives. Ron Parham was closest to the pin.

The weather this season forced the league to end after 24 weeks instead of the usual 26. The final weekly champion was Patti Cook. Don Sorensen placed second. Don Baker was third. Low gross honors went to Clyde Hershberger. Skins were taken by Ron Parham, Patti Cook, Clyde Hershberger, Steve Yauk and Don Baker. Clyde also won the lowest score on the odd-numbered-holes contest.

The league will continue to play unofficially each week. We will also be playing outside courses during the summer.

Players must sign in between 10-10:30 a.m. and play begins between when sign up is complete every Thursday. Check the OTOW Box Office Website for details.

What's this? A defensive gem to end the season?

By Bob Rittner

The season closed on April 9 with these last four games. Look for an announcement in the October newspaper to announce the start of the 2015-16 season. We welcome new players.

Scott's Pharmacy 4 Cody's Roadhouse Grill 2

An unprecedented, low-scoring game was marked by spectacular defense.

Glenn Ohl won a pitcher's duel assisted by brilliant outfield play by Frank Brown and Gary Burgett.

In the infield, Phil Kirch leapt to snare a screaming line drive over third base, and Tony Caputo anticipated a similar liner up the middle.

Tony later ended the game by moving quickly to his left and reaching down to catch yet another line drive at his knees.

Cody's, too, had its share of defensive gems, featuring an instructional video-worthy relay from Bob Fields to Paul Fice, who, with Derek Jeter aplomb, wheeled and threw out a runner at the plate.

Softball

In a first in the OTOW softball annals, the game was scoreless through five and a half innings.

Bob Rittner's single drove in the first run in the bottom of the sixth. Lenny Segall's seventh inning, leadoff homer tied the score, and while Scott's scored three runs in the eighth on consecutive doubles by Frank, Gary and Lenny, followed by Glenn's single, Cody's could only squeeze out one more run over the last two innings.

Cody's Roadhouse Grill 14 Scott's Pharmacy 9

Newcomer Alan Merrell debuted with a bang, smacking four hits and making a running catch in deep right field, to lead Cody's.

Scott's got sterling defense also, from left fielder Gary Burgett with catches over his head, and from all angles. First baseman Joe Farrell scooped a number of short hops to get outs.

On offense, Cody's Guy Bertuzzi drove in five runs, four of them carried by Paul Fice, who scored on four of his own five hits.

Scott's was led by Lenny Segall, who homered on his 5-for-5 day, and Gary, who also was a perfect 5-for-5.

Against a stacked right side of the diamond, lefty Howard Huff drove line drives deep into the gaps to get a double and single.

The game was won over the last two innings when Cody's scored five runs while Scott's failed to score after the fifth.

Scott's Pharmacy 8 Cody's Roadhouse Grill 15

Making the play of the year, Rick Champ streaked far to his right to backhand a screaming line drive below his knees.

Two batters later, he stunned the crowd again by racing in to snag a swiftly dropping ball.

Add his 4-for-4 day and it is clear he was the star of the game.

Lenny Segall had a home run and Glenn Ohl had an RBI single as Scott's

went up 7-5 in the top of the fourth, but could only muster one more run the rest of the game.

Cody's rallied behind perfect four-hit days from Rick, Bob Rittner and Phil Kirch. Joe Maley supplied the power with two booming doubles driving in four runs.

Not lost was the display of place hitting by Scott's Tony Caputo, who, emulating Tony Gwynn, stroked three hits to the opposite-field.

Cody's Roadhouse Grill 8 Scott's Pharmacy 13

In his only appearance of the season, Bob Kelly homered, doubled twice and played a flawless outfield to lead Scott's.

He was assisted by the four-hit day of Tony Caputo, Gary Burgett and Lenny Segall, who also homered among his four hits.

Roger Hebler of Cody's stroked five hits, but Scott's stifling defense, led by Guy Bertuzzi at third and Joe Farrell at first, kept Cody's off the scoreboard in most innings.



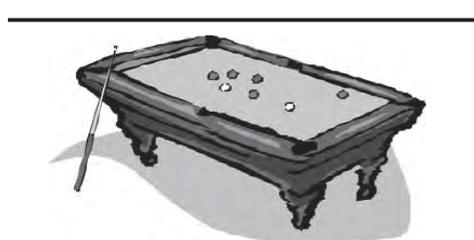
Tony Baker and Tony Esposito use playoff to capture Scotch Doubles title in April

Scotch Doubles was played on Thursday, April 23. After a playoff, the team of Tony Baker and Tony Esposito edged out Dennis Balling and Joe Wisinski capturing first place.

Dennis and Joe settled for second. Ed Ramirez and Nick Sapienza took third.

On April 30, the team of Vinnie Martinez and Ed Ramirez captured first place. No playoff was held between the team of Tony Baker and Terry Wittman, and the team of Will Schafer and Dave Williams for second and third places.

At the May 7 tournament, there was a playoff between the team of John Shearer and Joe Wisinski, and the team of Tony Baker and Nick Sapienza. John and Joe took first place away from Tony and Nick, who had to settle for second place. There was another playoff for third place between



Billiards

the team of Dennis Balling and Maureen Doire, and the team of Bob Ellis and Ed Ramirez. Dennis and Maureen edged out their opponents by claiming third place.

Then on May 14, the team of Bob Ellis and Dave Williams edged out the field taking first place. There was a three-way tie between the teams of Ray Quirion/Nick Sapienza; Tony

Baker/Ed Ramirez; and Dennis Balling/Tony Esposito. No playoff was held.

The A Flight played Monday, April 27, with Dave Williams taking first place and Denny Balderson claiming second place. After a playoff between Joe Doire and Bob Ellis, Joe beat out Bob for third place.

On May 4, Denny Balderson and Don Sorensen tied for first place, Tony Baker took third place.

At the May 11 tournament, Dave Williams took first place honors once again. After a playoff between Joe Doire and Don Sorensen, Don came up short with Joe taking second place and Don settling for third.

In B Flight on Tuesday, April 28, there was a playoff between Gene Baranowski and Don Sorensen with Don capturing first place and Gene settling for second. No playoff was held be-

tween Joe Wisinski and Terry Wittman for third.

On May 4, no playoff was held between Gene Amature and Don Kvarta for first or second places. John Fier claimed third place.

Didn't take Ray Quirion very long to get back into form after surgery, by taking first place on May 11. Vinnie Martinez captured second place. This was Danny Brust's first week of play and he's a player to watch since he took third place.

Both the A and B Flights will play on Monday nights with Scotch Doubles playing on Thursday nights throughout the summer.

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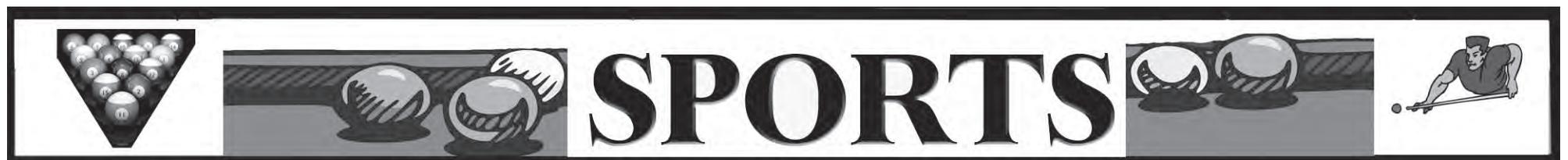
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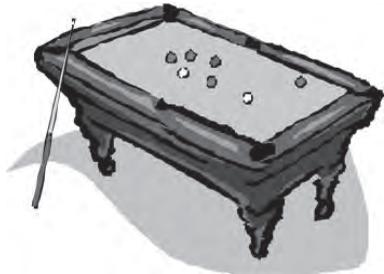
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Pool sharks meet baseball shark on road trip



Que' T Billiards

By Reva Heymann

Last June, this column talked about some of the intangible benefits of belonging to the Que'T Billiards Club.

Besides learning a new skill and having the fun of competing, the group interaction and the one-on-one competitions fostered a group spirit and a number of friendships.

Last summer, this led to a decision to go to a baseball game together. While some of us enjoy baseball, the rest wanted to go just to be part of a group outing in a less organized setting.

We enjoyed that so much that we decided to do it again in April and we went to a Threshers game (couldn't get enough seats together for the Rays).

Seeing a Threshers' game was a lot of fun, easier (local stadium) and a lot less expensive.

We enjoyed the between-innings entertainment with children competing for prizes, fielding and batting warm-ups, and the antics of the team shark mascot (there is a real Thresher



Ellen Frederick gets real close to a shark in this photo opportunity.

shark), who obligingly came up and had his picture taken with our own Ellen Frederick.

Our regular Wednesday games have results that are not significant in that our instructors are eager to teach and will make suggestions about how

to make difficult ("impossible") shots when asked.

We sometimes wind up with ties since, on any day, we may have comparable skills. However, we are on our own for the end-of-the-month tournaments.

For the month of April, there was a well-fought competition. The tournament winner was Becky Balderson who was undefeated during the whole evening. Barbara Barnhart was the runner-up.

We are still playing golf this summer

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association continues play every Wednesday morning with 8:30 shotgun starts.

If you know any new residents who have recently moved into your building and are golfers, please invite them to come over to the golf course and join us.

There is always someone in our golf shack on Wednesday mornings to assist them with signing them up as a member.

With a large number of our members gone for the summer months,

our Wednesday golf league has gone to shotgun starts at 8:30 until further notice.

Remember, our monthly tournaments are on the third Wednesday of each month with lunch and liquid refreshments after play.

Please check out our association's Website by going online:

OTOWmensgolf.com

Men's Golf

You can check out tee times, team pairings, starting holes, previous weeks scores, handicaps, shoe sizes and there is usually an array of photos taken at previous events on display.

If you would like to volunteer to help out in the golf shack on a Wednesday morning or as a starter in the fall, please speak to Jack Yorkery.

We can always use an extra hand or two to keep our association running smoothly while promoting good golf.

See you at the golf course.

Photo Search Answers from May

1. Woman with different shirt pattern.
2. Plastic bag with different name.
3. Author's name switched sides.
4. Flower on girl's hat is bigger.
5. Flower pot taken off table.
6. Short-sleeve becomes long-sleeve.
7. Picture on floor moved to left.
8. Woman's face looks opposite way.
9. Two hearts near clown.
10. Curtain closed in background.

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My name is Lil' Rascals Cody Man ... also known as Cody.

I am a 4-year-old Cairn Terrier, a well-known resident of the On Top of the World community.

I live in the Americana Building with my parents, Vickie and Jeff Merkle. I treat all of my friends, both human and doggie, new and old, like they are the most special people who have ever walked the Earth.

I pretty much roll over for everyone and give them the

greeting-of-a-lifetime with licks and wagging tail.

Every year I am invited to walk in the St Patrick's Day parade, so watch for me leading the Scottish Pipe Band next year.

Also you will see me at the Florida State Fairgrounds during the Scottish program, a one-day event that shows dogs of Scottish and Irish heritage.

So if you see me, just say my name, and you will be my friend for life!

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 entries, 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)



BUILDING REPORTS



Baby Boomers salsa dance and paddle into summer

By Ron Clement

Part of what attracts many residents to the On Top of the World Baby Boomers group is the way we explore and celebrate the wonderful Florida environment around us.

There are so many natural sights to see and events to attend that it's hard to keep track of them all.

So, twice a month, Boomers get together to share calendars of events and activities scheduled throughout the area.

For example, a group of Boomers had a great time celebrating Largo Central Park's 20th Birthday Party. They were served birthday cake by Largo Mayor Woody Brown, and danced the night away to music by the Jimmy Buffet tribute band "Bluffett and the Son of a Sailor."

The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks show.

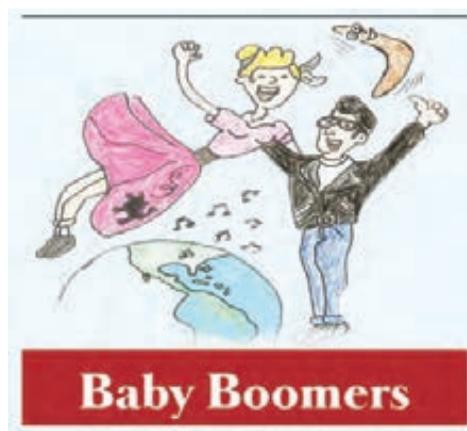
Other Boomers celebrated in Dunedin at a Cinco de Mayo street party hosted by Casa Tina.

The Mexican culture was on full display as children in beautiful costumes danced to the salsa sounds of Orquesta Infinidad, followed by a parade of Mexican puppets, some as tall as 22 feet.

Salsa dance lessons rounded out the evening and gave Boomers yet another opportunity to kick up their heels.



Baby Boomers members prepare to launch their kayaks during a trip to the Manatee River and De Soto National Memorial.



Kayaking Boomers took to the water again and were given a private tour of the Manatee River, along the shore of the De Soto National Memorial Park (see photo above).

Ten of us paired up in tandem kayaks and paddled into the history of Hernando de Soto's expedition, which began in Tampa Bay and explored what is now the southeastern quarter of the United States.

De Soto's armies decimated native populations and the pigs he brought with him introduced disease never before known to the area. However, his travels provided important information for those who came later to colonize and begin to build what was to become our part of America.

The biggest challenge of

our adventure came not on the water, but as we began our picnic lunch on shore. We had forgotten to bring plastic utensils. But alas, Boomer ingenuity came to the rescue, as we discovered that carrot wedges made for the perfect spoon substitute and allowed us to enjoy our asparagus salad and coleslaw.

And the chicken was "finger lickin' good" as always.

Boomer Club meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

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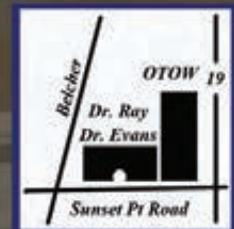
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Visitors go 'off the beaten path' to find adventure

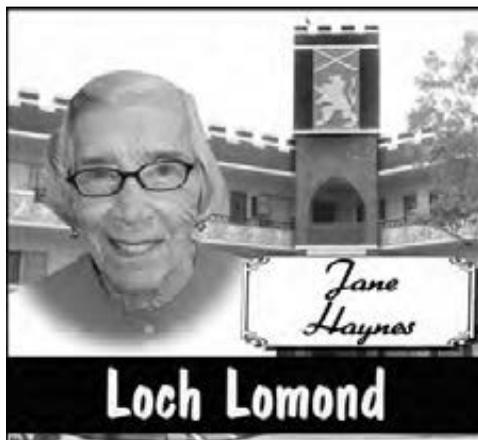
May and June always bring a busy round of graduations, weddings, family reunions, and just plain touring.

Many of our residents have been visiting around and/or entertaining friends and family members.

Linda and Phil Woods, once from Alabama, have friends whose daughter started first grade when they were neighbors, so of course they accepted the invitation for attending her graduation this year to see through a job well done. They enjoyed seeing old friends and neighbors and catching up on the neighborhood since they had moved away.

Patti Branch and Ken Gardner, who have resided here at On Top of the World only a year, enjoyed a recent visit from their 2-½-year-old grandson and his parents, residents of Park City, Utah (see photo).

They kept very busy between trips to the beach as well as some "off the beaten path" visits. Patti offers these ideas for grandparents with a lively 2-½-year-old: the Countryside Mall train and playground were a big hit on a rainy day. Moccasin Lake Park was a delightful discovery. There



they were surprised to find several gorgeous peacocks strolling around in all their glory.

Everyone enjoys the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks as a new experience, and after a hot day at the beach, the Creamsicle ice cream at Citrus Country on Belcher Road makes a nice cool treat.

A visit to the children's consignment store on Old Coachman Road may prove helpful to grandparents.

And their son-in-law, originally from Poland, found the "authentic" Pieroggi Grill an excellent source of good Polish food. Dinner was eaten



Ken Gardner and Patti Branch found many ways to entertain their grandson during his family's recent visit to OTOW.

there nearly every night and a suitcase full of kielbasa went back to Utah. Patti admits to having become a fan of potato pancakes! The whole family was on the go every minute of that visit.

I enjoyed a week-long tour with the OTOW Travel Club. As a child and teenager our family always visited family but did "touristy" things, especially at

historic sites and at Washington, D.C.

So I still enjoy that kind of travel, and we enjoyed much of Jacksonville, Amelia Island and St. Augustine.

We indulged in some very good food, especially seafood, and at a party at one club our own line dancers became the entertainment. Fun!

Melbourne reporter offers a quick bio

We had so much news last month that I did not have the opportunity to introduce myself as the Melbourne Building news reporter.

I have been asked to tell you a bit about myself. I was an only child, born and raised in Hazel Park, Mich., a northern suburb of Detroit.

When I was in my late 20's I discovered I had three half-brothers and two half-sisters living in San Diego, Calif. After a trip to San Diego to meet and spend time with them, I went back to Michigan, sold my home and moved to San Diego, a decision I would never regret.

I have always worked in the legal field, mainly in the public sector for municipal, district, and superior courts in a variety of positions from deputy clerk, judge's secretary and court recorder, and in the private sector working as an office manager for a labor law firm.



After retirement, I moved to beautiful northern Michigan where I spent four years before I made the decision to move south for warmer weather. Over the years, I had spent vacations with my aunt at On Top of the World, and I knew this was a place I would enjoy and be comfortable in.

I love living in the Melbourne building and meeting our new neighbors. There are so many clubs and activities

to get involved in that I am never bored. I had been a Snowbird for the past four years but recently made the decision to live here full-time with my dachshund, Autie, and my parrot, Chloe.

In my spare time, I collect depression glass and dolls. My favorite pastime is genealogy.

On the weekends you will find me watching NASCAR races, both car and truck. Last year, I had the opportunity to go to Daytona International Raceway for the first time. That was quite an experience.

As a reporter for the Melbourne building, my objective is to include your news every month, so in Val Kastner's words in the May 1, 1995 OTOW News edition, "Keep the little black box full so I can always have too much news." I look forward to hearing from you!

Keep checking our building message board for information on our June building luncheon. To all the fathers, Happy Fathers' Day.



COFFEE CORNER

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

Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is minimal.

The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at OTOW.

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

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.



Phone list is distributed to residents

Happy Father's Day!

It's hard to believe that the year is half over already. I remember New Year's Eve like it was only five to six months ago.

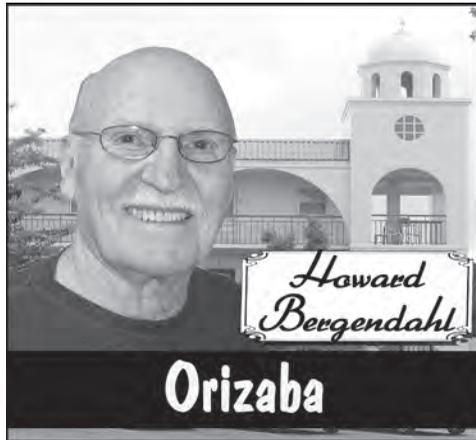
Most of the activities have slowed down for the summer months, but the beach is more attractive than ever. The pool is less crowded and definitely more inviting. The new exercise equipment has stimulated debates amongst the regulars and no real consensus has been reached at this point.

The equipment looks good but some seem to think that it is too high for the more elderly users. I looked at some of the people using the gym and I am quite awed by how agile they are.

The up-to-date phone listing has been distributed, thanks to Flo Gracia, Jackie Blair and Andy Mc Evoy. Overall, it is a work of due diligence by the above-mentioned residents.

The main problem with keeping a list of this kind current is that apartments are sold or rented and the occupants change. We will try to keep up as best as possible.

Tom and Jean Doyle recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary and wish to thank all of their friends



that visited them for the occasion. Tom is happy to have his family and friends standing by him.

One of our residents, Bob Rittner, has decided to make up for the end of the softball season by organizing a group of stickball players who meet each week to play a sport that is usually associated with northern cities. Stickball seems like a really good idea and a fun way to keep in shape.

I was recently visited by my son, my daughter-in-law and grandson. They insisted that I have a new phone that is without a doubt smarter than I am, but since I am retired I have plenty of time to figure it out!

My grandson just returned from an internship at the United Nations in

Geneva and was greatly impressed by the differences of the people that he met and the various cultures.

A little bird told me that Kathy Keary is probably the best customer that the OTOW library has when it comes to supporting the library. It is really a class operation and should be utilized by more residents.

Two policemen call their sergeant on the radio.

"Hello, is that you Sarge?" "Yes." "We have a case here. A woman has shot her husband for stepping on the floor she had just mopped clean."

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Malaguena residents enjoy an outdoor cookout held recently under the magnificent trees.

Malaguena residents enjoy historical outdoor cookout

On April 18, about 35 Malaguena residents enjoyed a cookout in our lovely back yard.

Residents Anna and Dan Hyden graciously let us use their patio and grill. Several men volunteered to grill the hot dogs and burgers for the attendees. The building wing captains, who organized the event, set up tables for the food.

We used our building dues to buy the burgers, hot dogs and drinks. Residents contributed delicious appetizers, salads and desserts (see photo at top).

Several residents, who have lived in Malaguena since the beginning, noted that this cookout was the first outdoor event ever. That's surprising considering our large, shaded area behind the building.

It was great to see everyone relaxed, chatting with their neighbors, and enjoying terrific food. The response was so positive our wing captains



will definitely plan similar events in the future.

On another note, our building is in need of a volunteer to take on the role of building representative. The rep calls on new residents and gives them emergency and On Top of the World information. Our large building needs someone to take on this important role. Please contact me, Phyllis King, if you can help out.



A look back at the OTOW News (June, 1990)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

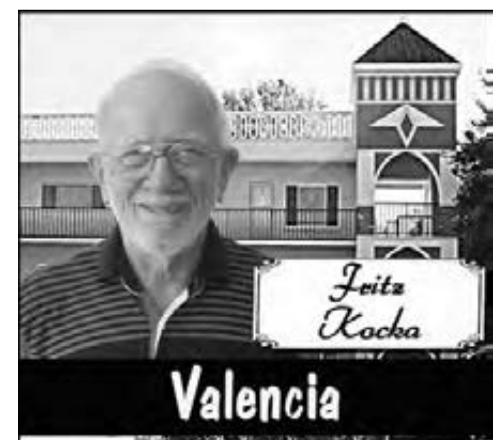
- Night bowling is in full swing Mondays and Fridays, 7 p.m., Major League Bowling Alley on Hercules Ave. Al Paolin donates the trophies.
- "Smile a While by B" — a column with humorous articles and jokes that made you smile.
- Telephone directory for 1991: A form was provided for residents to fill out with personal information for the directory, with a deadline of June 30.
- Culligan Man: Introductory special to rent soft water for \$3.90 for three months or rent a Culligan drinking water system for \$3.90 per month for 90 days, then all rental fees apply towards purchase.
- Acropol on Sunset Point Road had a menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner listed with their daily specials. The most expensive food on the menu was filet mignon on Fridays for \$6.10.

Philippe Park picnic draws many Valencia dwellers

Our picnic at Philippe Park on May 20 drew more than 20 Valencia residents. We dined on KFC chicken and finished off with watermelon. Games came next — bean bag throw, putting skills and bingo. The winners all went away happy.

The ladies and men's luncheons were held May 14. Ladies went to Cheddars on Roosevelt Ave. The men went to Chopsticks at Countryside. Both at 11:30.

Valencia residents will have a Flag Day lunch at Frankie's Patriotic Bar-B-Q in Tarpon Springs on Sunday,



June 14, at 11:30. Val and Mike Martin will be the hosts.

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Happy Father's Day from all of us at OTOW News

Let's welcome our new Fujiwara reporter

In case some of my neighbors don't realize it, I am Maryann Barone, a transplant from New York and happy to announce that I am the newly-appointed writer for the Fujiwara Building.

I've been a resident of Fujiwara and part of the On Top of the World community since 2008. I'm excited and looking forward to bringing our community all the latest news articles and events regarding the residents of our Fujiwara Building. So let's get started!

Springtime in Florida usually means a prelude to the "dog days" of summer.

Taking that fact into consideration, Janis Catapano, the Fujiwara building captain, had a great idea to plan a picnic before the onset of another long, hot summer.

It started out as a rainy day but that didn't dampen the spirits of the Fujiwara residents.

There are a lot of factors to arranging an event such as a picnic for a group of people. Kudos again go out to Janis, who arranged and orchestrated the whole event.

First on the to-do list is to reserve



a shelter in the park of your choice for the event. Philippe Park, in the Safety Harbor area, was selected as the park of choice.

Next is to spread the word about what food and drink items to bring. Another part of the food plan was for all of the residents to bring a dish to share with their neighbors of the building. The remaining items such as hamburgers, hotdogs, ice and such were being brought by Janis.

If you haven't been to Philippe Park, it is a beautiful place to have a picnic. There are many shelters overlooking scenic Tampa Bay that can be reserved for your individual group.

If you like fishing or walking, you can do that, too. On occasion you can see someone kayaking on the bay.

The picnic was set for 12 noon, and most of the attendees wondered if it would ever take place at all because of the morning downpour, but we all persevered in bringing our appetizing food items.

If you had a craving for the usual foods like hamburgers and hotdogs we had them, but if you had a taste for something unique and different for a picnic, we had an Italian dish called Chicken Marsala with marinated green beans.

Then there was a special dessert: a pistachio parfait dish created by neighbor Sue Morse that everyone raved about.

As the afternoon progressed, the weather made a miraculous change for the better. The sun came out and dried up all the rain. We were able to barbeque the delicious hamburgers and hotdogs without a hitch.

It turned out to be a great afternoon of sharing a meal, exchanging stories and enjoying the beautiful day. All's well that ends well!



New neighbors include sisters

We have had quite a few new neighbors move into our building.

Among them were two sisters, Marjorie Olsen and Deborah Abbot, who purchased a condo on World Parkway.

Marjorie has been married to Larry for 42 years. They have three sons and a grandson. Marjorie retired from a nursing career in Charlotte, N.C., where she was Global Director of Clinical Training of Medtronics. Marjorie enjoys golf, pool exercises and being active.

Debbie graduated from George Washington University and comes to us from McLean, Va. She has a son and a daughter and is expecting a new granddaughter in a few months. Debbie also enjoys playing golf, cards and board games.

Debbie shares Marjorie's dogs, Bonnie and Clyde.

We had a nice turnout at Johnnies for a late afternoon building lunch. Watch the bulletin board in the core for future lunches, dinners or parties. That's one of the best ways to "stay connected."

Lois Rockwell and four lady friends went on a Carnival cruise. It was a five-day trip to Cozumel. At the time they went, there were many windstorms. The ladies made the most of the weather and had an enjoyable time.

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Viking Building Association back in action

After lying dormant for the past year, The Viking Building Association has come back to life.

The outgoing building captain, Rod Bargerstock, held a meeting on April 22. There were 18 residents in attendance. Rod went over past issues and concerns. He also shared the by-laws of the Association. Some of the improvements that were made were a repaving of the parking lot and removal of unsightly trees and other plantings from the Spanish Drive side of the building.

There was general agreement that better lines of communication needed to be opened up. It was also agreed to try to hold some activities that would bring residents together.

Another proposal was that of an Ad Hoc Building Committee to plan some events and to propose replacements for the building officers



that have resigned. The Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting was held the following week.

New officers of the Association were proposed and accepted. Pat Drake is the new building captain; Brenda Shapiro is the assistant captain; Ilene Bargerstock continues as secretary; Rod Bargerstock is now the treasurer;

and Hart Kraimer continues as hospitality representative.

Both Pat and Brenda hoped that they could get the whole building involved in future activities. Toward that end, a pre-Memorial Day barbeque was scheduled for May 23. Pictures and a story will appear in next month's article.

We are currently updating the building directory. If Pat Drake or I have not come by to see you yet, we will. Once it is complete, it will be distributed to the residents.

The renovation of our elevator was started and completed the week of May 4. The crew worked quickly and efficiently, much to the delight of the second and third floor residents.

Welcome to new residents of Viking. I am looking forward to sharing your stories.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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

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

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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



Wii Bowling champ and Swiss Alps building reporter Sally Simmonds.



Getting together at the Sunset Grill for reporter's niece's birthday. From L-R, Shari Anthony, the "birthday girl" and building reporter Sally Simmonds.

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February Wii Bowling champ repeats in April

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." -- Leo Tolstoy

And the challenge goes on with the Safety Harbor All-Star Bowlers. I became the women's champ in February and again in April (see photo). Who knows what happens in May?

Update: My friend from Wii Bowling, Joyce Sinda, took the championship away from me this week, but look out next month! Joyce, maybe I can hang on to my title. I became the overall champ; I beat all the women and all of the men. What a high that is!

Took a trip to a very unusual restaurant named Elei's in Tampa's Channelside district. There were about 38 of us. The menu had some very interesting menu items. One that sticks out for me was the Alligator Corn Bread Muffins. The name intrigued me.

After lunch the choice was ours to go to the Convention Center and enjoy the building or walk along the



River Walk. My friend and I chose to take the walk. I had never been to downtown Tampa in the daytime and did not realize how beautiful it is. Good day, good trip.

Several ladies in our building decided to go to lunch together. Attending were Nancy Williams, Briget Dwyer, Maureen Bjorno, Rose Cumo, Rosemary Turpin and Angela Bazzo. Just look out for the Cheese Biscuits at the Red Lobster, Yum!



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Thanks to quick action by OTOW, flags are again flying...

Our new flags were not up even a year when the ropes broke on both flagpoles.

We are indebted to Kevin Lewis and his crew, who, within two days of the work order, arrived with a tree team and bucket truck to replace the ropes (see photos).

Audrey Jones bought the rope, but learned we should use marine-quality rope as it is much stronger and weather resistant. Just a word of advice to others flying flags. Good luck!

I'd like to compliment the Maintenance Department. I had a black wasp nest on the outside of my window, so I called the new Community Service phone number (727-683-6981) on a Monday. By early Wednesday the workers arrived and removed the nest. Another worker arrived shortly after to clean the walkway. Thank you.

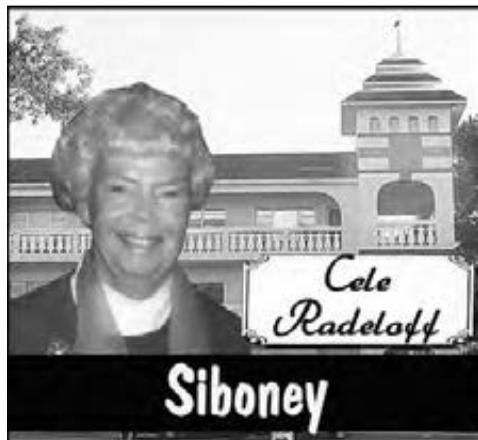
At our monthly core party, we paid tribute to Ethyle Lee, who retired after 25 years as our Sunshine Lady. She was also Siboney president for nine years. She would pay for many supplies and stamps herself, considering it her contribution to our building.

We presented her with a beautiful orchid vase filled with flowers along with a card signed by all her neighbors.

Sue Watlington did the honors while Audrey Jones related how she knew Ethyle for over 45 years, as both husbands were involved with the Gyros Men's Club in Tampa and the two ladies were members of the New Tampa Women's Club.

Ethyle is responsible for Audrey's moving into our building. Audrey has been at On Top of the World for 15 years (and loves it). Many thanks, Ethyle!

Esther LeBrec, one of our original owners, will be leaving to live with relatives in Tennessee. We wish you



Ethyle Lee was honored for her 25 years of dedication to Siboney as president, then Sunshine Lady.

good health and happiness in your new home. Say "hi" to Eleanor!

We had some very young visitors in the Siboney last month. Audrey Jones brought her 3-year-old great-granddaughter over to visit. Also Doris Prekopa proudly brought her 5-year-old great-granddaughter for a visit. She was celebrating her birthday on a Disney cruise with her mom and dad.

It's such a pleasure entering the West side of OTOW in the late afternoon as Bernie, the security guard, is so friendly to everyone. You drive away with a smile on your face.



OTOW maintenance technicians repair one of the flagpoles at the Siboney building. The ropes used to hoist the flags had broken, due to weather and frequent use.

Our core has been looking good lately. Lillian Foy and Peg Dugan put up the spring decorations for May. Audrey Jones has volunteered to do them for June. Now we need a patriotic neighbor to put up a few flags for July. Please call me. Thanks!

Our monthly luncheon was held at Applebee's. Thanks, Rita.

Please mark your calendar for our big catered affair to celebrate Siboney's 30th anniversary. It will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

Our building Christmas party will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, at Kally-K's. Did you mark your calendar?

Congratulations to Bob and Barbara Stone, who will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on June 17. What a wonderful occasion!



OTOW maintenance personnel prepare to hoist Old Glory following their timely repair of two flagpoles at the Siboney building.

Fly the flag proudly on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14. Happy Father's Day!

... followed by a letter of gratitude from Siboney's VP



Dear OTOW Management,

This is a letter to thank you for the fast response from your staff.

Last month I requested assistance to get the Siboney Building's newly-installed flag poles restrung after the original cords deteriorated in less than one year.

The OTOW tree team responded with a bucket truck, and your inspectors, Kevin Lewis and

Jim Bleich, helped with the flag lines. They accomplished the deed in a very short time and at no cost to our building.

We really missed seeing our flags flying and we thank your staff for their assistance.

Thank you again.

Audrey Jones,
Siboney Building vice-president



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Past and future events highlighted

It is hard to believe that 2015 is almost half over, but time seems to fly faster as we enjoy our older years.

May was an eventful month with the Kentucky Derby, VE Day, Mother's Day, graduations, the Indy 500, the Preakness race and ending the month with Memorial Day.

It almost makes me tired to think of all the things connected with May!

The ladies of the building gathered at Frenchy's Outpost in Dunedin for our monthly luncheon.

I hope all the mothers received calls, flowers and cards for their special day. I did!

As we look forward to June, there will be more graduations and of course Father's Day.

Sally Morgan attended her granddaughter's college graduation at the University of South Florida.

Now as many of us are looking forward to vacations through the summer, I hope you all travel safely and return rested and renewed.

Happiness is not a reward — it is a consequence!

Summer seems to be coming on a bit early

It sure is great to return to Paradise, especially after this last winter!

We arrived to some lovely flowers from neighbors — thanks to Elaine, Lynn, Dana, and Rick and Chris. The view from our window also has flowers thanks to Dom Buccella's green thumb.

Summer came early this season. Thunderstorms rumbling through like clockwork in the afternoon. If there is a silver lining it is that it's Mother Nature's car wash.

There was a lovely Mother's Day card posted anonymously on the bulletin board to all moms. It was very thoughtful and I thank whoever did that.

Connie and Jerry McDonald have been on the go celebrating Jerry's recent retirement with a marvelous Caribbean island vacation. They then head home for their now-teenage granddaughter's visit.

We welcome Roger and Sue Arnold — Sue gave me the cook's



tour of their lovely newly-decorated home. They have done a snazzy job. HGTV, move over!

Bill Carey's fashionable third-floor cocktail parties continue to be quite the social event. It's fun catching up with all of the neighbors. Watch for posting on the boards as well as in the elevator.

Speaking of the elevator... ours recently underwent its inspection and passed with flying colors. Hal and I were the first riders afterward.

The storage rooms really look

cared-for at long last. Kudos to the crew who did such a great job. Everyone seems very pleased.

Our pools look like a first-class resort with comfortable seating and huge umbrellas. The skirting adds to the whole ambience. I almost expect someone to come by with drinks... Hmm not a bad idea. Mike Stephon is the delightful fellow who keeps the pools clear and makes sure we all have our activity cards at the ready.

We wish Richard Biggs a happy retirement in Tennessee. We also will miss Mariea who kept the ladies' locker room in tip-top shape.

Anniversary and birthday greetings go out to all June celebrants.

Did you know that President Wilson designated June 14th as Flag Day in 1916? Remember to fly those flags high on the 14th.

Until next month, that's all the news fit to print. News is the game and fresca@maine.rr.com is the name if you have anything to send along.

Co-workers reunite after 40-plus years

It sure is a "small world" here at On Top of the World.

Our newest neighbors are Jerry and Diane Kaplan. The Kaplan's moved to the West side from Tahitian Lane where they lived for about 14 years. They bought Rich Hayes' condo while he moved to the East side.

But the Kaplan's arrival was more of a surprise to Dot Algozzina. Diane heard that Dorothy Algozzina lived in our building. Diane called her and asked if she'd once worked in New Jersey in the nursing profession. The connection was now made!

Dorothy and Diane actually worked together more than 40 years ago in New Jersey. In fact, Dot was Diane's nursing supervisor at Passaic General Hospital. She taught a course in coronary care, Diane was her student and then they continued to work together in the CCU unit for several years after. As a reporter, it was fun listening in while they caught up on old acquaintances and hospital happenings.

Although Dorothy has known Diane for many years, we Englanders are just getting to know the Kaplan's, who are originally from Delaware, but now have a second home in New Jersey.



They enjoy traveling and have just returned from three weeks in China. Diane had been there in 1988, but raved about her trip so much for all these years, that Jerry took her back so that he could see for himself. They were not disappointed.

April showers bring May flowers and that's exactly what happened around our Englander building. It's nice to see all the new blooms and plantings.

The McGuire's have a gardenia bush given to them by their dear friend Betty Sagun. Funny, because we gave a gardenia plant to Betty when we moved in to our condo in 2003....

Now the gardenia is back at the Englander. I think it likes its new home



Former co-workers, and now neighbors, Diane Kaplan (l) reunited with Dorothy Algozzina after more than 40 years.

as it had so many beautiful blooms this season.

Speaking of blooms, it's that time of year again when the night blooming cereus cactus explodes with blossoms. But, you can only see it during the night time.

The cactus is growing as a vine on the large tree near the entrance to the Lake Arbor dock on the West side. Here's a hint: if you plan to take photos, take along a friend to hold a flashlight while you point your camera towards the bloom. You won't be disappointed.

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Upcoming dining events promise to satisfy

Our ladies building luncheon was once again held on the second Wednesday of the month.

This month we went to Frenchy's Restaurant on the Dunedin Causeway. Please feel free to join us next month when we try another new restaurant. There is an information sheet on our bulletin board as a reminder.

A covered dish dinner was held in the core of our building last month. What a great selection of delicious foods! We had an excellent turnout.

On May 16 we had a luncheon scheduled for everyone in our building at Ozona Blue, one of our favorite places to eat. And Saturday, June 20, we will have a luncheon for everyone at Alfredo's in Dunedin. Watch the bulletin board for special announcements.

Congratulations to Marie and John Terranova on their first great-grandson. (see photo). Their granddaughter and her husband were here for a visit for several days, and Marie said she got her share of kisses!

The swimming pool is a great place to spend the afternoon on these hot days. A group of us friends gather around 3:30 p.m. and stay in the water until 6 to 6:30. What a great way to



exercise without hurting your joints! The time flies by while visiting and having fun. Somehow we always get around to the favorite recipes and restaurants. It is always uplifting, and you go home feeling so good! Come and join us at the newly-renovated East Side Pool! There is always room for one more!

The "Marriage or Friendship Box:" Most people get married believing a myth that marriage is a beautiful box full of all the things they have longed for — companionship, intimacy, friendship, etc.

The truth is that marriage at the start is an empty box. You must put



Marie Terranova poses proudly with her very first great-grandson. something in before you can take anything out. There is no love in marriage; love is in the people.

There is no romance in marriage; you have to infuse it into your marriage. A couple must learn the art and form the habit of giving, loving, serving, praising, and keeping the box full.

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Derby Day party has surprise hat winner

Ellen and John Fier held their annual Kentucky Derby party, and, as usual, the ladies were required to wear a hat just as they do in Kentucky when they attend the race on Derby Day.

Most of the female guests also wore gloves and dresses with their lovely bonnets.

There is always a prize for the best bonnet, but this year there was a huge surprise. John Lewis came wearing a decorated hat that he made. His hat was topped with a racehorse, on a post and in a rink (see photo). Naturally, he was the winner of the best hat contest.

As to the race, the name of each competing horse was written on a playing card. The cards were shuffled and spread out, upside down. Each participant chose a card and that's how their horse was chosen. The bet on each horse was \$5. Maureen Stewart's horse won the Derby, Les Meneilly's horse placed 2nd, and John Fier's horse placed 3rd. Mint Julips and good food were served. Now that's a fantastic party!

The Espana yearly picnic was held near the end of April. The weather was predicted to be heavy storms and yes, the storms came, but they came in the morning. The afternoon was magnificent for the picnic when 30 people attended. Les Meneilly, John Fier



and Don Rice did the cooking of the hotdogs and hamburgers. We also want to thank Linda, Sheila, and Ellen for getting their patio ready for the tables, chairs and the group. The side dishes were provided by the participants.

Joe and Norma Bastidas provided a large blue canopy for the lawn. The picnic was held on the patios on the odd side of our building, which were Fier, Meneilly, and Rice.

Nancy and Dick Kronawetter attended two family weddings recently in Pennsylvania. The first one was in March for the marriage of Dick's grandson. In May they attended the wedding of Dick's granddaughter. Congrats to the newlyweds!

David Baxendale celebrated his birthday in April with several relatives



Espana resident John Lewis was a surprise "best hat" contest winner at the building's recent "Derby Day" party.

coming to Clearwater, including his daughter and granddaughter. Also joining the group was David's brother and his wife from Venice, Fla. His daughter decorated the entire front porch with birthday balloons; she also decorated the arches.

You couldn't miss the fact that it was David's birthday. Happy Birthday David, and may you have many more!

Long road trip begins and ends at OTOW

I couldn't ask for a better friend than Dorothy Churchill.

She always seems to come through with a story to share. Her oldest son, Jim, flew down last month to take Dorothy on a road trip.

Their first stop was in Alabama to visit her nephew and his wife, who are selling their lovely home. He was the chef for the night, cooking a delicious chicken dinner on the grill for all of them.

The next morning, Dorothy and Jim headed for Tennessee to see a cousin, who put together an impromptu family reunion. Everyone had a great time visiting together. Jim had not seen some of these cousins and other family members in many years.

It was a long trip home, driving

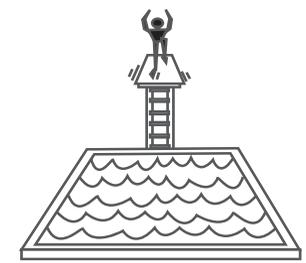


over 700 miles. Dorothy helped out driving for a couple hours so Jim could get a little rest.

Jim couldn't leave Florida without a meal at Frenchy's down on Clearwater Beach, where they watched the sunset, and a walk over to the Palm Pavilion.



Dorothy Churchill will soon be meeting her brand new great-granddaughter (above), born on March 15.



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Local key lime pie legend wins for second year in a row

By Cecile Sangiamo

With two big ice chests on her truck, On Top of the World resident Zukie Tzekas loaded every one of her mouth-watering pies and headed to Orlando for the annual American Pie Council National Pie Contest.

Ready for competition were apple, chocolate cream, dark chocolate caramel, chocolate dream, peanut butter pecan, strawberry rhubarb, peach berry, banana cream, and of course, key lime.

The combatants for top prize in Orlando come from all over the country and many are seasoned professionals representing Publix, Village Inn and other corporations.

To be up against million-dollar companies with pastry shops and full staffs was intimidating for Zukie, co-owner of the Sunset Grill.

"I'm just a small guy, an independent, working on my own," she said.

But last year's national key lime pie champion was back



this year to proudly present her luscious pies again.

Against such tough competition, what do you know? For the second time in two years, her key lime pie took first prize nationwide again!

Zukie uses only fresh ingredients in all that she makes. Those fresh ingredients must have been what tipped the scales in her favor when the judges savored the different entries.

I asked Zukie what her own favorite was: "Banana Cream!" she said.

I also asked her the most difficult

pie to make and she answered Lemon Meringue.

If you were at the Clearwater Taste Fest, run by the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce the first week of May, you probably ran into the whole Sunset Grill family at their table.

Zukie brought 1700 samples of the key lime pie, along with other delicacies. Fans of her pies will soon be able to order them online. She has designed boxes that will keep the pie packed in dry ice for two-day shipping.

Back in the kitchen at the Sunset Grill, Zukie also prepares many dishes, all the sauces, plus Mossaka and Pastitsio. She brings together fresh ingredients and seasonings to keep the custom tradition, "like mom makes" - sometimes even making little improvements.

Zukie has been our neighbor at On Top of the World for three years and is a Clearwater native who was born and raised here.

The family's origins are from Macedonia, also the cradle of Alexander the Great.



Zukie Tzekas with an example of an entry in the National Pie Contest in Orlando.

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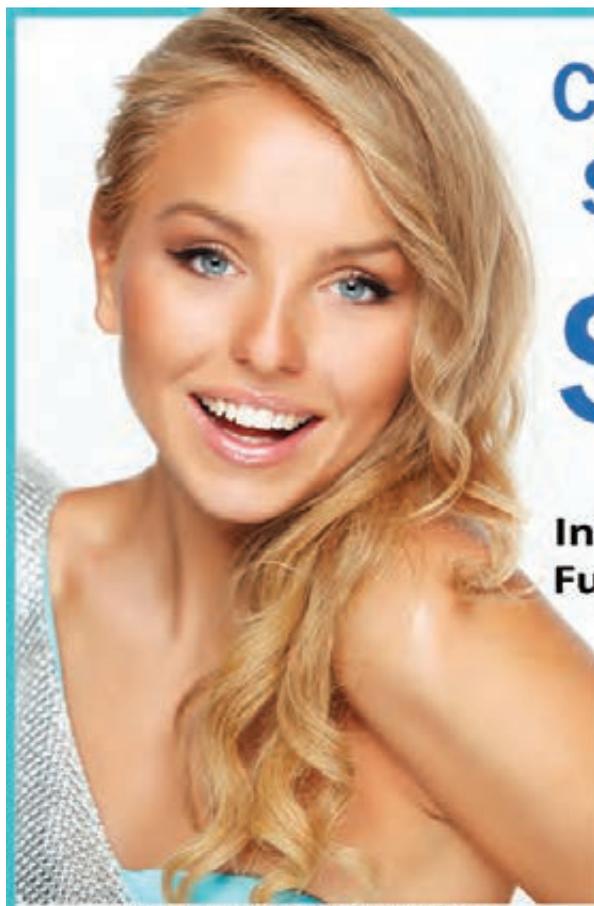
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Kudos to Brahman's caring and sharing residents

I want to thank so many of the great neighbors who reside in the Brahman building.

They are always at the ready to cook, run errands or help with carrying the groceries when needed. Without these caring and sharing individuals, our building would not be as special as it is.

For instance, Joanne Calderone is always thinking of others and at the ready if someone is in need of help.

Pat and Jim Nolf help whenever they see a resident in trouble such as trying to navigate through the trash room or mail-boxes or groceries purchased. They will always offer their assistance before being asked.

Pat Aden, Bud and Gloria Sayer, Ken and Nancy Schifferle, Arnie and Rosanne Moon, Sue Viscount, Paulette and Gus Perrotta, Bob and Lucy Jennings, Pat and Patrick Hayes, Bob and Elyse Jackson, Jim McDade, Bruce and Gretchen Hirschinger, and Jann Tarshis are all wonderful neighbors who do not hesitate to see the needs of others or what will help the building.

Thanks for being the wonderful neighbors and friends you all are. I encourage everyone in their buildings to watch out for your neighbors. You never know who may need help,



who is lonely or too shy or unwilling to ask for help. They may need you!

Two new activities this year were our block parties and outside picnics. Thanks to Arnie and Rosanne, we had our first street picnic in the front of their apartment with lots of participation and help from all who attended. Everyone contributed great food and the company and hosts were terrific (see photo at top right).

It was one day before their anniversary, so we had a celebration for that as well. This was supposed to be our fish fry, but no luck with my favorite, king mackerel.

The next one was in April and was hosted by Gloria and Bud Sayer. We had great weather, great conversation, and great food.



Residents of Brahman waste no time in lining up for the goodies at a recent picnic held at the front of the building. (Photos by Esta-Lee Schwartz)

Can you guess what else we had? You got it, Arnie and others persevered and brought home my favorite fish, king mackerel! It was delish and worth waiting for. He even gave me some frozen. What a treat!

Good coffees hosted by Ken and Nancy, Pat and Patrick (first time effort a success) and Gloria and Bud. See photo at right.

Hope you all had a well-deserved rest on Memorial Day and Mother's Day. Be sure to remember Flag Day and Father's Day.



Gretchen Hirschinger, Mary Harker and Patty Hayes look on as these delicious muffins and cupcakes await partakers at a recent building coffee social.

New resident still active as a local cosmetologist

Hi! I'm back, and welcome to our new resident, Maureen Gural, originally from Maine.

Maureen has lived in Florida for 36 years. Her husband, Bill, retired from the U.S. Coast Guard. They traveled extensively when Bill was in the service, visiting and/or living in Denmark, England, Japan, and Hawaii. They have three daughters. Two live in the local area and the other is in Illinois.

Maureen is a cosmetologist who is still actively working.

Bill worked more than 20 years for an electronics company until they moved.

Hope all our mothers and our adopted moms had a great day. I had a nice visit and a meal that I'm not familiar with. Buckwheat pancakes and sausage at Eugene and Linda's home. Kate was busy in the kitchen, too.

It was a nice evening with friendship, stories and lots of laughs. Joyce and Rich Kraus joined us with their lovely dessert.

Have you seen our new Post Office? You should check it out. There is a story about it on the front page of this newspaper.

We are anxiously waiting for our new mail boxes to arrive. The old



ones are crying "help me!"

If you have used books, I'll gladly bring them to our library. I also can take useful clean clothes and household articles to St. Vincent's.

I'm waiting for the arrival of my second great-grandchild. Should be here around the end of the month.

Also another restaurant gathering, this time 25 dined at Chop Sticks. It's nice for our building to be together each month.

Our summer aerobics class has started. Come on down!! We start at 9 a.m. and last til 10 a.m. There's a lot of snap, crackle and pop sounds. Guess it's our joints?

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Calendar of Monthly OTOW Activities — June 2015

Note: This is an abbreviated calendar for June, 2015. Calendar content and layout may vary monthly until permanent modifications and/or fixes to the calendar database system used by OTOW are fully implemented.

2	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Travel Club Board Meeting	Rainbow Room
3	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Theater Workshop Board Meeting	Veranda
3	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Veranda
5	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Starlite Room
6	Saturday	2:00 PM	Singles Club Social	Sunrise Room
8	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
10	Wednesday	10:00 AM	OTOW Association Meeting	Auditorium
11	Thursday	9:00 AM	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
11	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
13	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
14	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	No.71 Casa Verde Meeting	Sunrise Room
18	Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
18	Thursday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course Class	Starlite Room
18	Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
19	Friday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course Class	Starlite Room
19	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Large Card Room
24	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Starlite Room

Flag Day
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Classes and Crafts



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 Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays
 Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

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Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

CERAMICS

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 Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

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 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Computer Room

DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Jazz)
 Wednesdays, 11:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Tap)
 Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)

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KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room



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Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room
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 Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Classroom

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 Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room
 Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room
 Wednesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, 11 am, Large Card Room
 Thursdays, 11 am, Large Card Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Classroom

DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Classroom

PING PONG

Mondays, 3:30 p.m., Large Card Room
 Tuesdays, 3 pm, Sunrise Room
 Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room
 Fridays, 11 a.m., Large Card Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Large Card Room
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 Sundays, 12:30 pm, Large Card Room

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 Wednesdays 6 pm, Rainbow Room (Don)
 Wed & Fri, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Carol)
 Wed & Fri, 5:30, Poker Room (Mike)

We have revised the schedule above to reflect summer activities.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.

Certain activities will return in the fall and we need one month's notice to get it back on this page.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the Community Service Office. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

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Newcomers from Wisconsin are welcomed

The round table at Johnny's for our April luncheon made for many happy discussions as the eight there Chetniks ate and laughed a lot.

In late May the luncheon was held at the Ivory Mandarin Restaurant.

We welcome newcomers Anita and Gabrea Gabrea, Snowbirds from Wisconsin. Yes, his first name is the same as his last. They brought the Pellerin's condo. They have one son in Illinois, who has a wife and two children.

My poor news item box. No one ever paid it any attention, so I wasn't surprised when it had a breakdown from lack of interest. By the way, it will not be replaced. If you have any info for the column, just call me at 799-6361.

Phil Meissner took a motor trip in early May to see the Grand Ole Opry, which he found disappointing. He also went to the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson. He found the tour of the Jack Daniels distillery interesting, especially since the whiskey is made in a "dry" county.

John and I took a week in May to celebrate our daughter's birthday in North Carolina. The area outside of Asheville is so picturesque and mountainous; we had a great time just sitting on their porch admiring my daughter's flower garden, the many birds, etc.

We also enjoyed eating in the Asheville restaurants and watching the movies they recorded for us. I highly recommend the movie "Little Boy." I think it deserves an Oscar.

Happy Father's Day to all you great dads and granddads!

Residents cruise merrily toward summer

It seems that cruising has been one of the favorite activities of our building residents this year.

Jackie Kailimai kicked off 2015 by cruising to Cozumel, Costa Maya, Belize and Honduras with her granddaughter (see photo). It was the granddaughter's first cruise, and one of her special memories was competing in the ship's Michael Jackson Thriller competition!

Karen Johnson and Marvin Maziarz took at least three cruises since January. Their ports of call included Key West, Cozumel, Costa Maya and Honduras. Karen and Marvin are old hats at cruising, having taken over 60 cruises. In March, they celebrated Marvin's 75th birthday with a day at the Daytona 500 NASCAR race.

In March Janet Stafford and I took a cruise to Grand Turk, and in April we took another one to Bermuda and Nassau. Pat Zorland was also on the latter cruise, which was on a gorgeous Italian ship, the MSC *Divina*.

One of the stunning features of the ship was the Swarovski staircases. The Mediterranean cuisine wasn't shabby either!

Welcome to our building's newest



Capistrano

resident, Donna Zappin. Donna moved here in January from Deerfield Beach, Fla. She enjoys yoga, "beaching it" and watercolor painting.

We also want to welcome "Ciara," Lillian Santiago's new little Pomeranian. Ciara is an adorable bundle of energy that is about the size of a squirrel.

The Capistrano Building Social Club held its annual spring picnic on April 12. About 20 people attended the event, held on the lawn at the back of our building. Don Drake manned the grill, cooking burgers and hot dogs, while everyone else brought delicious side dishes and desserts.



Souvenir of the February cruise taken by Capistrano resident Jackie Kailimai and her granddaughter.

If you are a member of the above-mentioned club, please remember to pay your annual dues if you have not already done so. If you are not a member and would like to join, please contact me at 723-0191 and I will provide you with further information.

A holiday story: 'Father's Roll of Time'

By George J. Zeller

When our children were born and we were young, we began to plan for the children's future in a time period so far away for when they would be 18, 21, or maybe even 25 or 28 if they were very bright in school; so far off in the future we thought, as we were only 23 and 24 years old ourselves.

Diapers were done with and kids were running and shouting and riding their tricycles; kindergarten passed in a flash and grammar school and bicycles were a blur with never-ending parent and teacher conferences.

Some days would seem so long, like things would never change, and children love was so abundant and moms and dads were so smart.

Teenagers in high school, driving permits, proms, part-time jobs, low marks on report cards, our son's Eagle Scout award, high school graduations, and curfews were a time to test the patience of Jude. Trust was always in question over and over again in changing times and dealing with young people that have very liberal views.

Difficult years 18, 21, and 28 and on to 30 just flew by, interrupted by college drop-outs, failures, drugs, boyfriend problems, kids loss of jobs, their car problems, all those Christmases and broken New Year's resolutions, marriage, divorce, hope springs eternal, and tough love.

It was like a bad dream and you had forgotten to set the clock, and the dream would have no end and time went flying by. You awoke in a sweat.

You were now 67 years old and little had changed in context since I went to sleep, just more adult kids problems

that were of great concern to us, their parents.

But I was now retired. My concern for my children was as bright and clear as it was on their first day of school. But they were gone now from our daily care and would only return when they had a problem and most likely needed a loan or a shoulder to cry on.

My concern would grow, but my advice didn't have the same meaning or reception to them any longer as they surely knew better in their grown-up world.

Through it all our marriage was stronger and more full of love than the day we married or when the children were born; we always kept our love for each other simple and pure, our strength was Jesus being kept alive in our home.

At 76 going on 77, my role as Dad is still much alive, now more tough love involved and I question when will my role be done as a Dad; so I can rest and live worry free.

Now I realize I have the answer: when the sun sets for the last time and at that moment in time there is a green dot on the horizon, a beep, when the sun slides into the sea for me.

But I can't help but remembering over and over again what my beautiful wife Katie, of more than 53 years, always said to me — she wanted eight children. Diapers, bicycles, college, and tough love. Oh, my!



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 10 AM, EAC Auditorium

Resident retires with hopes of mastering the pan flute

On April 18, at high noon, Emerald Isle was once again the site of a spectacular array of homemade and other culinary delights.

The assortment ranged from baked beans, Watergate salad, pasta salad, hot dogs, warm onion relish to brownies, cupcakes and beyond.

Joyce Donnelly and Liz Buckley graciously presided over the festivities, which also included a free drawing for everyone attending. The top prize was a bottle of wine.

This year the 30 residents who attended this "spring fest" were also treated to the dulcet tones of David Chew on the pan flute, a very unique instrument.

In a subsequent interview, David related that there are two kinds of pan flutes: the curved or classical European one he plays, and the flat one which is Peruvian in origin.

What an educational column this is! Doesn't this just make you want to go out and learn a new musical instrument? Recorder or harmonica perhaps?

Mr. Chew was born in Singapore, officially known as the Democratic



Socialistic Republic of Singapore, of Chinese parents. They had left China with their two children to find a better way of life, but during World War II Singapore was completely destroyed.

When David was 17, he left Singapore for the U.S. In Chattanooga, Tenn., he entered a religious college with the single thought of gaining the expertise needed to help kids.

During one summer between semesters, David worked as a waiter at Word of Life, a bible conference in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of New York State. Here he met his future bride, Ginger, who also worked there.



David Chew plays the pan flute at the recent Emerald Isle "spring fest."
(Picture courtesy of Andrew Klein)

After dating that summer, Ginger joined David at his Chattanooga (Chew! Chew!) college. The Chews have been married 51 years, have two children and three grandchildren.

When David and Ginger arrived at On Top of the World 11 years ago, Ginger continued teaching so that David, who had retired from working as a counselor and advisor for various youth ministries, could improve himself yet again, this time taking up golf and the pan flute.

His first tentative flute performances were at local senior centers and nursing homes (figuring, I guess, that they were a volunteer audience and less likely to be critical). He was thrilled when they actually applauded his efforts, especially his favorite 92-year-old woman. He now performs at other area events, including weddings and other festive occasions.

David is also an accomplished artist, excelling at mediums such as pencil, oils, and pastels, but he especially enjoys painting portraits in water colors. He taught a class in that genre some years ago at OTOW.

While David continues his path of self-improvement, Ginger loves her job as the number one requested substitute teacher in nearby schools. David, of course, is very proud of her.

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First Mandalay building lunch was well received

We had such a good time at the first building lunch that everybody who was there looks forward to repeating the experience.

An equally good time took place when we met for lunch at First Watch on Saturday, April 18. The restaurant provided a single long table in a separate area so we could be off by ourselves. There was a lot of conversation and joking around. We were able to interact with people we don't often encounter daily.

Even though we were a large group, a lot of us were pleasantly surprised by how quickly our food arrived (not our usual experience).

Fred Drew has given up his baseball umpiring but he is still extremely busy and involved with his church work and singing in the Ruth Eckerd chorus.

The carts that were purchased for our convenience to help bring in heavy groceries proved to be not quite up to the job when some of the wheels got loose or malfunctioned.

In response to this, our treasurer, Miriam McCarty, took them back and replaced them with much larger, sturdier (and, of course, somewhat more expensive) carts. This has been a terrific improvement. Our residents have been very pleased by the change. These new carts can handle



multiple bags more easily and securely. A big "thank you" to Miriam for her time and effort to fix this.

Bill and Cecily LeStage will come back to On Top of the World next winter but, sadly, will not be here at the Mandalay building.

They had put their condo up for sale thinking it would take a good deal of time to sell but were surprised when it sold almost immediately. This put them in a bind because they were not ready to stop coming here but had little time to figure out what else to do. Their homeward trip was already scheduled but, at the last minute, they found an apartment to rent.

I, for one, was very sad that they won't be here but delighted that they are eventually coming back.

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They treated themselves to a special Mother's Day

For Mother's day weekend, four English Tudor resident mothers decided to celebrate with a cruise and dinner.

Laurie Cavanaugh and I had previously sailed last year on a Travel Club outing. Cecile Sangiamo and JoAnn Dameron were along for their maiden voyage.

The only thing that had changed was the addition of "Nick," the cruise boat's newest crew member, who gave us a two-hour narrative and took our pictures (see photo at right).

As always, marina parking is very limited and you must buy a parking pass to hang from your rear view mirror that costs \$3. The ship, *The Starlite Majesty*, left the marina at exactly 11:30 a.m. Once seated, "Gabby," our wait staff, appeared and welcomed us and we gave her our drink and appetizer orders.

Once in the channel, Nick gave us a lot of information on the channel markers and the stories of some of the mansions lining the waters. During that time we gave Gabby our lunch orders which consisted of beef burgundy, chicken Kiev and a vegetable platter.

Lunch was served around 12:30 and all of us agreed it was very good. We had time to tour the ship after lunch. We docked just before 2 p.m.

This is a fun excursion for those residents who have company visiting and it is something different to do.



Thanks to all of our English Tudor residents for helping to make the National Association of Letter Carrier's Food Drive on Saturday May 9 such a huge success! The Event was called "Stamp Out Hunger."

Our own JoAnn Dameron volunteers at the RCS food bank twice a week and she put me in touch with Debra Shaw, Volunteer Coordinator, who told me as of Tuesday, May 12, they had collected 55,144 lbs. of food from three post office locations: Seminole, Largo and Highpoint. More donations were still coming in.

This is the biggest drive before the fall season and will be portioned out to over 5,000 clients each month that come to the food bank at 700 Druid Road, 48% of those being children.

They also have 30 agencies that



L to R: JoAnn Dameron, Cecile Sangiamo, Laurie Cavanaugh and English Tudor reporter Kay Tenuta pose in front of the cruise boat on which they recently sailed. They learned about local maritime sights and enjoyed a nice meal. The boat sails out of Clearwater Beach.

pick up food and 66 other sub-sites throughout Pinellas County to which they deliver. Please remember that when you donate, you are helping

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Looking back on May's special days of honor

May was the month that we honored both our mothers and those that sacrificed so much for our freedoms and our way of life.

I think Father O'Brian's poem does the best job of honoring our fallen soldiers:

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.*

We at the Azores flew our flags to honor those who gave so much. Reminder: Don't forget to fly them on Flag Day (June 14) as well.

And now a moment for honoring our mothers and that strange magic that allowed her to shape the foundation of our lives. For us men it was an opportunity to learn the fine art of



treating a woman. Many of our mothers are no longer with us, but the day gives a moment to reflect and thank our moms for their love and guidance.

Last month there was an 11-day cruise to the Panama Canal and many other ports of interest. Nine cruisers were from the Azores or close friends. Some of them are in the photo at top right. The report was smooth seas, wonderful weather and a great deal of really good food.

Jim Williams entertained his grandkids for a week. They were into all kinds of activities including a deep-sea fishing trip.



An 11-day cruise last month included these Azores folks and friends. Pictured from left are Tom and Marie Pirrello, Dorie Price, John and Dolores Paraham, Terry Fitzgerald, and Peggy Longfellow. Not shown in the photo are Ford and Katie Gerritt (obviously away doing something more important....)

Dolores Paraham thanks everyone for their well-wishes and prayers.

Russ and Sy were off to Orlando for a few days. Sy's granddaughter competed in gymnastics at the National level. A super meet was held in Orlando and she placed right at the top. Congratulations! It is amazing to see the skill these young athletes have developed through discipline, training

and practice, practice, practice.

Barbra Huntley reminds us all that "Henry's" birthday is June 30th. Henry likes all kinds of dog toys and treats and would accept gift cards good for gourmet dog food .

Well we are into hurricane season, so stock up. If the tornado season out West is any indication of things to come, we may be in for exciting times.

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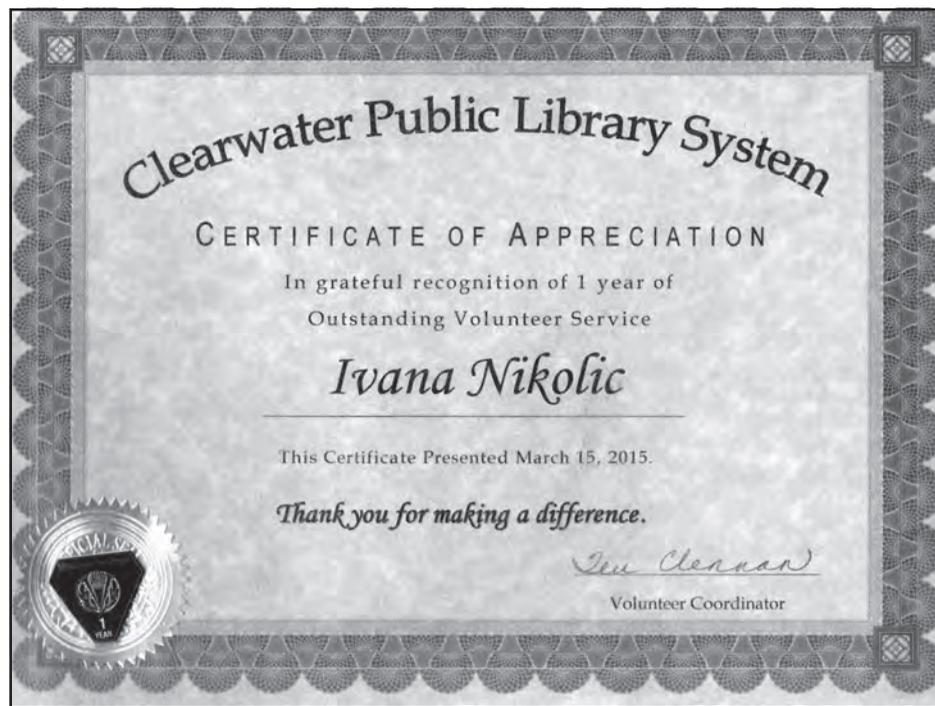
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I was so tired and embarrassed by the moldy, peeling and patchy old scene, that this new paint job has sent me beaming down the stairs.

Along with Ray and Terry Sweet and Sandy Ropp, cousins who also live here, I went on a five-day cruise out of Tampa on the Royal Caribbean *Brilliance of the Seas* last month. We only visited Grand Cayman and Cozumel, but that was enough to insure us a great time.

The highlight of the trip was Stingray City. Of course, the food on the ship is always a highlight (just look at me — you can tell)!

We are so proud of Ivana Nikolic. She was given a certificate of appreciation for a year of outstanding volunteer service to the Clearwater Library System (see photo at top).

Ivana tutored young bilingual children, helping them with English, when she first started. When this ended, she worked with the sales of books that had been removed from circulation.

There's a lot of work in the library that we don't even think about. What a great place to volunteer. Congratulations, Ivana!

Ivana's husband Igor said his class in Italian has ended for the year, but will begin again in early January.

Thelma Malloy just moved into



our building in May. She is a native of Parkersburg, W. VA., but has lived down here for two years.

Like many of us, she has children many miles away. Her son is in California and two daughters are in West Virginia.

Thelma is first and foremost a bridge player, who plays several times a week. She also loves music. She sang in the churches in West Virginia and was a cantor. But now, she says that bridge takes so much time that she isn't sure she can get anything else in. Already having a Jester in our building, I wonder if Thelma can be coaxed into singing for that group.

Let's all try to enjoy our summer, not complain of the heat, stay healthy, and dream of a comfortable fall that will come sooner than we believe possible....

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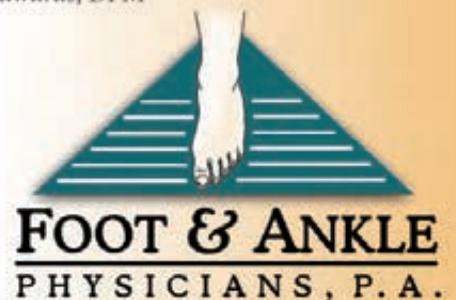
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